

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

ST FRANCIS

96 PARK ROAD, CNR TITIRANGI BEACH RD FEBRUARY 2015

“Gather ye rosebuds while ye may”

Our typical Auckland summer continues—says this very one-eyed local. We’ve had some splendid summer services too, including a visit from long-term friend the Rev John Marcon, and some hearty music and congregational singing last week.

There were bubbles and nibbles afterwards for the 80th birthday boy, with carrot cake and candles from Susan. Warm thanks to all.

February continues this promising start. We’ll have our annual Beach Service on Sunday, 15th February: see below for details.

Then the following Sunday 22nd February we have our first Indaba meeting.

Get ready for the Titirangi beach service

This year’s service will be at Titirangi Beach in the same corner, though we’ll try a different angle to catch the sun.

We have plenty of portable seating, and some might like to sit on rugs and cushions.

We are arranging transport for everyone. Gather at St Francis as usual for 9.30am, and then motor on down to the beach for a 10am start.

Suitable music has been arranged, and there’s no need to worry about prayer and hymn

Here we host 5 visitors each from Onehunga and Torbay, accommodated overnight by our St Francis parishioners.

Later on 21st—22nd March and 18th—19th April 5 of us will be returning the visit. It’s part of the Diocesan Indaba plan to help us get to know other parishes, overcoming the fragmented feeling some people have. We look forward to the fellowship.

Tuesday 17th February is Shrove Tuesday, so we’ll again have free pancakes in the village. We’ll have them also after church on 22nd with our visitors.

But wait—there’s more! See inside for further February delights.

books: we’ll have everything on one sheet.

Those leading the service have good clear voices, and Norman will see that all the necessary worship fittings are set up appropriately. Thanks to all involved.

So invite friends, neighbours and relations. All are welcome.

- Eucharist on Titirangi beach, Sunday 15th February
- Meet 9.30am St Francis
- Seating provided
- If wet, we shift inside

Diary notes

Feb

12 Sarah

15 beach

21-22 Indaba

Meet enabler
Sarah
Thursday
12th Feb
10.30am
St Francis
Plate optional

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A special welcome to our visitors today

An introduction from our new enabler, the Rev Sarah Stevens

I was born and raised in Auckland in the parish of St Heliers, and was part of the community of St Aidan, Remuera for 10 years in the 2000s.

I first experienced a call to ordained ministry in my final year at Auckland's Diocesan School. However, it was not until 10 years later, after completing a degree in a geography and psychology, and working as a journalist in the Waikato, that I started theological studies at St John's College.

During a curacy at Holy Trinity Cathedral I became increasingly interested in the future of the church in smaller churches, where the traditional 'one vicar one church' ministry model is no longer working.

Moving to Kerikeri in January 2013, I joined the Diocesan enabling team, and began working with LSMs in the Bay of Islands and as priest-in-charge of the Waimate North parish. Here I met my fiancé Richard, who is a professional skipper. We will be married in Auckland on April 10th this year.

In 2015 I will continue to work with the Parish of Waimate North, and

with LSMs in Russell, Bream Bay and Titirangi. With Ian Render I lead a monthly training programme for the Bay of Islands and Whangarei LSMs. I enjoy the variety. It is a privilege to journey alongside those who seek to make sense of God's work in their lives.

I enjoy preaching and creating dynamic worship: it helps empower our ministry in the wider community. I also find joy in helping others discover their ministry talents.

As a member of Diocesan Council I am fortunate to have wider perspective of the Diocese and the variety of ministries in which we all share.

Richard and I are looking forward joining you for morning tea on February 12th.



The Friendship Group.

Do join us for a social, friendly morning at the church, Wednesday February 25th, 10am to 12. Bring- a- plate optional.

**“...create
dynamic
leadership “**

“Energising Laity for Mission” 14th Feb

There's a free LSM training event coming up in two weeks' time that I hope many in the Auckland LSMs will consider attending, and maybe some from outside Auckland too. Whilst it is being held in the Westie Cluster area of Auckland, participants are welcome from any part of the Diocese.

The training is being presented by Stephen and Jane Skinner, two priests from England who are visiting NZ on study leave. They have impressed with their passion for finding ways of energising lay people for mission, and for congregations engaging in part-

nership projects with people from the local community. These will be topics they will be teaching on during the training day on Saturday 14th February. The venue is St Paul's Te Atatu, 32 Taikata Road, Te Atatu Peninsula, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Morning and afternoon tea is provided, but please bring your own packed lunch.

Whilst it would be helpful to have an indication of who is coming, it is not essential, and people will still be welcome to just turn up on the day.

Contact Chris 834-2222

Invitation to a Lenten journey: Neil outlines study course

We invite you to join a St Francis pilgrim band reflecting on Lent. The purpose is to reflect on what it means to abide in and follow Jesus Christ.

We will use, singly and together, a booklet published by World Vision NZ.

The booklet has one entry for each day in Lent and Easter. It will fit your purse or pocket, so it ought to suit your sitting down and your going forth.

You're invited to write or draw on any page, as the Spirit leads you. Journaling your responses is encouraged.

Here's a sample page:

Day 1, Ash Wednesday, February 18th

Ash is a biblical sign of repentance (choosing to turn your life around). Traditionally this ash is made from burning last year's Palm Sunday palm branches, symbolising how

our plans often end in ashes.

If you are in that place now, read and re-read Psalm 103, "God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he is rich in love." (The Message Bible).

St Francis church is paying for 50 booklets (\$2.50 each). We are each invited to donate towards that cost.

Daytime meetings at St Francis Church, 10.30 - 11.30 am Thursdays, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

Evening meetings also Thursdays, 7.00 - 8.00 pm at St Francis Church.

See Neil or Jenny 833-1931



**“...to
follow
Jesus
Christ...”**

Here's news of exciting resource

David Guthrie has a website, david.guthrie.net.nz, where he broadcasts daily morning and evening prayer (from the New Zealand Prayer Book), a daily blog and a weekly sermon (audio recording and text).

Normally, the sermons are recorded in his home studio (i.e., his living room), but when he preaches at St Francis today, 1st February, the address is being recorded and will be broadcast on the website.

People from all around the world tune into his site daily and listen to

the sermon, so the St Francis address will be echoing globally! Recently, David was interviewed by Radio New Zealand for Sunday's Spiritual Outlook, and the link to this is also on the website.

From February, David has plans to develop the website and add more resources.

There will be daily midday and night prayer, and family prayer, all from the New Zealand Prayer Book: recorded readings for the Sunday to come, which may help readers prepare. The whole service will also be developed as an app for phones and iPads.

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Readings for February:

1st Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.
8th Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
15th Beach service starts 10am. 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45
22nd 1st Sunday in Lent. Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15 (Representatives from Onehunga and Torbay churches will be worshipping with us.)
1st March: Genesis 17:1-7:15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Our prayers and thoughts for: Freda Morgan, Herman Tecklenberg and Susan Wightman, all due for operations early this month.

Eve Campbell, moving house



News and notes from here and about

Urgent: Indaba

We urgently need hosts for the Indaba weekend at St Francis on February 21st.

It involves a Saturday night bed and breakfast for people from Torbay and Onehunga churches. We will get together for a meal or chat on Saturday evening and then our guests attend our church service on Sunday morning before leaving for home.

Also if you would like to be one of the Indaba team attending Torbay and Onehunga on the nights of March 21st and April 18th please talk to Deborah Rolland 817 6618 or Norman Leach 817 5016.

Help!

More help would be much appreciated with serving teas or meeting and greeting as parishioners arrive on Sunday mornings.

Teas, please see Moira

Greeters, please talk to Christine

Next Council meeting: Tuesday 17th February 7.30pm (last before AGM)
MST meeting 27th Feb 4—6pm
AGM 15th March. (You may like to consider standing for Council).

Liturgist:

We would welcome a new liturgist or

two to help at our services, about once every 5 or 6 weeks. It's interesting and worthwhile. You need only willingness and a good clear voice.

Training is given. Talk to Bob Aitken or Lindsay.

Welcome back to all who have been away from our shores including Andrew, Annette and AJ, Helen Philip, Sarah and David.



Mostly Craft Summer BBQ Saturday 14th Feb

All are very welcome. Wear your sun hats (prize for most outrageous!) and let's celebrate the wonderful summer and the year ahead for Mostly Craft. Mainly outdoor activities this time.

1.00pm - 3.00 pm at St Francis

And please let any children aged between 5-11 know about this event. If you have any questions please phone Donna on ph 817 5412
Happy summer greetings from the Mostly Craft team !