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“..while greasy Joan doth keel the pot..”

I've always felt a bit sorry for Joan. She's immortalised in Shakespeare's song about winter from "Love's Labour's Lost".

"And milk comes frozen home in pail...." - not quite true for Titi-rangi, but it's certainly the time to stir and cool the pot.

We did that quite nicely last week with warming soup and rolls after service and before our worship workshop. The previous Sunday midwinter was suitably marked with a very pleasant combined service in the Titirangi Presbyterian Church.

Today it's a special pleasure to welcome the Rev Ian McCleary to preside and preach. He comes to us from a background of

world-wide ministry, most recently in west Auckland. He used to be a pretty good soccer player too.

Elsewhere you'll find news of a number of coming events to help "...when blood is nipp'd, and ways be foul..."

It's all downhill to summer!

Structural improvements

This time last year in the newsletter we were talking about the building renovations. See more inside.

But isn't our new entrance so very good, sheltered and welcoming!

Our 'Walk Through The Bible' continues

We ascend the final peak, magnificent in the range we call the New Testament.

Our guide, Lesslie Newbigin, shows us 'New Life, New Communities' then 'Final Revelations'. He poses the question, How are we to make sense of death? as a people caught up into the risen Christ.

His answer is deeply satisfying. Next meeting Saturday July 11, 3.00 - 4.30pm at Keatings, 70 Rimu St, New Lynn. (park opposite in Copley St). Bring your Bible. Inquiries: 833-1931

We are reviewing our mid-week communions at the Soldiers' Memorial Church during the rest of winter. In consulting with the two regular attendees, and Bob Aitken who sets it up we feel it may be best to have home communions monthly, then start off afresh at SMC for Summer, trying to attract a few more mid week folk. Ring Lindsay or Christine with your thoughts on this.

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Jenny and Margaret report on Scripture Union Conference

Sponsored by our St Francis council, Jenny and Margaret had a very worthwhile time at Scripture Union Conference in June. They report an extremely well organised, well attended (about 400) conference at the Elim Centre, Botany. They came away refreshed and invigorated

Between them they went to a variety of workshops including "Re-imagining church," with its strong emphasis on including children in all church activities. Furthermore, their tutor encouraged us to use quietness and stillness as 'teaching aids'.

**"...a
time
well
spent.."**

"We were also able to meet the new Diocesan Children and Families Facilitator, Jacolize Becker, who started work with us on 15th June. She seemed a delightful and enthusiastic lady. Altogether it was a time well spent."

Thank you, Jenny and Margaret.

Our mid winter series continued with a film yesterday. For next time, Saturday 18th July, 3-5pm bring your favourite author, especially a crime writer. Contact Herman, 827-1074 or Lindsay 817-1419 with future ideas.

Pope speaks out on climate change—and now?

Scientists, politicians, and Christians of all faiths around the world praised Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment after its official rollout recently.

If you're interested—and why are you not! - just google "Pope on climate change". Not all Roman Catholics, and particularly conservative politicians, are thrilled by his encyclical which is quite radical.

Our Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has spoken out strongly about social issues but has yet to say much about the environment.

And what about our own church leaders in New Zealand! Could there be a united Christian coalition on matters as serious as this Pope is leading on. Or is the Anglican church adopting the view that silence is golden?

We may ask what can we do? The Auckland Diocese has an officer

who reports on "sustainability" questions which is related to the whole matter. Our leaders are aware of the problem.

It's hard for us to break habits. Use of cars, for example. Can we go shopping just once a week? Turn off electrical devices on stand-by? Try to buy fewer imported goods? Somehow seek to reduce our carbon footprint?

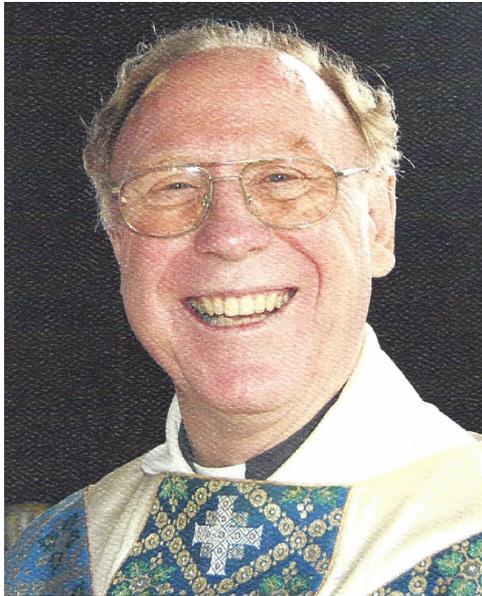


It's not easy. Maybe at St Francis we could set up a "Think tank" to come up with ideas for parishioners—which does not include pensioners turning off their heaters!

The question of climate change is not going to go away!

Lindsay Nash

The Rev David Ian Guthrie, 1st March 1942—9th June 2015



It was a great privilege and pleasure to take part in David's funeral service in the Cathedral on Friday, 12th June. A large group of St Francis folk were there to support Barbara and family.

Bishop Ross preached, the Dean, Jo Kelly-Moore, presided, and I

was invited to lead the intercessions.

David had made a significant contribution to our worship. In particular I enjoyed working with him on liturgy, and together (mainly David!) we produced a St Francis "Liturgy for the Beach" which we continue to use. His well-crafted sermons could be guaranteed to engage and stimulate.

His story telling gifts showed out too at some "Mostly Craft" gatherings, and he helped reorganise our music for a period.

In recent months his duties as a hospital chaplain meant he was less frequently worshipping with us, but he often said, even as illness grasped him, he hoped to see more of us.

We say farewell to an honourable servant of Christ. Thank you, David.

"...our

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to

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Cluster creativity comes to Titirangi

"Creativity in Worship through drama and art" is the topic for our next Westie cluster meeting. This is a preview: all details are yet to be confirmed. Note the date now: Friday 21st Aug, 10.30am to 1pm

Cluster meetings have been going for some time with each Local Shared Ministry unit hosting an afternoon or morning and choosing a theme.

Usually several folk come from each unit, Point Chevalier, Helensville, Huapai/Kumeu, Te Atatu and Waiheke Island. This time it's our turn to host.

Valerie Parker and Christine Nash are organising this event and we

hope it will be fun as well as instructive.

There'll be plays and sketches (presented by all groups), storytelling and sharing how art can speak to you, as well as gaining insight from the creativity of other units.

All are welcome – keep the date free!

Thanks!

to Father Stephen Johnson for his donation of the handsome silver candlesticks

to Sarah for her Exploring Worship interactive conversation after church on Sunday 28th.

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Readings for July/August:

The Psalm is not usually included in our services, but you might like to read it at home.

5th 2 Sam 5:1-5;9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

12 2 Sam 6:1-5;12b-19;Psalm 24; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

19 2 Sam 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Eph 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56

26 2 Sam 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August

2nd 2 Sam 11:26-ch12:13a;Psalm 51:1-12; Eph 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Please continue to keep in your prayers Barbara Guthrie and the Guthrie family, Susan Wightman, Moira Tecklenberg, who is recovering at home after an op, and Norman Leach, due in hospital next week

Lorraine and Brandt Bregmen are off to Australia early July.

Lorraine will play at their last service with us. You will be much

missed. Our love and blessings go with you

A big welcome to Pam Dowd and Andrew Hutchinson as liturgists.

Here and about with St Francis folk

Council Corner:

Kitchen: We have had a slight delay with queries from the Diocesan Faculty (whose permission we need to go ahead: they own the building)

We hope to be able to continue with this soon. Many thanks to Ian Mackley who is making this happen.

Civil Defence Centre:

We have been asked, and have agreed to St Francis being used as a Civil Defence Centre in emergencies.

Bambury lounge.

The upgraded area of the lounge and Kids' Corner is just about complete. As part of one of our Sunday services soon we will be dedicating the space to the memory of Canon Ron and Eileen Bambury.

Fire Warden.

We are still **urgently** in need of someone to fulfil this office. Hardly any work, just a fire drill now and again (and we'll supply a fire hat!) See Norman if you can help please.

Christine Nash, Chair

Music:

David Crawley is organising a small group to help us learn new songs. As he says, "The worship committee are keen to carry this forward in a way

that is not burdensome." Warm thanks to the Music Group.

Indaba:

There is a de-brief at the cathedral, Sunday 26th July 2—4pm

Quiz night:

On Friday 31st July 7.30pm we are having a quiz night at St Francis and you're invited to organise or be part of a team. We have a quiz master and he'll have the questions ready, "pub quiz": style. Prizes of course. Small charge per team. Neighbouring LSM groups are being invited too. Accept the challenge!

Bible Sunday:

19th July is National Bible Sunday. Would you like to bring any Bibles that have special significance for you, with a brief accompanying note.

Pastoral:

24th August. The Pastoral team are planning another "Getting to Know you Lunch" after the success of last year's inaugural event. Watch this space!

"Heroes" at Titirangi Theatre

Over 25 St Francis folk attended this play directed by Christine. Many thanks for your support – the play was a critical and financial success for the theatre.