

# ST FRANCIS

96 PARK ROAD, CNR TITIRANGI BEACH RD JULY 2014

## Winter has really arrived!

“April is the cruellest month” said the poet. He was speaking in the Northern hemisphere.



Here in the southern hemisphere July takes a bit of beating. It has the lowest temperatures and the highest rainfall.

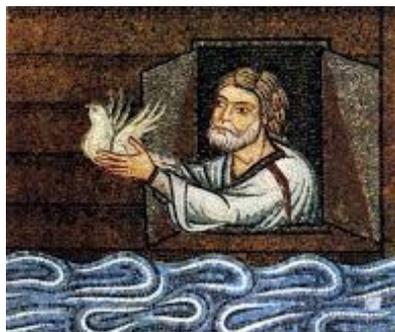
But at St Francis we have a very good heating system and it's a cheerful place to be.

We also have plans to make the entrance more sheltered from wind and rain, part of the renovations expected to start later this year.

Mind you, we have a flood not far off. Freda has the cast of “Noah” lined up and rehearsals continue through to the performance date, Sunday 20th July.

There will be flyers available for distribution next week.

We've had some very heart warming services in June, and there are other events coming up. The days are getting (slightly) longer .



“When winter comes, can spring be far behind?”

### Diary notes

13th Evensong

20th Noah

24th Friendship

## St Francis LSM prepares for next step



Yes , we have a “calling”! On 25th August the congregation will be asked to call people to fill

a number of key positions. This process is an integral part of Local Shared Ministry. Exactly as the title says, the ministry in the parish is shared amongst the local congregation.

Please write down your questions and give them to Norman. Our enabler Chris will be here on Sunday 27th July to answer them.

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*A special welcome to our visitors today*

# Noah, a celebration: Mystery play comes to St Francis

Work on the ark has begun—not really—and Noah is gathering animals, including his wife and family, about him.



Eventually the performances in church became so noisy and rude that the priests turned them out on to the streets and the stories were often performed on the backs of carts, sometimes in the courtyards of inns.

Indeed they were so popular that they were still playing in the time of Shakespeare.

**“...and**

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Freda had her first read-through last week, and today we will have our second rehearsal.

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6th July: 2nd rehearsal

13th July: Dress rehearsal

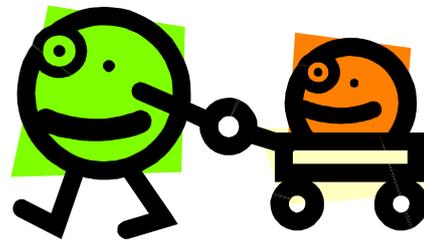
**more...”**

19th July: after 5pm if there is a winter series group: Helpers to come to set up church for play.

20th July: presentation and Celebration of Noah.

As Freda points out, this is something a bit different for St Francis and very much in the tradition of such dramatic presentations in church

Mystery Plays go back to medieval times and were a way to keep the stories of the Bible alive for those who didn't read. They have a humorous turn - this one does anyway - and it comes from the Chester Cycle of plays.



You will have a copy of the script to keep as a programme so you can join in the hymns and read the story again afterwards. This is a most interesting and exciting enterprise. Do support us and possibly join in.

Do you have a small sail we could raise when Noah sets off? Valerie and 'Mostly Craft' children have been making masks so it should be a colourful and joyful occasion.

Let's make it a great 'do'.

Cheers, Freda

## All are welcome at the Diocesan Roadshow

The Auckland Diocese is promoting a "RoadShow, and it does look appealing.

The Roadshow will be led by members of the Diocesan staff. It will include information about the launch of our new diocesan website and branding, Communica-

tions, Archives information, Administration, Finance, Legal, Property, Employment, diocesan information and guidelines, parish rolls, faculty guidelines and much, much more.

It's at the Selwyn Library, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 11am – 4.30pm

## Pastoral Care team plan special event for 3rd August

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> after church, the Pastoral team invite you to a "Getting to Know you" morning tea. Because we have several parishioners who have joined us in the last year or so, it's a chance to chat and get to know each other better. Speak to someone you maybe haven't spoken to before!

Parishioners who have joined us in the past year or so may like to say a little about themselves, but there's no pressure at all. We'll have music playing and finger food for refreshment, so you probably won't need lunch.

**Please stay for a happy gathering!**

**Offers to prepare simple finger food**

There's a list for the above at the back of the church, so if you can help in bringing a plate please put your name down. We need asparagus rolls, topped crackers, club sandwiches, savoury muffins, devonshire scones.

**Pump Pots** Do you have a pump pot to loan us from which to serve coffee? If so talk to Christine, Val or Pam. Thank you

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**chat..."**

## A brief look back at past events

Pentecost service was again a marvellous celebration, a climax to the period of preparation since Easter. There was effective lighting of candles, dramatic sound effects—thank you David—a burning of slips of paper from the congregation—thank you Ian—and some rousing hymns.

A dance team of leaders from "Mostly Craft" made a striking addition, and it was a special pleasure to have local poet Ron Riddell and his wife with us. Their presentations added an international flavour.

It was great too to hear the Lord's Prayer spoken in such a variety of tongues. It was an inspirational occasion.

Our mid winter service was seen as a step along the way in our preparation for Advent, still quite a way off, of course. It was useful to be reminded of the seasons of the church year.

What a treat to welcome a very large group from the Titirangi Presbyterian Church.

### **MOSTLY CRAFT**

Fun Activities for children  
5-11 years( accompanied)  
St. Francis Church  
Corner Park and Titirangi  
Beach Roads

**SATURDAY 2nd August**  
1-3pm

Free, refreshments provided  
Enquiries: Donna 817-5412

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One of their elders read lessons and they added to the morning tea afterwards. Mulled wine too helped chase away any winter blues.

Our thanks to the team members who helped plan these occasions and to all who participated so fruitfully.

**Worship Times:  
Sundays 9.30am**

**First Wed 10am(SMT)**

**Second Sun 5pm Evensong**

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**Readings for July:**

6<sup>th</sup> Genesis 24:42-49; Romans 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19:25-30

13<sup>th</sup> Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11; Matt 13:1-9,18-23

20<sup>th</sup> The production of "Noah's Flood" followed by communion.

27<sup>th</sup> Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33,44-52

3<sup>rd</sup> August Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

Christine will be appearing in Titirangi Theatre's production of Fawlty Towers opening on September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the restored Lopdell House.

She plays an "old uncompromising battle-axe" in one of the episodes of this loved TV show. (*I have absolutely no comment. Editor*)

Could be a must see! Bookings open mid August.

## More news and notes from here and about

**Mostly Craft:**

Saturday 2nd August - 1- 3pm.

Theme: Jesus, our good shepherd. If you have any odd socks, please give them to us! We use them for puppet making. Any sheep fleece would be welcome too, says Margaret.

**Friendship Circle:**

10.00 - 12.00 Thursday 24th July at Moira and Herman's, 74B Seabrook Ave.

All are welcome for a cuppa, a chat, and friendship. Do bring a friend: you don't have to come to service to qualify!

**Pastoral corner:**

It was wonderful to see Olive Vinsen back in church on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Olive is currently at Lexall Care in Denver Avenue, Henderson.

Shirley and Bob Foster have now moved to Selwyn Heights Village in Hillsborough.

Your support, prayers and visits will be much appreciated by Olive and Shirley.

Happy birthday last Thursday to our hospitality manager Aris!

**Winter Series:**

Our gatherings continue, with a

splendid afternoon of Jazz last month and a session of Chef Skills with Herman yesterday. Next time: to be confirmed, possibly "You show me yours and I'll show you mine", an invitation to bring a memorable object to talk about.

"What does it mean to be the church?" We assure you, there is no one right answer! We'll discuss this further as we travel towards Advent.

What are your interests, what do you think you might bring to the church? On 27<sup>th</sup> July we'll give you a rectangle of cardboard to write on, and then we'll put them all up on the wall as building blocks. More later.

**Evensong:**

Our next evensong is on Sunday 13th July from 5pm. David Guthrie will preside. We continue every second Sunday in the month.

We continue also Holy Communion the first Wednesday in the month at the Soldiers' Memorial Church 10am