

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

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Winter woolies are now needed

The first Sunday in June reminds us that the shortest day, 21st June, is not far off. And after that, it's all downhill to summer!

On that shortest day our midwinter service this year will be with the Titirangi Presbyterian Church at their place, 10am note.

We'll be meeting with Judith Browne and her team later this week to sort out the details. Certainly members of our congregation will be asked to read and make other contributions.

Transport from St Francis can be arranged. Meet here at 20 to 10.

Next Sunday 14th June it's a pleasure tinged with sadness to host the Rev John Marcon for the last time. He and his wife Joyce

are both retiring from active ministry and are moving out of Auckland.



John will preside and preach at our 9.30am Eucharist. We'll miss his thoughtful, scholarly sermons. Meanwhile we continue to enlarge our repertoire of songs and hymns, evidenced in our selection today. We are very blessed in our musical ministry.

Still time to join our 'Walk Through The Bible'

This week we have farewelled Moses and the prophets and stepped into the wonderful world of the New Testament.

Our guide is pastor and missionary statesman Lesslie Newbigin, former Bishop of Madras, a co-leader of the World Council of Churches and a widely published author.

We can buy more books (\$13 each). Meanwhile, get a photocopy of the relevant pages and the questions from Neil or Jenny Keating.

Next meeting: Saturday June 13th at 3.00—4.30pm, at 70 Rimu Street, New Lynn (park opposite in Copley St). Bring your Bible. Inquiries: 833-1931

Our enabler Sarah will be with us again on Sunday 28th June, this time to preach.

And we've just heard that our Archdeacon Carole plans to visit on Sunday 18th August.



Diary notes

June

- 13 **Craft**
- 14 **John Marcon**
- 20 **3-5pm Film**
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- 28 **Sarah**

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Autumn was a lively time for St Francis congregations

It's been a time of inspiration and activity since our last newsletter. A thoughtful retreat preceded David's ordination as a deacon on Sunday 10th May. Bishop Jim presided and preached in a joyful family celebration.

The following Sunday we marked Disability Awareness. It was a moving experience to see the signing process for the deaf and the dedication of Monica and her assistant Margaret.

Many were interested in this signing. Find out more at nzsl.tki.org.nz This is a Ministry of Education site with lots of information and video clips to instruct you. Our thanks to Valerie for again organising a very special event.."

to mark Disability Awareness.

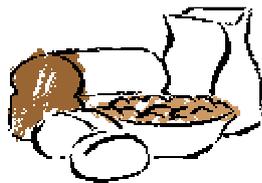
Pentecost the following week was a marvellously uplifting and spirit-filled event. There was loads of congregation involvement in the readings, prayers, music and small sketches, all bound together by a real spiritual awareness.

Then on Sunday 31st our Enabler Sarah was with us to preside, with plenty of good chat after the service.



Valerie Parker provides feedback on Lovelink

20 churches belong and our Helen Philip is a paid administrator, 4 days a week for the West Auckland branch.



The Salvation Army is closing 3 food banks, including the city. Its priority is to give added time and effort into targeting parliament to make meaningful policies for the struggling families. WINZ may give 3 food parcels a year but the Compassionate Grant was cancelled last year.

Lovelink has some new strategies, for example, employing an ambassador to do promotional field work with churches, businesses,

schools, organising credit for those so hard up they cannot use their cellphone. A call can be from a call box on 0508FORHELP; Supermarkets are to have items marked "FOODBANK PRODUCTS", which can be scanned by customer's phones to go on one's bill; vouchers can be issued for essential furniture, clothing etc to be used in certain op shops.

Volunteers are being sought to answer phones at headquarters; travel expenses will be paid. Contact lovelink 6205613, or talk to Helen.

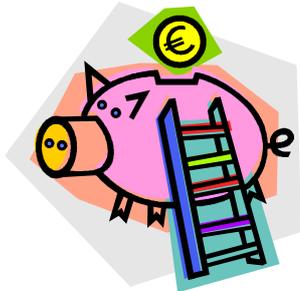
Christian Lovelink has a partnership scheme. For \$15 a month there's a news letter. Tax receipts will be issued for the support of this great cause, another way to extend our role in God's work. In His Service.

Helen and Valerie

Our Parish Treasure has some words of advice on St Francis funds

It is some time since the Treasurer talked about Church finances but there has recently been a noticeable drop in income, with the first four months of the year 2015 going back to the total we achieved in 2010. I think it is timely to bring up the topic now.

I know we have recently completed improvements to the building with new porch and refurbished stage area and this has been expensive.



However, these and all other improvements to the St Francis property (land and buildings) are paid for from funds that belong to the Diocese and not to St Francis parish.

This is because all land and buildings in the Diocese belong to the Diocese and not to the parishes that occupy them. In our case, the funds come from the money the Diocese received from the sale of our vicarage in 2006.

These Diocesan funds cannot be used for our operating costs, which amount to \$150 a day and include our Enabler and Quota to the Diocese. These costs have to be met from offerings and a small income from renting the church to Pilates, Yoga groups etc.

So what I would like to do is to ask all members of the congregation to look at your level of offering, be it by automatic payments or by the envelope scheme, and see if you could lift your contributions. Costs go up each year as we well know, and the amounts needed to run St Francis will rise as well. At the moment our accounts show a deficit which we would like to remove before the end of the year. Many thanks.

John Hyatt

Discovery programme reviewed

As reported last month, the team met with our enabler Sarah. We discussed the success of the previous venture, the provision of vouchers for the needy in Titi-rangi.

There was certainly a feeling of optimism in the group as various ideas for the future were put forward. The next meeting is on Monday 6th July at 10.30am at Freda's home, 115a Daffodil St Titi-rangi, ph 817-8402. Bring your fresh proposals along!

Valerie 817-4396

"Mainly Craft"
Next meeting, Saturday 13th
June, 1—3pm at St Francis.

Children aged 5 to 11.
All welcome. For more info
ring Donna 817-5412



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Readings for June:

Jun 7th Te Pouhere Sunday: Isaiah 42:10-20; 2 Cor 5:14-19 ;John 15:9-17 or Matt 7:24-29

14th: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Cor 5:6-10,14-17; Mark 4:26-34

21st Mid winter: at Presbyterians; tba

28th 2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July

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

Remember personal prayer is always available at the altar rails after the service.



Here and about with St Francis folk

Our warm thanks to Betty and her team for preparing the posies for Mothers' Day. Our distributors in the village again reported a very positive response, all adding to the growing profile of St Francis in Titirangi.



A very successful visit to the cathedral was organised by Margaret Strid for the Friendship circle and others. It included explanations of the ongoing work being done there, a most enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to those involved.



The current Winter Series began with a bright afternoon of jazz. The selections covered a huge range of styles, and there was some marvellous remi-

niscing about the Auckland jazz scene in the those far off halcyon days..

The winter series is planned to alternate with the Saturday afternoon "A Walk through the Bible". However, the sequence was changed to accommodate the large party who went yesterday to "Heroes".

Saturday 20th June, 3—5pm, a film is proposed

"Heroes" directed by Christine continues at Titirangi Theatre this week till Saturday 13th, including a show this afternoon at 4pm. Get feedback from those who went yesterday!

Those involved in Indaba:

There is a debrief meeting on Sunday 26th July from 2 pm to 4 pm with Bishop Jim at the Cathedral in Parnell. It will be good to catch up with our new friends from Onehunga and Torbay.

We are sad to report that David Guthrie is gravely ill, now in Auckland Hospital. Barbara is keeping us up to date with developments. Family only visitors at the moment. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly valued.

