

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

ST FRANCIS – TITIRANGI

93 Park Road, Titirangi

March 2015

God heard and seen in all things – this be our prayer

February happenings truly demonstrated that our church is alive and well and enjoying our several forms of worship together. Highlights included the Beach service in a beautiful setting; free pancakes in the village for Shrove Tuesday (very well received) coffee to meet our new enabler Sarah Stevens, a well attended Mostly Craft barbecue and the Indaba weekend. The latter exceeded expectations as we hosted nine folk from Onehunga and Torbay. A dinner at the church on Saturday set the social scene and our guests were very interested in how Local Shared Ministry works. We each took our “billets” home and reports next day showed that everyone enjoyed their evenings. Finally guests joined in our church service and made their way happily home. A huge thanks to all who played host, cooked food and generally made it happen, led by Deborah Rolland. Special gratitude to Susie and Frank, John Hyatt’s family, who mastered the barbecue with flair!

On March 22nd it is our turn to visit Onehunga. Please let Deborah know if you are interested – it will be a very worthwhile and entertaining weekend as they have several young people and a different style of service to ours.

Looking ahead

March 5th: Lenten Studies start (see Feb newsletter for details)

Daytime Thursdays March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 10.30 to 11.30. Evenings 7 to 8pm. facilitated by Neil and Jenny Keating.
Phone: 833 1931

March 14th 1-3pm Mostly Craft – tell your neighbours about this wonderful gathering for children. (and parents)

March 15th: Mothering Sunday and our AGM. The Agenda for the AGM is available at the back of the church. Please attend this important meeting with reports from each MST member and the election of Council for 2015/6. Council comprises currently three non-elected members (Administrator and two Synod reps) and five elected members. If you would like to be on Council and help in the running of your church, please let Norman know.

March 22nd

We’re delighted to baptise Bronson Jacob Haslam at this communion service. Bronson and his parents will join us with their families including five children. A special occasion.

Looking further ahead to Easter

Maundy Thursday: April 2nd: 7pm
“Maundy” from the Latin “command”
Foot washing. We follow the example of Jesus who washed the disciples feet commanding that they should love and serve one another (John 13:3-17)

Good Friday: April 3rd:

9.30am meet at Glovers, Titirangi village for Procession of Witness down to the church. 1 hour reflective service begins at 10am.

Easter Sunday April 5th. 9.30am
Communion Service of Joy and thanksgiving.

Harvest Festival: April 12th. More on this later.

Friendship Group

We had a very successful February meeting with around 14 people attending. A big thank you to Hans and Anke van den Brink for an extremely interesting and stimulating talk about their travels. The next meeting is to be announced. (Note Thursday was arranged, but Lenten studies are on that day) You will be phoned! *Moir*

A welcome return

Great to have David Crawley back and hopefully we will be hearing more about his trip, especially one of his highlights: a week in Assisi.

We have just heard that Brenda and Dusty Miller have booked their flights to NZ for October. It will be great to see them again.

Farewell

March 8th will be Fiona McQueen's last attendance as liturgist. She and her husband have built a home in Glenorchy and will be moving there mid March. Our blessings and warmest wishes go with you Fiona. You will be much missed by the St Francis family.

Liturgist

We are still in need of a new liturgist. Do think about it – an interesting and worthwhile way to be involved in the service on a roster basis. Talk to Lindsay or Bob.

Prayer website

David Guthrie has added Night Prayer (otherwise known as Compline) to his website mentioned last newsletter. Night Prayer is a wonderful way of ending the day, before going to sleep. If you want to follow it in your Prayer Book, you will find the service on page 167. The morning and evening prayer offices can be found from page 54. Over the next month, David will add Midday Prayer, (page 147). *The morning and evening prayer services read through the whole of the New Testament every year, and most of the Old Testament, so it is the best way to engage with the Bible.*
david.guthrie.net.nz

March readings

March 8th: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:1-6; John 2:13-22
March 15th Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
March 22nd (Baptism and communion)
Isaiah 63:15,16 and 64:1-4;
1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Mark 1:1-11.
March 29th (Liturgy of the Palms) Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29;
John 12:12-16

Lenten Giving

Envelopes are at the back of the church with details of where the Lenten offerings will be sent this year. Please give generously.

Mini Market

NO market after all at the end of March. It will be last Sunday in April so store up your goodies!

MST

The first meeting of the Ministry Support Team with our new enabler Sarah Stevens was held recently. Sarah will be with us on approximately the 4th Friday and will be available for one to one consultations, training and workshops, as well as being available in a spiritual crisis situation.

Your thoughts

Without taking sides on the issue, we were astonished to hear the Roman Catholic Bishops publicly voicing their support for NZ to become involved in the Middle East and Isis crisis. It will be interesting to hear what Pope Francis may say. What do you think?

Keep in your prayers:

Susan Wightman and Freda Morgan, both recovering from ops. And we know that Shirley Foster at Selwyn Heights village loves a visit. Phone first.

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