

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

ST FRANCIS

96 PARK ROAD, CNR TITIRANGI BEACH RD MAY 2014

“Autumn, the fairest season of the year”

So wrote the Latin poet Ovid. We’ve certainly had some fine services recently, and May promises further delights.

Palm Sunday with its traditional procession and distribution of palm crosses (many thanks to Aris for preparing these) led into a moving Holy Week.

Chris conducted a quietly effective Maundy Thursday washing of feet service, and then on Good Friday morning a dozen parishioners met in Titirangi for a Procession of Witness down to St Francis.

Freda, Neil and Lindsay led a two hour service of readings, reflective comment, prayer, music and silence. Some stayed for the full two hours, others came and went, with nearly 30 participants in all. It seemed a worthwhile

experiment, and helped set the scene for a joyous Easter Sunday service.

Christine led this marvellous celebration, with the darkened church gradually illuminated by the Pascal candle and then full lighting for the triumphant first hymn. The hearty singing of the vital Easter music added to the effect of our worship.



You’ll read inside of coming events. Winter is still waiting in the wings as we enjoy these balmy days.

Diary notes

May:

5th Cluster

11th Posies

14th Friendship

17th Board games

June:

7th Mostly Craft

Growth continues for St Francis LSM

“Who’s that a-calling?...” sang the old negro spiritual. St Francis is soon to have its own calling, not our first, of course, but again a significant one in our development.

Chris will explain further a little nearer the August date, but here’s an outline.

The congregation are invited to “call” from their members certain people to fill certain posi-

tions. At this time St Francis is looking for a number of fresh appointments, and you’ll see full details inside.

Think now, however, rather than later, of people you can see filling the various roles.

We are indeed blessed by current officers, and refreshment and renewal will add to the impact St Francis can have, on its congregation and its community.

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Ian reports on status of Stage and Porch upgrade

After months of preparation, the project to upgrade the stage area, construct an entrance lobby and insulate the church office is now nearing the serious phase.

Tenders were invited from three reputable building contractors on 12th April and, at time of writing, two have attended briefing sessions at the church.

“...end

result

Quotations are due by Friday 16th May and hopefully a recommendation will be able to be made to the 21 May Parish Council meeting on the award of a contract.

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An “order to proceed” is expected to be issued to the successful contractor in late May for an early June start.

The works are expected to take about three months. On Saturday

24th May at 9:30am there will be a working bee at the church to move the piano and fully clear out the stage area, office and storage alcove adjacent to the ladies’ toilet in preparation for the start of construction.



During construction there will clearly be disruption to church activities due to reduced available space and inability for meetings to be held during the week. We ask for your patience during this period – the end result should be worth it!

Many thanks, Ian.

Memorable presence at ANZAC Day

Ablely organised by Eve Campbell, four of our congregation veterans attended the Memorial Service.



Care and kindness by the RSA saw to our needs: front row seats, almost knee to knee with the officials and invited special guests, allowing good views of the Green Bay High School quartet and the choir from three Primary Schools.

The quality of singing was such that it touched our hearts pro-

foundly. Our dear Joyce McNeil laid the wreath on behalf of St Francis; a delightful meal, served to our table made us feel special!

Our conversation was animated, swapping wartime experiences accompanied by many a healthy laugh.

Joan was escorted on the arm of Rt Hon David Cunliffe to the car, he expressing his recognition of ancillary services by women, in her case the Land Army in England.

Don't forget the working bee at St Francis, 24th May, from 9.30am.



St Francis Local Shared Ministry Calling 31st August

On the 24th August, our enabler Chris Harris will conduct a preparation for the "Calling."

We will be looking for:

1. A third Sacramental Minister.
2. A Pastoral Care Co-ordinator . Christine is standing down from this role but is happy to continue on the pastoral team if required. She is a Sacramental Minister and Funeral co-ordinator.

3 Adult Education Co-ordinator. Margaret Strid will continue with the Children's Education portfolio.

4 Judy Evitt was co-opted as Preaching Co-ordinator and we will need to confirm her in this role.

The people called for the above roles become part of the Ministry Support team.

Attached to this newsletter is an outline of the Ministry Support Team and their roles.



Questions: *If you have any questions about Local Shared Ministry please note them down and give them to Norman Leach or Christine Nash.*

There is also a Local Shared Ministry book which will give you all the information.

**"...thanks
to
all
helpers..."**

Warm thanks for recent baptism

On 6 April 2014 our daughter, Alena Sevai Valerie McCartney-Aitken received the most beautiful baptism ceremony at St Francis Anglican Church.

The decision to have Alena baptized in the Anglican faith was not taken lightly as Marina was raised a Methodist and her Mother converted to Catholicism in the months before she died in December 2012.

However, as her father attended the Church of England as a child and due to our family's involvement with the Anglican faith, it seemed fitting that Alena be baptised an Anglican.

We hope that this will be the beginning of wonderful journey of discovery for our daughter and we hope to do the best we can to guide her in her faith.

We would like to thank Christine, the church committee and all the helpers for making our families feel so welcome and for the beautiful service.

Phil Aitken and Marina McCartney

MOSTLY CRAFT

Fun Activities for children

5-11 years(accompanied)

St. Francis Church

Corner Park and Titirangi Beach
Roads

SATURDAY 7th JUNE 2014

1-3pm

Free, refreshments provided

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Readings for May:

4th: Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24:13-25
11th: Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
11th: EVENSONG
18th: Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
25th: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21;

June

1st: Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Funeral Resource brochure: A reminder that these are available, so you can fill them in for your next of kin. It's a very useful resource.

Jill Pearson has moved to Crestwood.

Bob and Val Aitken have also moved to Crestwood. Their new number is 827-5952. Every blessing to them all in their new homes.

News of happenings at St Francis Titirangi

Important coming events:

This Wednesday 7th May, usual first Wednesday communion at Soldiers' Memorial Church, 10am

Next Sunday, 11th May: Mothers' Day distribution of posies in the village. Our thanks to Betty and the team.

Evensong at 5pm at St Francis, David Guthrie to preside.

LSM West Cluster:

Tomorrow Monday 5th May there's a meeting of West Auckland LSM units at St Andrew's Glen Eden. The focus will be preparation for Pentecost, but there's time for catching up and meeting new friends

Old friends too:

It was good to see John Marcon back in action last Sunday, his first time out since his heart operation. May he continue to regain health!

Friendship Circle:

The next gathering of the Friendship Circle will be on Wednesday 14th, May 10am - 12 noon at Moira and Herman Tecklenburg's, 74B Seabrook Ave. New Lynn. All welcome.

Winter Series:

The 2014 version began yesterday with a covey of Dylan Thomas enthu-

siasts reading his works.

Future winter series:

Saturday 17th May (a fortnight off)
Board games organised by Eve.
3-5pm again at St Francis.

Saturday 31st May: Yet to be confirmed, but possibly "Déja Vue": reminiscences of Titirangi and early days in other places.

Also planned: Jazz, opera, crime writers, chef skills, wine tasting etc. Any suggestions please to Lindsay or Herman.

The one that got away:

We hear a quartet of St Francis gents had a fine time bobbing on the briny ANZAC weekend. It is rumoured that one sacrificed his fine lamb steaks to provide suitable bait. Just two "keepers" are reported, both snapper. Happily suitable wine was available as a consolation.

Job available:

Washing and ironing the small purifiers, just once a month.

