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Autumn fades into winter

*You must wake and call me early,
call me early, mother dear;
For I'm to be Queen o' the May,
mother, I'm to be Queen o' the May.*

My father delighted in quoting these Tennyson lines about this time each year. It seems that his wife, Dorcas, (Dorrie), our mother, had been Queen of the May in the little Somerset town of Frome. It made a good story.

But May in their part of the world meant spring, whereas here it heralds winter, a time to hibernate and slow down.

Hibernate here at St Francis? Wash your mouth out! Today after church a singing group will meet. Do join if you like.

Next week 10th May Bishop Jim will call for David's ordination. Preceding this on Friday 8th there will be a retreat led by our enabler Sarah at St Francis from 9.30am. On the 17th we welcome visitors to mark Disability Awareness day, and then on the 24th we celebrate Pentecost.

Along the way there are lots of other happening too. Read about all of these events later in this issue. So no time to hibernate!

In addition we look back to a full and satisfying April. A stimulating Holy Week as reported last issue found its climax in a joyful Sunday celebration. Our Harvest Festival too was a heart-warming

celebration with loads of produce, warmly welcomed next day by the recipients.

The following week end was the final Indaba gathering: see P2.

On ANZAC day our St Francis representatives Joan and Bob laid our wreath, and we were invited for the first time in many years—not since Stephen Johnson?—to provide the religious content, prayers and a benediction. Lindsay carried this off capably, and the MC Dave Lawrence said, "See you next year!" Promising.

Read on for other events at St Francis! When winter comes, can spring be far behind!

Important gathering

Friday 8th May—a Day of Retreat in preparation for David Crawley's ordination as deacon on Sunday 10th. St Francis 9.30am to 3pm, facilitated by our Enabler Sarah Stevens.

Baptism today 3rd May, 3pm

You are invited to the baptism of Noah Kraetzer, 10 month old son of Michael and Romina. Michael is from Germany, Romina from the Philippines. Do come along and welcome Noah into the Christian fellowship of the church.

Winter series: Saturday 23rd May 3-5pm; Bring your favourite Jazz CDs

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Diocesan—wide Indaba meetings begin favourably

Our venture into Indaba turned out to be a success, even a **great** success! There were several reasons: 1. We were off to a brisk start in March, and we followed promptly in April and May, just a few weeks apart. 2. Being first, Titirangi were able to explain early and fully what LSM was all about 3. Onehunga and Torbay were both vicar-led parishes but different in many ways. We learnt a lot. 4. We had a fair degree of continuity of members. 5. A similar pattern of events, Saturday and Sunday, was established. Everyone joined in vigorously. Last but not least, we were most capably organised by our cheerfully industrious Deborah.

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Westies show what can be done!

The Westie Cluster met again recently, this time on Waiheke Island in the St Peter’s church at Little Oneroa.

A variety of topics were discussed in small groups, but the abiding impression from the event was the amazing energy and enthusiasm displayed.

This involvement is due very largely because all in this cluster are Local Shared Ministry units, a fact that was gently pointed out to our Archdeacon, Carole Hughes, by one of our members.

Special service marks Disability Awareness

On Sunday 17th May we will mark Disability Awareness with a visit from Monica Leach of Deaf Aotearoa.

She’ll be accompanied by her family and her interpreter.

We made many new warm friendships and had some great conversations, not all of them theological.

What next? There was a firm commitment at our final gathering at Torbay to join in some future project. There is a Diocesan session planned for July, but we may do something before then, perhaps looking outward more.

“Mainly Craft”

Next meeting, Saturday 9th May, 1—3pm at St Francis.

Children aged 5 to 11.

All welcome. For more info ring Donna 817-5412

There were lots of white heads there, so called “retired” people. But you couldn’t ask for more vigour and commitment.

The next Westie Cluster meeting will be hosted by St Francis, probably some time in July.

Stop Press!

Prayer for Nepal: This Sunday evening, 3rd May, 5pm
St Mary’s-in-Holy Trinity Cathedral. Choral Evensong with Cathedral Choir.

This promises to be a very special occasion, as was our similar service last year. Many thanks to Valerie Parker for her part in planning this event, including a special liturgy.

David's Ordination is a further development at St Francis

Next Sunday there's another important step along the way of our development as a Local Shared Ministry unit here in Titirangi.

Last year we, the local congregation, called David Crawley to be a sacramental minister. His first step is ordination as a Deacon and Bishop Jim White will officiate next Sunday.

After further training he will be ordained as a priest, joining Christine and Lindsay as sacramental ministers here. We are blessed to have such a devoted team

Do try to support David at his retreat (see page 1)

Father Stephen Johnson who was our Vicar until 2005 has given two attractive silver coloured metal candlesticks for us to use. They are ones he bought some time ago, and he used them on the altar himself from time to time. *John Hyatt*

At Titirangi Theatre opening 2nd June to 13th. "Heroes" is an endearing, comic and poignant play translated from the French by Tom Stoppard and directed by Christine Nash. St Francis could make up a group booking for the 4pm matinee Sunday 7th June - \$15 a ticket, but \$12 if 20 people. If interested tell Christine.

"...a devoted team..."

"Discovery" update from Valerie

Freda and I plan on resuming meetings initiated by the Discovery course. The first will be with the original participants, to review the Christmas Voucher Scheme, and to invite more people to join us, with a view to planning further outreaches in our parish.

Sarah, our enabler is keen to attend the first meeting. She is available on Saturday, 30th May, time to be arranged. From there, appropriate days and times will be negotiated

Expressions of interest will help our planning, new faces, new ideas. Your concerns for others will effect God's plans, large or small as they may be.

Have a chat to either of us; we are raring to go.

Freda Morgan and Valerie Parker

The Lenten Appeal run by Anglican Missions made a total of \$220 given solely by Parishioners. Many thanks for your generous giving. John H

May Cathedral visit

St Francis is invited to visit the cathedral on Tuesday 19th May. Meet at St Francis to pool cars, leaving at 10am.



We will be met by Paul Kelly Moore, the Cathedral Pastoral Assistant. We'll visit St Mary's, the lovely old gothic styled church built in the 1880s across the road from its present home.

Paul will also tell us about all the work being done in the cathedral precinct. We will then move on to the main cathedral. Refreshments will be available before we return to St Francis around lunch time. All welcome; bring a friend.

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Readings for May:

Although we do not usually read or sing the Psalm, it is included for your interest.

Today: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
Wed 6th Soldiers Memorial: 10am John 14:21-26

10th: Ordination of David Crawley. Presider Bishop Jim White.
Readings to be announced.

17th Disability Awareness service.

Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

24th Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

31st Trinity Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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

Please keep David Guthrie in your prayers. He has been very unwell but now feels he is on the mend.

Some important notices and news

Next Mini-Market: Sunday 31st May, 11am-1pm

Collect up your unwanted treasures and bring them to the church, or phone Pam 817 6503 for collection. (no clothes please.)

Baking always much appreciated, and if you know someone who would like a stall, let Pam know.

We require helpers on the Saturday morning setting up tables from 9.30 for about 2 hours and on the Sunday selling the goodies. Thanks.

Pam

St Francis Council

In April the officers elected: Christine Nash chair, John Hyatt treasurer, Donna Glover Secretary.

Kitchen upgrade. Plans have been presented and approved. We are now in the process of getting quotes.

Organ – our little organ residing in the garage has been advertised as a giveaway, but no responses. Spare parts for someone?

Library:

There is a small library in our smart new lounge. Please feel free to borrow any book – just write your name in the notebook.

Welcome back and Congratulations to our enabler Sarah Stevens who had the perfect

An invitation to short stimulating study series:

A Walk Through The Bible

What makes a good story? One thing is certain: you need a hero. The hero in the Bible is God. You can't do better than that!

Here's another opportunity to explore this great story, in which each of us is a character. You will need a Bible (modern translation) and 'A Walk Through The Bible' by Leslie Newbigin (available from Neil for \$13, or ask to share someone else's copy).

The idea is to read two chapters per fortnight, starting early May, think about questions handed out with the book, and then meet to discuss.

Meetings at Keatings: Saturdays May 16th and 30th, and June 13th and 27th. Time: 3-4.30pm. Address: 70 Rimu Street.

wedding day in April. Deborah has some stunning photos of this happy event.

The Friendship Circle will meet at St Francis on Tuesday 12th May. If you have any interesting knitting patterns, especially baby wear, do bring them. We will finalize the cathedral visit arrangements.

