

ST FRANCIS TITIRANGI May 2020

“God heard and seen in all things -this be our prayer “

Jenny and Neil

We start this May letter with very sad news from Jenny and Neil. Their new baby grandchild Jane was stillborn and we send our prayers for God’s comfort and peace to surround them and parents Evelyn and Russell.

Jenny and Neil have been an integral and loving part of our church community and will be leaving the area to re-settle with the family in South Ak. We will have a chance to say goodbye sometime in the near future.

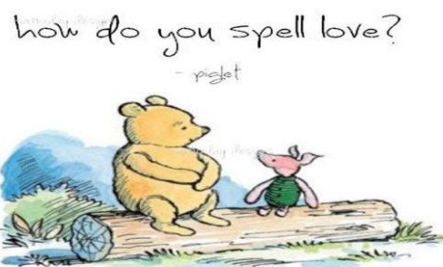
Editor’s note:

We may have missed many dear and familiar things, but what have we learnt during Level 4 lockdown? A considerable amount I think! Our planet for instance is making an astonishing recovery. But for our own St Francis, Level 4 has encouraged us to learn and adapt so we can retain our sense of church and community and continue to worship together in “virtual” reality.

Thanks to our tech guru as well as priest David, we have linked in to other services and run our own on Good Friday and Easter Sunday with a goodly amount of viewers on you tube. Our Zoom morning teas have attracted 15 or 16 folk each time, and those without technical devices were able to join us by phone.

David, Sarah and Christine will continue virtual morning worship services throughout May, with our usual readers, intercessors and reflectors all playing a part and we’ll continue to chat over “morning tea”. I have agreed to take over the newsletter and will learn more about publishing as we go along.

Christine



how do you spell love?
- piglet

you don't spell it -
you feel it.
- bear

Pastoral:

We have maintained contact with all or most parishioners with a phone list, ensuring everyone is OK.

Prayers please for Keatings and also for Betty Costard in hospital, for Susan Wightman continuing treatment, and all those at St Margaret’s Rest home in Te Atatu.

Margaret Wagner turned 100 this week and enjoyed a small birthday party at her rest home with many cards including that special one from the Queen.

Clive and Sally Stevens have finally managed to return to UK after they enjoyed an extended 4 weeks here in lockdown with family.

This and that

Tax certificates for donations: if you're wondering these will be available from Trust Management soon.

Church roof: Has been painted which should maintain it in good condition for many more years before we have to re-roof. Thanks to Elaine for organizing this.

Ministry Support Team and Council:

When we are back at live gatherings, we will need to call a Pastoral leader and a Study co-ordinator for the Ministry Support team and two to three new members for Council. Please keep thinking and praying about this.

Readings for May

These are the Lectionary readings you may like to refer to each Sunday. In our services on youtube, we will be using two not all of these. (Acts is always in the readings for Eastertide up until Pentecost on 31st). Those in bold are the scriptures being read in the services.

May 3rd: Acts 2:42-47, **Psalm 23**, 1 Pet 2:19-25;**John 10:1-10**

May 10th. Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5,15-16,**Psalm 30**, **John 14:1-14**

May 17th. Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;**1 Peter 3:13-22**;**John 14:15-21**

May 24th:Acts 1:6-14; Ps 68:1-10,32-35; **1 Pet 4:12-14**;**5:6-11**;**John 17:1-11**

May 31st Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21;Ps 104:24-34,35b;1 Cor 12:3b-13;**John 20:19-23**

What are you most looking forward to when lockdowns finish...?

I asked this question of many St Francis folk - EVERYBODY said:
Seeing family and friends

Hugs

Getting back to church to worship together

A Haircut!!

Talking face to face

Extended answers included:

Sarah P: curry with fluffy naan bread,
Eve C: a wander through a plant shop to dream about plans for future garden design;

Eva T; teaching piano students, attending orchestra practice

Moira T: Herman being able to have his operation

Alice: a hamburger (though she doesn't normally eat them!!)

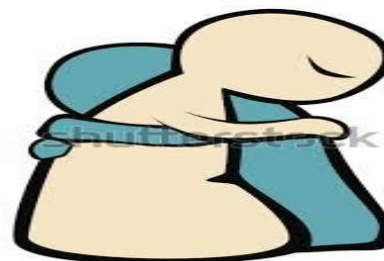
Elaine: A meal and wine at Euro to celebrate their wedding anniversary

Ian: being able to visit Monica (currently in lockdown at Peacehaven)
Playing golf again.

Me: roaming the library and out to Bodega for large traditional English breakfast in the countryside.

Edward: hearing some other subjects on the news.

Sherrell: doing some favourite walks.
Remember HUGS are ahead!



Tune in next Sunday 3rd May. A link will be sent by email.

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