

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

ST FRANCIS – TITIRANGI

February 2014

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

Fabulous February – this could well be our slogan for the coming month! There are very special worship events ahead including a Baptism, an Evensong and a Beachside Eucharist. You will find in this newsletter too, dates for the Mostly Crafts Sausage Sizzle, a Picnic Day and the Discovery Programme. So please, diaries at the ready!

The Worship Team

We had some great services in January so thanks to all involved. Special thanks to Christine who has presided at all of the services. Lindsay hopes to be back on active duty soon.

Sunday 9th February

Two special events:

9.30 Eucharist the baptism of Annette and Andrew's baby boy: Artiar Jesper Laloo Hutchinson. Do come and join in this important occasion with Annette and Andrew, Samantha and William and their families.

5pm Evensong, our first for the year. David will preside. It will follow the traditional pattern, a beautiful liturgy with selected hymns. Do tell neighbours and friends.

The Ministry Support team has decided this year on a monthly evensong on a trial basis the second Sunday in each month. Lindsay, David and Chris will preside.

Sunday 16th February

Beach Service Eucharist

10am Titirangi Beach. Meet at St. Francis at 9.30am. to be transported. We have had great gatherings in previous years, so we will use the same corner of the beach and the same format.

Don't worry about prayer and hymnbooks; everything will be on one sheet. Again, invite neighbours, friends and family. It's a truly inspiring environment. Seating provided, but bring your own if you wish. (If wet, it will be at the church)

Mostly Craft

Sausage Sizzle Sat 15th February 1-3pm . Children love it, so encourage parents to bring them along: activities include games, pavement painting and sausage sizzling. Mostly Craft dates for the year, 15th February then every 1st Saturday every second month. So next few dates are: 5th April, 7th June, 2nd August.

Friendship Circle Picnic

Wednesday 12th February on One Tree Hill (weather permitting) 11-2ish. Pick ups from 10.30am and we will all be home by 3pm. Please bring food to share, folding chairs, rugs. All very welcome. Contact Margaret 817 1330; Elaine 8179555

Market

First one of the year March 30th. If you have anything to sell, and would like it collected, please phone Pam 817 6503. We also need HELPERS just for a short while to sort out on Saturday and to sell on Sunday. The market brings new people into the church – we've heard comments: "I like this – I've never seen inside before". Maybe some will come back to worship with us. Last year, three markets earned the church \$1471.00.

Soldiers Memorial Wed 5th

We regret there will be **no** 10am service in February. Next service will be March 5th.

Discovery Programme - March
Welcome to a Newstart with this exciting programme.

Sat 8th March 3pm If you have a camera please bring it as we meet at the church to go searching for our parish boundaries and to record what seems to be the need within our community.

Sat 15th March Analysis of the photos and mapmaking, discovering top needs. There'll be two more March Saturday sessions, topics next newsletter, then an open forum is planned to relate the findings to the congregation and see how they view the task we have together; what needs have been identified, what needs can be addressed and who is willing to assist in this project?

None of this can happen without YOU, so we would like you to attend these four March sessions if at all possible. Our work is for you. Your work is for us and our work together is for those outside the church to get to know how we tick and for us to know how to be of service to them. Let's DISCOVER together.
Freda and Valerie.

February readings

Today: Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matt 5:1-12.

9th Feb: (Baptism) Isaiah 44:1-5; Ephesians 6:10-17 Mark 10:13-16

9th Feb Evensong

16th Feb Beach Communion:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9;
Matt 5:21-37

23rd Feb Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18; 1
Corinthians 3:10-11 and 16-23;
Matt 5:38-48

Your Prayers

for: Dorothy Ashbolt, Bob Aitken, Lindsay Nash, Joan Francis, John Hyatt, Jill Pearson, Barbara Guthrie, the Elcoat family, Bob and Shirley Foster

Welcome

to Sarah Penwarden and David Crawley who have joined our congregation
It's wonderful to have you with us!

Bob Foster - congratulations on your 100th Birthday!

"We will miss St Francis..."

From October 012 until March 013 we stayed at Park Rd, Titirangi and for no reason other than it was the nearest church we decided to give St Francis 'a go'. We are so pleased and grateful that we did. We were made to feel welcome from the first moment we entered the church. Gradually we recognised peoples faces and remembered (some) names, and they ours and our British reserve (mine anyway!) was forgotten. After our last service at Titirangi Beach we returned to a snowy England in early March. We were of course, sad to leave our daughter and son-in-law in NZ and truly missed our Sunday mornings at St Francis.

Eight months later in Oct 013 we returned and though we were now staying in New Lynn we returned to St. Francis even with jet-lag! We seamlessly joined in again; one or two people not realising we had left and come back!

We returned for many reasons, mostly because the sermons are uplifting (even inspirational) and certainly thought-provoking. Biblical, theological, religious and moral topics are often approached in an uncompromising and sometimes controversial way. We find this very refreshing. Personally I gain strength and peace from the Eucharist taken in such a beautiful setting.

We will miss St Francis - our 'spiritual home' - very much when we leave at the end of March.

Brenda and Dusty Miller