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March heralds special Lent events

Easter is late this year, compared with last year when it was very early. So here we are into March with the season of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday this week.

David will lead a special Ash Wednesday service at St Francis from 7pm, and Lindsay will lead the usual first Wednesday in the month 10am service at the Soldiers' Memorial Church. This Eucharist will include the imposition of ashes.

On Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, we'll be offering the usual free pancakes outside Glovers in the village. Our warm thanks to Glovers for letting us use their electricity. There's a foretaste after church today. Special thanks to chef Valerie.

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..."

So wrote John Keats, one of our favourite poets. Our Harvest Festival this year is on Sunday 23rd March. Again it's quite near the traditional harvest date, the autumn equinox, 21st March.

So now's the time to tell friends, neighbours and relatives, so that we can gather lots of produce to distribute to needy people.

Anything that grows in the garden is welcome, but tins and packets are welcome too.

What a splendid Beach Service, our fourth! Thanks to all involved in the complex logistics and preparation. Next time we'll swing round to catch the patch of sunshine, it was a bit cold at times.

But it was a warm and welcoming service to greet our Archdeacon Carole Hughes last week, and she preached a most effective sermon. She enjoyed her time with us.

In this issue you'll find news of a number of interesting coming events, so mark your diary now!



"Bringing in day" is Saturday 22nd March 10am—11am, or at any other arranged time. Phone 817-1419.

Goods will be given to Christian Lovelink, the Salvation Army, and the City Mission. They really appreciate our help.

St Francis AGM
Sunday, 16th March 2014
Chaired by enabler Chris
Business: to hear reports; to elect officers; general as relevant
Please be there!

Diary notes

March

- 6th Lent Studies
- 8th Discovery
- 9th Evensong 5pm
- 16th AGM
- 23rd Harvest Festival
- 30th Mini-mart

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A special welcome to our visitors today

David has encouraging words about evensong at St Francis

Many of us grew up familiar with the Prayer Book service of Evensong and came to love it, one of the finest traditions of Anglicanism. The advent of TV killed off evening services almost everywhere, except at places like the cathedral.

“...a

great

tradition...”

At St Francis we are re-establishing the tradition, singing the service with the chants that will be so familiar to many but will also come as a revelation to those who have not experienced them.

It provides a framework for many hymns that do not fit easily with the nature of the morning Eucharistic liturgy. It also provides a context for preaching that is able to break from the confines of the Eucharistic lectionary of the morning services and speak to the wider world.

March's Evensong is on Sunday 9th March at 5pm, the first Sunday in Lent. The theme of the address will be on having boundaries in our

lives, individually and as a community. It will raise such issues as the nature of marriage and sexuality, asking where are the boundaries. Where do we cross the boundary between Christian and not Christian? We may even ask the question as to whether God observes boundaries!

Join us as we rebuild a great tradition, the second Sunday in the month. Next: 9th March 5pm

The year of Living Biblically AJ Jacobs

A funny, profound, insightful, reverent and irreverent spiritual journey. Raised in a secular family, of Jewish heritage, AJ attempts to obey the Bible for one whole year. He consults a cross section of the communities that take the Bible literally, has some amazing experiences and discovers ancient biblical wisdom of startling relevance. Recommended by **Valerie Parker**

Worship Committee looks to the future

At their monthly meeting last Wednesday the committee looked at plans for the next six months. They plan by the end of June (1) to have a workshop to improve speaking from the lectern (2) to have a combined worship service (3) to visit a neighbouring church.



We meet the first goal next Sunday when Lindsay and Christine will run a session for readers etc. Then to meet the second goal we are inviting some neighbours, the

Glen Eden LSM and the Titirangi Presbyterians, to join us at our Harvest Festival on 23rd March.

We're hoping too to have the first of our 2014 Winter Series on Saturday 29th March, a Dylan Thomas celebration.

On Thursday 13th March at 12 noon there is an LSM cluster meeting at Pt Chevalier, and we plan to have some representatives there.

Finally, congratulations and welcome to Wayne Brodeur, one of our organists, who has been granted a "Permission to Officiate" licence from the Bishop. You will see him as a reader and guest presider soon.

Lenten Studies: TEAR Fund's 'Inside Out': Chris will start it

'The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8 (NLT)

Inside Out is a six-session course from Tearfund, the Evangelical Alliance and Livability, designed to be used with church groups. Its aim is for us "to be challenged, inspired and equipped to make a difference right where we are."

Throughout these sessions we will be exploring just how big God's mission really is and discover what part we each have to play within it.

By the end the hope is that participants on the course will be inspired and encouraged to take a fresh look at integrating words and actions to help bring change to our community, locally and globally.

Why is the course called *Inside Out*? It's because the key to changing our communities is found in allowing ourselves to be transformed, a key aim of our Lenten journey. As we allow God to change us on the inside, external change cannot be far off.

How it works:

Each session is made up of a few simple stages:

- **Start Out** – there are usually a couple of activities to choose from.

- **Talk It Out** – a guided discussion based on the chosen scripture for that session.

- **Take It In** – from the DVD, well-known church leaders give us some thoughts on the Bible passage.

- **Out And About** – again from the DVD, we hear local church stories to engage and inspire us.

- **Intercede** – a great opportunity to talk to, and hear from, God.

- **Outwork** – in between the sessions there are simple but significant activities to carry out.

At St Francis, 7.30pm—9pm

Thursday 6th March – Part 1

Thursday 13th March – Part 2

Thursday 20th March – Part 3

Thursday 27th March – Part 4

Thursday 3rd April – Part 5

Thursday 10th April – Part 6



**"...what
part
we
play..."**

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Freda and Valerie take the lead

Join the Discovery programme and help us celebrate the positive things about our church and community in creating a vision and our response to those.

Yes, it's Discovery time again, next Saturday 8th March here at St Francis from 3pm-5pm.

You'll need to be on time for this one as we are roaming the area to photo-

graph the Parish boundaries and generally check our assets.

So clear your dairy for 8, 15, 22, 29, March and let's give this Discovery programme a boost from this parish.

Freda and Valerie lead us in this adventure, a programme designed to help us get to know our community and to reach out where appropriate. See them for more details.

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Readings for March:

2nd Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
9th Genesis 2:15-17:3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
16th Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17
23rd (Harvest Festival) Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15;
Luke 12:16-30
30th 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Your healing prayers are appreciated for:: Shirley and Bob Foster, Joyce McNeal, the Elcoats, Bob Aitken, Joan Francis, Helen Tommy
We were sad to hear of the recent illness of Bruce Dale. He has retired from his position as principal of Henderson Intermediate and is home in Matamata. St Francis sent him a card. He is not able to preside at the moment, but we do hope to see him again in the future.

Last Sunday Lindsay had a pleasant time at his former church, Holy Trinity, Waiuku. He is part of the commission advising on the future of this LSM unit, and they meet parishioners later today.

Council Comment and other news

We come to the end of another year of work by your Parish Council. Finances, the property and the church roll are in good heart and a major project is set to start.

We have been awaiting an official letter of approval from the Diocese before presenting the plans for the upgrade of porch and stage to Auckland City Council.

This should arrive by Monday and all being well the City Council should get back to us with resource consent in about a month so we can then get building quotes. Everything takes more time and costs more!

The other good news is that the St Francis website is now up and running: go to www.titirangianglican.org.nz

The Parish Council is responsible for finances, property, maintenance and policy and works in co-operation with the Ministry Support Team.

With the AGM ahead, members of Council who have indicated willingness to stand again are Christine Nash, John Hyatt, Ian Mackley, Donna Glover (who joined us as secretary a few months ago). Hans van den Brink is unsure as yet. Bob Aitken after

many, many years is standing down but his experience will be available and invaluable to the new Council.

The two synod representatives Deborah Rolland and Judy Evitt and our administrator Norman Leach do not stand for election as they serve on Council as of right.

If you are interested in serving on Council, please complete the form or you can be nominated from the floor on the 16th.

Christine Nash

Christine had an eventful time recently, officiating at two delightful weddings at the Soldiers Memorial Church.

And on February 9th we very happily celebrated the baptism of AJ - (Atiar) baby son of Andrew Hutchinson and Annette Laloo and welcomed him into the St Francis church family.

Our first mini-market of the year is on Sunday 30th March. Have you goods to collect? Ring Pam, 817-6503 or Christine 817-1419 Are you able to help, Sunday or Saturday? Contact above people.

Next "Mainly Craft" is early April. More later on this.