

# ST FRANCIS –TITIRANGI

## November 2014

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

**Y**ear's end is fast approaching and looking both back and forwards there are so many blessings for which to give thanks.

Judy Evitt, Neil Keating and David Crawley have been called by the congregation and recently commissioned in their roles as Preaching Co-ordinator, Adult Education and Sacramental Minister in training.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we commemorated All Saints Day, remembering the great saints including St. Francis and the 'smaller' saints in our own lives. The St. Francis Memorial list was read remembering all who prayed and worshipped with us, especially most recently Cynthia Hyatt and Sydney Hart.

Our Blessing of the Pets had a pleasing warmth with around 8 dogs and a few cuddly animals. Betty Costard met a couple with their dog and suggested they come along. They did and were obviously moved as their little dog "Socks" who had been in a recent accident, received a blessing

We rounded off the winter series of social events with a very successful and happy "blind" wine tasting. We had garbled reports of many lively expressions of opinion about the 'masked' wines, most of them wrong!

Four St. Francis folk attended the recent LSM conference at King's College. Attendance was down maybe due to the cost, but there were several inspiring presentations, notably from the CEO of World Vision; from Sarah Park outlining creative Services of the Word and Ian Render introduced beautiful new music some of which Chris Harris taught us recently.

Locally, the LSM cluster meeting at Te Atatu on Pastoral Care was very well attended. And those who were at the Preaching Workshop run by Chris Harris found it interesting and enlightening.

Christine, Lindsay and Wayne also attended the Diocesan Ministry Conference, featuring some inspiring talks from the CEO of Air New Zealand and the Archbishop.

**Looking Ahead** –we are delighted to welcome back Anne Moody who will be our preacher on November 16<sup>th</sup>. And on November 30<sup>th</sup> there is a special Advent Sunday service to usher in the season leading to Christmas.

**Reflections** – a short advent study

Three silent/contemplative reflections (with some discussion) on Luke's gospel:

Mary's Song (Lk 1:39-56)

Zechariah's song (Lk 1:57-80)

Simeon's song (Lk 2:22-35)

Choose from:

Mornings: 10.30 to 11.30 Tues Dec 2,9,16.

Evenings: 7.30-8.30pm Wed Dec 3,10,17

Saturday mornings for men 8.30-9.30am

Dec 6,13,20.

At the Church.

Study/reading guides available each Sunday preceding. Bring your bible.

Enquiries: Neil and Jenny Keating 833 1931

**Christmas Play**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December replacing the sermon.

Looking for characters!

If you'd like to be part of this fun event, see or phone Christine 817 1419. We need adults and children (costumes supplied). Only 2 rehearsals needed.

### *.Mostly Craft - 22nd November*

1-3pm Theme: Advent/Christmas  
Encourage family and friends to come and join with the children in a happy afternoon!

**2015** Mostly Craft -Second Saturday of each month. ( 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, social sausage sizzle, 14<sup>th</sup> March Easter: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 8 Aug, 12 Sept,14 Nov.)

### *Friendship Circle*

Hopefully a gathering in November at the church. Date to be decided.

Listen for notices in church, and/or you'll get a phone call.

### *Mini Market Day - 30<sup>th</sup> November*

11am until 2. This is a great fund-raiser and also an opportunity for the community to know where we are. If you have goods, please bring them to church or contact Pam for collection:817 6503. HELP needed on the day please!

### *Show West Singers - 7<sup>th</sup> December*

Do come along and enjoy a happy time of song. Refreshments served. \$10 a ticket at the door.

### *St Francis Council*

The porch and stage project is complete and looks great. New carpet is now down and Deborah, Donna, Val Aitken and Christine are responsible for purchasing furnishings. When all is ready we will have a special blessing ceremony for the new space and name it for Ron and Eileen Bambury. Ideas for names: e.g. Bambury lounge? Barbecue: Council is buying a barbecue, useful for Mostly Crafts and for the Market Day.

### *Watakere Outreach*

PLEASE keep bringing your non- perishable donations for Waitakere Outreach as part of our commitment to Christian Lovelink. Christmas goods appreciated now.

*The City Mission* also needs your donations. Please put your spare change or notes in the money box provided.

### *Readings*

We usually do not include the Psalm in our services, but you may like to look it up for the day.

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov:Today.** Psalm 78:1-7; Josh 24:1-3a,14-25; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov:**Psalm 123: Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

**23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Christ the King:** Psalm 100; Ezek 34:11-16,20-24; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov Advent :** Psalm 80:1-7;Isa 64:1-9;1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

### *Your Prayers and Blessings*

**for:** Eve Campbell who has been in hospital; for: Olive Vinsen, Jill Pearson,Helen Tommy, the Elcoat family.

For Eva Tollemache starting a new job.

And for those travelling overseas: Chris and Christine Harris; David Crawley and Sarah Penwarden, Hans and Anke van den Brink

### *Help!*

Urgent help needed for flower arranging.

You do not need to be an expert. Flowers supplied. Phone Margaret S 817 1330.

More folk required for teas: Moira 827 1074 Greeter/Sidespeople roster. Handing out hymnbooks and greeting on Sundays. Phone Christine 817 1419

### *Congratulations*

To David Crawley on attaining his PhD. (photo next newsletter!)

### Handy phone numbers reminder

No operator assistance necessary. Dial direct.

For assurance: Mark 8: 35

For reassurance. Psalm 145:18

When you want peace and rest

Matthew 11:25-30.