

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

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We're trying to rebuild your Church, Lord!

It's a happy coincidence that our blessing of changes to our church building coincides with the celebration of our patron saint, St Francis.

"Rebuild the church" he heard a voice say. At first he took it literally, but later he realised there was more to it than that.

Today we are pleased to welcome members of the Bambury family as we officially open the Bambury lounge.

Peter Hart was not able to be with us; he can rest assured that his parents Pam and Sidney are very much in our thoughts today as they both spent a great deal of time in the kitchen!

All Saints' Day isn't till November, but it's at time like this that we are very aware of "so great a cloud of witnesses", members of our congregation who are no longer with us but who live in our memories to cheer us on. We are very blessed.

In particular we remember St Francis: remind friends and neighbours to bring their pets for the "Blessing of the Pets" next Sunday.



Diary notes

Oct

11 Pets

25 singers

Next Sunday, 11th October, bring your pets!

An event not to be missed, our annual 'Blessing of the Pets'. We sometimes have some interesting arrivals. The more the merrier!

Do try to spread the word this year. The attendance very much depends on the publicity we receive in the community

Our service on Sunday 11th begins at 10am and will be led by Christine and Lindsay. We'll have some familiar hymns, a special liturgy and of course tea and coffee afterwards. Maybe

dog biscuits too. Please leave your horse outside.



Our special spring service was again a fitting celebration, lovely flowers, candles, and some fine singing—and dancing! Thanks and congratulations to all concerned.

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Discussion continues on important matters of conservation and climate

Sermons aren't *always* necessary! Last Sunday in the sermon slot we divided into six groups to discuss some matters of conservation. As Freda explained, the worship committee set up a sub-committee of two to frame some questions for the congregation to discuss. It stimulated some lively and fruitful talk.

The areas they selected were water, transport, power, personal resources, fossil fuels and weather.

**“...are
you
happy...”**



The questions we were asked to consider was: “Are you happy with the status quo, and what would you do to change this?”

Each group reported back and Freda collated the written summaries. We hope to have this posted on our website for your study.

Copies will be sent to the bishops and to Rod Oram, who had an article in our Anglican magazine Taonga on the same matters.



We also considered the question, “What is quality of life for you?” Freda quoted from one of the answer forms.

- to believe and to be believed
- to love and to be loved
- to be warm and give warmth
- to have comfort and to give comfort
- to experience the traditional and the contemporary
- to have maximum positivity and minimum negativity
- to spend time with old friends and have time for new acquaintances
- to be thankful for the past hours and integrity for the future minutes

“Creativity in Worship through Drama and Art”

It's been a while coming but now it's here. Our LSM Cluster Meeting has been postponed a couple of times but we now have a new firm date, St Francis, Titirangi on Wednesday November 18th, noon to 2.45pm

St Francis folk, please come along and support us as we host LSM groups from Waiheke, Te Atatu, Helensville, Pt Chevalier, Huapai.

The topic is “Creativity in Worship through Drama and Art”. It Starts at noon with soup and rolls.

Special guest, Sarah Park, Diocesan Educator, will speak for 20 minutes at 12.45.

We will be sharing with others creative ideas, resources, past plays, short sketches suitable for all the church seasons, plus storytelling and art projects.

Do join us for an imaginative, inspirational and worshipful few hours .



Perceptive Anglican Synod report from Deborah and Judy

Synod feedback from Deborah and Judy had some interesting and significant points. We're lucky to have such a good pair as our representatives.

The bishops' report (or "charge") included a comment about last year's Indaba programme, where triads of ministry units met over a weekend.

Our partners were Onehunga and Torbay. Anne Priestly, the Onehunga Vicar, sent us a Patronal Festival message: "Love and our prayers for your common life together and your mission in the world around. We hope you have a wonderful Sunday!"

They noted how one of the themes to emerge from the Indaba meetings was how often it was reported that "We had no idea how the Local

Shared Ministry worked." It's great that major learning has taken place.

It was good to see that their charge included a comment on the very point we raised in last month's newsletter, global warming and climate change. Pope Francis' "massive and important encyclical was quoted: "Climate change represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity today"

Let's hope our bishops continue to be involved in such current issues.



"..major learning..."

A minor but interesting matter

To veil or not to veil! Our informal discussion at notice time last week was surprisingly interesting and lively. We talked about covering the chalice etc with its coloured veil, or leaving it in simple bareness.



There's clearly no one right answer, but the contributions to discussion were quite wide ranging and thoughtful.

In sum it seems the majority of the congregation like the colour of the covering and how the progress of the liturgy is marked by its removal at a significant point. It's a

development in the drama.

So thank you for your comments and the good humour with which they were offered. "Variety is the spice of life"?

Calling all singers!

There will be a music and singing practice at the home of Eva Tollemache on Sunday 25th October, from 3.30 until 5 pm.



Eva writes " I will supply wine and juice, cheese and crackers." Address is 548 South Titi-rangi Rd.

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Readings for October:

4th. Patronal Festival: Psalm 119:145 to 152. Galatians 6:14-18; Matt 11:25-30; (these are the St Francis day readings)

11th Blessing of the Pets: Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

18th: Acts 16:6-12a; Ps 147:1-7; 2 Tim 4:5-17; Luke 10:1-9

25th: Job 42:1-6,10-17; Ps 34:1-8; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Nov 1st All Saints: Wisdom 3:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Rev 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Remember appropriate prayer is always available at the altar rails after the service.

Happenings here and there

“Discovery”

The Discovery team have a meeting tomorrow, Monday 10.30am at Freda's. Ring her if you're interested, 817-8402

We are looking at various plans for future involvement in the Titirangi community.

Wine tasting;

Our final gathering for the Winter Series has been dogged with unavoidable absences and illness. It's not good trying to taste wine with a cold! But we haven't given up: it's too important an event to let it slide. We'll keep you posted.



Friendship Circle:

No firm date has been set for the next morning tea later this month.

Mostly craft:

Next gathering, Saturday 14th November

Enabler:

Our enabler Sarah continues to join us for MST meetings and various

training sessions. This includes meeting our sacramental ministers and David, who is on course to be ordained sometime in the new year.

Winter ills:

As noted elsewhere, we've had more than our share of illness this winter. We continue to support all those concerned by our prayers and good wishes.



Christmas 2015:

There are now just 84 shopping days to Christmas; we asked Google. So we've begun to think about the shape of this year's celebrations. Neil, our education convenor, has some stimulating suggestions, and we'll look again at our traditional 9 lessons with carols. If you have any ideas, please see one of the Worship Committee.

All Saint's Day, 1st November:

There's no newsletter before this, so here's a preliminary warning about this special day. We'll have more later.