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Rebuilding starts here and now

It took me many years to get over a slight shiver up my spine at the first scent of spring flowers. This was especially so as I walked up through Albert Park to the birthday cake towers of the University of Auckland.

For those scents of spring meant "exam time" and I didn't really look forward to exams.

I think I'm over it now. I rejoice in the showers of gold that glow in the local bush, kowhai gold. And my hanging baskets are planted with petunias and lobelias that will soon blossom.

Have you planted your seeds from the spring service?

We've got lots happening here at St Francis to welcome spring. Today we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. Isn't it great to have such a patron, a man closely linked to

nature, the flora and fauna around us. A man dedicated to aiding the poor, to rebuilding the church.

I believe the Local Shared Ministry that we embrace is in a sense a re-building of the church, and we are all part of it.



So our response to the call for stewardship continues our role in rebuilding the church. We all have a part to play.

Another step along the way is our response to the next calling. Read all about it inside.

Today at 11.15am we have a healing service. This will be repeated every other month, the even numbers, at 11.15am The next is 2nd Dec.

The Blessing of the Pets is at 10am

It's next Sunday, 9th Oct. We've had some marvellous gatherings in the past, but the numbers depend entirely on the amount of publicity we can give the event.

So do tell friends and neighbours and take a few flyers to give to any pet-walking encounters you may have.

The service starts at 10am and is a bright "service of the word" that appeals to all. Tea and coffee will follow as usual. Dog biscuits too?

See inside for important notices about two clean ups at St Francis. Can you help?

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Spring service gives rise to lively creative work at St Francis

At our special spring service you were invited in groups to compose a short poem, a cinquain. Here they are.

Spring
new growth
popping heads up
joyful singing at sunrise
anticipation

Awakening
Tuis twitter
flower blossoms open
morning has finally broken
Reveille

Spring
dawning light
burgeoning new growth
creation of new birth
Life

(It might as well be)
Spring
tada—Hurrah!
Ever hopeful green
promise of joy renewed
creativity

Rebirth
explosive amazing
making everything new
joyful wonderful colourful plentiful
anticipation
Congratulations all! What a creative congregation we have!

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'How To Read The Bible For All It's Worth

Spend two Saturday afternoons meeting with three scholars!

The Bible yields up its treasures and secrets in many stimulating and encouraging ways. It repays thoughtful, reflective and patient reading.

Among the best of guides is the book 'HBW' (the title above) by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, professors of New Testament and Old Testament, respectively, at Regent College, Vancouver, a post-graduate seminary.

St Francis' own scholar David Crawley, senior lecturer at Laidlaw College, will lead us in a survey/overview of the Fee/Stuart book.

It aims to teach us a fruitful approach to the Bible, that is, appreciating the various types of litera-

ture its 66 books contain— historical narrative, poetic, prophetic, theological, and more. And, of course, their interpretation for our times. Bring your Bible, a notebook and pen.

First meeting: Saturday 5th Nov at 3-5pm at St Francis church.



The little koha tin is working well for our Sunday morning tea and coffee. It has cut down expenses by around \$20 a month. Please continue to drop in your small change.

Response to Stewardship appeal will take many different forms

We do hope you have filled in your stewardship form and have it ready to hand in.

If you didn't get the material, or you have left it at home, never fear! More forms are available, and you can hand them in next week.



Stewardship has many forms and response to the calling is one of them. Anne's detailed information is on the enclosed insert. If you need any explanation, do see her or any of the Ministry Support Team.

Our calling will be on Sunday, 6th November.

Mostly Craft
 Saturday 29th October
 1:30 - 3:30pm
 Children 5-11 years
 (Accompanied)
St Francis Church
 Call Donna 817-5412.
 Visit our website:
www.titirangi Anglican.org.nz

Garage Tidy-up
Labour Day Monday 24th Oct
Yes, we are tidying up the garage and there's a bit of rubbish to throw away. We will have a small skip Sunday till Tuesday, and you are welcome to put small items in it for \$2 an item to help defray expenses.

Only small items please as we need room for the garage stuff! See Christine or Ian with any queries.

All those folk storing items in the garage, please make sure they're neatly packed in corners so they don't get tossed.

"...has many forms..."

Coming events have wide appeal!

Spring working bee:

On Saturday 15th October from 10.00 to 12.00 we are having a Working Bee in the garden.

The idea is that people come with their secateurs and pruning saws and we remove the saplings and secondary growth that makes the garden rather untidy at present.

We will stack the offcuts on the verge between the church and the garage and I will get our gardener to remove this rubbish when he comes to do his normal weed clearance a few days later.

John Hyatt

Preaching workshop:

Our enabler Anne will lead a preaching workshop at St Francis this coming Saturday, 8th October 3.00—5.00pm

All are welcome, whether you're thinking of offering to preach, to help with evaluating preachers, or just interested in words!

We'll be studying Matthew, so bring your Bible.

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Readings for October

2nd: Patronal Festival Psalm 148:7-14; Galatians 6:1-6,7-16;
Matthew 11:25-30.

9th 10am. Blessing of the Pets printed service

16th Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

23rd Eucharist and Baptising Adela Hutchinson.

Ezekiel 36:22-28; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Mark 1:1-11

30th All Saints Day. Printed service

Funeral Resource booklet

This is a very handy and easy to complete booklet to leave so your family and friends know your wishes .

Do take one home and fill it in, and leave it somewhere for them.

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

News and notes from here and there

Christian Love Link:

Helen Philip said that the organisation is in a crisis situation. It has lost its funding, and several churches are also now not financially able to support it.

A new group NorWest Food Bank has been granted funds formerly given to CLL and to Waitakere Outreach.

However, Helen has found that the new group is not covering much of Henderson or New Lynn and she has been making food parcel deliveries to those areas.

The Christian Love Link AGM is on 19th October 7pm at Hillsborough Baptist Church. Helen hopes church representatives will attend as they need to state what they can or cannot do in support.

Friendship Circle:

We raised \$32 at our mini trading table for Christian Love Link. Our last donation helped them pay their phone bill. Next meeting: Wednesday 19th Oct, theme to be announced.

Baptisms:

We are delighted to announce that Annette and Andrew's baby girl Adelarisa Aroha Laloo Hutchinson will be baptised at church on October 23rd. Also: Christine is baptising two children at Soldiers' Memorial Church on Saturday November 5th at 2.30pm.

Please attend if you can, so these children can be welcomed into a Christian community of faith.

Adopt a Family:

The Pastoral team will launch this project on 20th November. Last year's was very successful, and the huge Christmas hampers of food, gifts and vouchers went to needy, grateful families.

This year Helen has identified five families, and we invite you to contribute a gift, food, or money for vouchers. There will be a list of appropriate Christmas groceries and goodies to help you with ideas.

Everyone contributed to this very special initiative, so let's make it bigger and brighter than ever this year! Talk to Christine or Moira.

Christmas Mini Market

Nov 27th 11-1pm

Please keep this date aside. If you have any goods, please either bring them to church or let me know and I can pick them up.

Helpers are required on the Saturday before for set up and also on the Sunday. Please let me know if you are able to help on either of these days. It will only be for a couple of hours.

Thanks.

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