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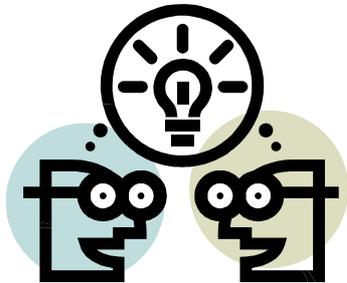
96 PARK ROAD, CNR TITIRANGI BEACH RD SEPTEMBER 2016

“Come on in, Spring!”

It's a time for new beginnings, and also time to reflect, renew, revisit, revise and reawaken.

We've had a number of new beginnings recently: our Sunday afternoon Eucharist at 3pm the last Sunday of every month, our healing time every other month on the first Sunday, and our trial use of a different Lord's Prayer.

Today we'll have a report on the Auckland Diocesan Synod from our two representatives Deborah and Judy. What new ventures will they describe?!



We'll have our special spring service next Sunday, 11th September at our usual time of 9.30am. See later for more details of this.

Last week we had a meeting of the worship committee and the music group. We discussed various plans for the future and you'll see these implemented as we go forward.

David is circulating monthly a list of major themes and ideas

emerging from each Sunday's readings.

Freda is publishing monthly a list of hymns suggested for the coming weeks.. Together these projects will help promote a cohesive approach to each Sunday's worship. Our warm thanks to those concerned.



Inside you'll find news about another recent event, the opening of the Bishop Selwyn Chapel at the Cathedral. There's notes too from Anne about our important Stewardship project.

Lots to think about!

There are those for whom attending a service at 9.30am is extremely difficult, usually for health reasons.

So at 3pm on the last Sunday of every month there will be a celebration of Eucharist at 3pm at St Francis.

The next will be on Sunday 25th September.

Diary notes

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Funeral brochure available at back of church

A special welcome to our visitors today

Spring service next Sunday celebrates “Service of the Word”

Our spring service this year further explores “Services of the Word.” Don’t worry! You’ll be guided every step of the way.

We’ll have some readings that capture the essence of the season, indeed the essence of the four seasons of the year.

We’ll have an activity for you to join in. Again, full instructions will be given and we’re sure you’ll find it enjoyable.

“...give

One of the characteristics of our congregation here at St Francis is everyone’s willingness to give it a go!

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Come on in, spring!

Some ideas about participation for you

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Here are a couple of things for your consideration.

go...”

The worship committee would like a brief response from you, nothing too profound, just a word or two, on how you see our services here at St Francis.

With this newsletter you’ll find a slip of paper for you to fill in. We’d like you to do it today if possible, but if not, hand it in next week.

There’s no need to put your name on it, unless you really want to.

Here’s a new idea—at our recent worship committee meeting another way of inviting your participation in the service was suggested.

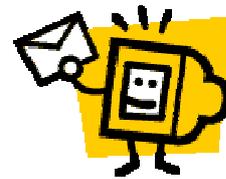
Perhaps you’ve had something special happen to you or a family member or a friend. Or some inspirational thought that came to mind. Anyway, something that you’d like to share.

Ongoing news from the Diocese

If you have a computer, you might like to the Diocesan website or this link

vimeo.com/179971291

to see a video of recent events.



This includes the opening of the Bishop Selwyn Chapel.

There a new video every week.

If you’d like to speak, see the presiding priest before the service. They will discuss with you a suitable time for you to speak, not a mini sermon, just a few words.

We’re introducing this on a trial basis, something that maybe happens occasionally, not necessarily regularly.

Let us know what you think.

This is the last newsletter before two significant events:

2nd October: St Francis Patronal Festival

9th October: Blessing of the Pets

This an event that you might like to share with neighbours and friends. We’ll have some flyers for you to distribute, perhaps to those walking dogs as you pass by!

Stewardship—Enabler Anne has wise words to offer for St Francis

"The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it".

Stewardship is a thanksgiving to God for all we have. As Christians we believe that human beings are created by the same God who created the entire universe and everything in it. To look after the Earth, and thus God's dominion, is our responsibility.



When we give to the Church in time, talents and our financial resources we are sharing with God so that we can continue our journey to know God and make God known in our community. So we

are giving back to God that which we have been asked to care for.

On September 18th I will be preaching about the Stewardship plan using two pamphlets – one a pamphlet concentrating on our time, talents and our giving.

We ask you to reflect and pray about those activities and your financial giving to St Francis. You may wish to let go of an activity and/or pick up something different.

The second pamphlet is called 'Live to Give' and identifies for you the reason the Council need to have a commitment from as many people within the congregation to regular financial giving. The first pamphlet will be brought back on Sunday October 2, patronal festival day, as part of the offertory. If you require further information, please speak to Ian Mackley or myself.

Blessings
Anne Moody

**“...give
time
and
talents...”**

“Mostly craft” catches creative urge

Mostly Craft—next Saturday 10th September, 1.30-3.30pm. As it is Spring, it is about Creation, and we hope to have butterflies, flower cards, plants, peg dolls. We'll have a look at how the universe works!

The following **Sunday 18th September** we are trialling **Mostly Games** again, 1.30-3.30pm. Games, indoor/outdoor, a story and pizza (gold coin koha for pizza).

Please cover these outreaches to the community in your prayers.

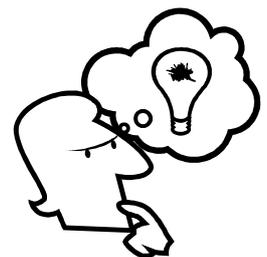
There are flyers on the entrance table for both events. It would really help if everyone took them and dropped them into letter-boxes where there are families. Thanks.

Margaret

Friendship Circle had a good morning tea on 24th. Margaret explained plans for the “Tell the Christmas Story” event in December. There was lots of interest and offers of help.

Next meeting Wednesday 28th September.

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Readings for September

Today: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Philemon 4-21; Luke 14:25-33

11th Spring Service: Isaiah 55:6-13; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 6:25-34

18th Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Daylight saving begins 2am Sunday 25th

25th Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15; Ps 91:1-6,14-16; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Thoughts and prayers to Hans and Anke, Lindsay's grand daughter Emily and her family, especially Liz and Tom

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



Notes and news from here and about

Launderer temporarily required:

Susan Wightman very kindly does the church laundry: purificators, other church linen as needed and also tablecloths. She will be away in Australia from September 25th until October 23rd and asks for someone to take over for her until her return.

Bon voyage!

Norman is setting off to visit family in England early Monday. Safe travels and a wonderful holiday, Norman.

Thank you to Susan Crozier who will be looking after the computer etc and to Neil and Jenny who will set up the Sanctuary until he returns.

Conferences:

Helensville Cluster meeting, Thurs 22nd Sept. Topic: Care of the Grieving led by chaplain Joan McIntosh. Anyone interested in attending and sharing transport, talk to Susan Crozier 021 268 6816 or Lindsay.

Mini LSM conference, November 12th at Huapai.

Koha tin:

Do drop any spare coins in the tin to help with expenses for morning tea and coffee. Every little helps!

South Pacific Pictures:

If you were passing the church and

saw lots of cars on a non Sunday, it was South Pacific Pictures filming nearby and hiring St Francis as their base for cast and crew make-up, costuming and refreshments.

They have hired twice now and noted their appreciation of the location, the facilities and the good will they encountered when dealing with St Francis Council

A big thanks to Ian Mackley.

Connections:

Recently I met with Andy and Matt from the Titirangi Baptist Church and Robbie from the Life Church. We had a wide ranging discussion about possible activities together, to bring to the attention of Titirangi folk that there is a Christian presence here.

We wonder if there's a chance of regular space in the Fringe.

We're meeting again on 21st September. We'll keep you posted. *Lindsay*

*World week of prayer for Peace
16th October to 23rd October. There
are pamphlets available with more
information*

Next healing service:

Sunday 2nd October, 11-15am

