

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

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“Cast care aside!” It’s spring

Today our special celebration of spring continues our path through the seasons of the year. We move towards our next major landmark, Advent.

We have so much to celebrate and rejoice in here at St Francis., haven’t we. But let’s also continue to take time to reflect quietly on what ideas we can renew, reawaken, revise, revisit.

It’s so important for us to look outside our own four walls. Many of you already do, quietly, unobtrusively, un-trumpeted. What more we as a parish can do we continue to explore.

In a couple of weeks we combine with the Presbyterians for a further celebration of spring. How powerful would it be if all the churches in the area combined

in a special project in the field of social needs and injustices. We have some tentative contacts and we will continue to develop more.

Firmly directed prayer can be powerful, and we remember that God has no hands but ours to do his work.



We have so much to look forward to: Chris reports a very positive response to our calling and he will be announcing the results soon.

Meanwhile the Kowhai in our bush is loaded with gold, a sure sign it really is spring. Welcome!

Diary notes

Sept

14th Evensong

21st Guest

Local Shared Ministry calling



On the 31st of August the congregation individually “discerned” who they would like to call to vacancies on the Ministry Support

Team:

2 x Sacramental Ministers,
Preaching Co-ordinator and
Adult Education Co-ordinator.

Chris Harris will announce the results and commission those new members, we hope, on September 14th if confirmed by the Bishop.

Otherwise the commissioning will be held on October 14th.

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Disability Awareness: we mark this on Sunday 21st September

In representing St Francis Church 2 months ago, Helen Philip and I attended the "Beyond Disability Conference".

As a result of Helen's approach, we are delighted and privileged to welcome Emmanuel Koks, a lecturer at Laidlaw College, to our 9.30am service on 21st September. He will speak in the sermon slot on issues of faith and disability.

An opportunity to see and hear him is on UTube, with his name, where that conference talk is recorded, as also 2 other speakers, Timothy Lee a pastor and Geoff Wickland ; and explore Elevate Christian Trust, a wonderful busy, inspiring

NZ Christian Ministry for those with disabilities, and with international outreaches.



It's a special interest of Valerie's: please let her know if you want to further your interest in this field.

See the church notice board for a Helper's Seminar. 27th Sept at Onehunga

Valerie Parker

“...issues
of
faith...”

Council Corner: visible progress made

As you see, the building project is up and running very swiftly. Thank you for your patience: it won't be long before the new entry, children's corner and meeting room are completed – **maybe** early to mid November.

Meanwhile, a reminder that the temporary entry is via the front porch and the women's toilets are off the foyer in the disabled toilet area.

Thank you in particular to Ian Mackley who has been the “driver” of this project and to Norman Leach – without them the project would not have got off the ground!

When it is all complete, we will need a name to honour Ron and Eileen Bambury who left St Francis the legacy to get started.

Winter series draws happy group to St Francis

Our winter series has continued splendidly. “You show me yours, I'll show you mine” produced some amazing objects, most notably from John Hyatt a several thousand year old object from Tutankhamen's tomb.

Recently we shared excerpts from our favourite books and music, again with an astounding variety.

Next will be a film, title and date yet to be decided.

Then, as last year we will finish with a blind wine tasting, the bottles, not your eyes, masked, so you can't see the labels. For a number of reasons that will probably be on Saturday 18th October.



Sidney Hart: R I P

Sidney epitomised the spirit of St Francis in so many ways, and it is hard to imagine the place without his faith, humour, knowledge and conversation

His funeral was a marvellous family occasion, a great gathering of his relations including Jeremy who arrived from England the night before. And there was a large number of St Francis folk, a family that meant so much to him.

Son Peter's eulogy was a memorable tribute to his father, and it was interesting to learn more about his earlier life and war exploits. His old violin in its original case rested under the casket as we heard tributes to this very special gentleman, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

By a happy mischance, Freda began to play an extra verse in one



of the hymns. It would never have happened with Sidney present: standing nearby, he always signalled the last verse by sharply closing his hymn book.

Like Canon Ron, Sidney exuded love of his fellow men. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." If every a person deserved those words, Sidney did. Salve et vale, dear friend.

**"...love
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Diocesan activities create interest

It was indeed a "Road Show", but one with somewhat mixed results. As we noted last issue, a group from St Francis went to the Selwyn Library to hear a number of presentations from Diocesan officers.

Some were quite technical, insurance, finance and administration. For most the main point of interest was the introduction to the new Diocesan website.

It was hard not to be caught up in the enthusiasm of the young woman making the introduction. Most notable, there are chances for individual parishes to be creatively involved, making use of the Diocesan design services.

But at the back of one's mind lurked a question. Amongst all this

technology, where was the Anglican thrust towards solving matters of social injustice, child poverty, and so on.

An irrelevant topic maybe, but one that does need addressing.

A group from St Francis also went to the west Cluster meeting at Te Atatu, with the focus on Pastoral care.

There was much fruitful sharing of ideas, but one may have wished to hear more about the workshop on Pastoral care being offered by one of the enablers. It's clearly a field many wish to explore.

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**Evensong as usual next Sunday
14h (2nd Sunday) 5pm St Francis**

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Sundays 9.30am**

First Wed 10am(SMT)

Second Sun 5pm Evensong

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Readings for September:

7th: Spring service. Song of Solomon 2: 11-13a; Psalm 104; Matt 18:15-20

14th: Liturgy 456. Exodus 14: 19-31; Romans 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

21st Liturgy 476 Exodus 16:2-15; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20: 1-16

28th: Service with the Presbyterians at their church.

Lectionary readings for the day are: Exodus 17:1-7; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32 although we will not necessarily be reading these at the service.

October

5th Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46

Please keep Deborah and Judy in your prayers and the Diocesan Synod in general as they meet in the far north.

Lots to look forward to at St Francis

Mostly Craft:

Sunday 21st September: All interested or with ideas for children/family work are invited to attend at the back after morning tea that day.

Coming events:

Next Sunday, 14th September, Chris will be preaching and then leading a workshop on sermon evaluation. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 21st: Disability awareness as noted page 2.

Sunday 28th: We will join with the Presbyterians at their church to continue our spring celebrations. Details will be worked out this week. When we met last time, at our mid-winter service, their numbers matched ours. Let's see if we can reciprocate!

Sunday 5th October: Synod reps Deborah and Judy will report.

Sunday 12th October: our Patronal Festival of St Francis.

Sunday 19th October: the Blessing of the Pets. Tell your friends and neighbours.

Evensong: We regularly hold this traditional service on the first Sunday in the month at 5pm in St Francis. Attendances have been slim. Keep it in mind,. Wayne is at the organ, and we have some familiar, friendly hymns.

Cardboard squares; If you haven't yet filled in a card answering questions about your hobbies, interests and so on, please

see Norman. We have to have these "Building blocks" up on the wall soon. Thank you all those who responded so thoughtfully.

Memorial service:

It was a privilege on Saturday to lead the memorial service in the Soldiers' memorial Church for Florence (Flo) Rasmussen. She and her family were long time worshippers here in the early days, and her husband Jim aided by their son Jimmy built the St Francis hall. They all enjoyed having a good look round.

"Fawlty Towers"

Our Sacramental Minister Christine Nash turned into an imperious battleaxe for her role in the Titirangi Theatre production of Fawlty Towers.



A St Francis booking of 24 attended the matinee on Saturday 6th and enjoyed much mirth and merriment. (The season which runs until Saturday 13th is completely sold out).