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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st June 2014 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00 am - Eucharist (NZPB 404) Dean Michael Godfrey

10.00 am - Choral Eucharist (NZPB 404)

Preacher and presider: Dean Michael Godfrey

Ormond Chapel, Napier Terrace: No services.

*Please ensure all cellphones are switched **OFF** when in the Cathedral; if necessary, adjust hearing aids to the "Loop" system.*



The **CATHEDRAL KIDS** programme is normally offered at the Cathedral during the 10.00am service on Sundays of the school term; or there are craft/colouring activities available for children on the back table.

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PRAYER CYCLES

Anglican Communion

We pray for the diocese of Cueibet in Sudan, and the Rt Rev'd Elijah Mutaney Awate.

Anglican Board of Missions

✝ We pray for the Diocese of Polynesia; and especially for the twelve landless families of Nadawa, Fiji as the Diocese works towards securing land for their community.

Diocese, Parish and Community

✝ The Vicar General, Rev'd Brian Hamilton; Dean Michael Godfrey; The Regional Deans (BOP, East, HB)

✝ Archbishops Brown Turei, Philip Richardson and Winston Haiapua.

✝ The retired Bishops of Waiapau.

✝ We pray for those who are unwell, awaiting for, or recovering from surgery, or bereaved, especially: Nancy, Pat, Ian, Chris, Richard, Helen, Diana.

*We have **low-Gluten wafers** (below 20ppm) available - please advise the Presider, or one of the Welcoming team, if this is your dietary requirement.*

TODAY ...

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today, especially if you are visiting Napier or the Cathedral for the first time. Feel free to join us for morning tea or coffee served at the back of the cathedral following the 10am service.



THE PROCESS TO ELECT THE NEXT BISHOP OF WAIAPU

Nominees for the 16th Bishop of Waiapu are :

Rev'd Alex Czerwonka, Rotorua
Rev'd Andrew Hedge, Cambridge
Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim, Napier
Rev'd Barbara Walker, Hastings
Rev'd Oenone Woodhams, Napier

Profiles of each candidate, along with their biographies, are now posted on the Diocesan web-site ... <http://waiapu.com/resources/electoral-college-candidate-profiles/>

The Electoral College will meet on the **14-15th June 2014 in Havelock North**. Please continue to pray for the candidates, the electoral college members, and our Diocese.

The Parish AGM will be on Sunday 29th June, after the 10 am service. We need to start collating group annual reports. Please could they be into the office in advance, preferably by 15th June.

BELL TOWER

Vestry members have received, considered and discussed the engineering report into the state of our building.

There is much to be optimistic about; some areas to be concerned about; and more detailed engineering exploratory work to be completed!

In the meantime, please be aware of new signs attached to the bell tower, which state:

This tower and entrance are earthquake prone as assessed under the Building Act 2004. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

ON LEAVE

The **Rev'd Margaret Thompson** is on leave but she will be back in the parish office on Tuesday 3rd June! We're saved! Thanks to those who have held the fort in her absence. The Cathedral and office will be closed tomorrow, Monday 2nd June, for Queen's Birthday.

PRAYER DURING COMMUNION

A member of the ministry team will be available in the Resurrection Chapel during Communion at the 10.00am Choral Eucharist service in the Cathedral, for anyone who wishes personal prayer, or prayer for a specific purpose, and/or anointing with oil for healing (if required).

If you wish to have someone pray with and for you, please go directly to the Resurrection Chapel (at the back of the Cathedral) after receiving communion.

TODAY'S READINGS ...

Sentence:

"Go and make disciples of all nations," Jesus commands; "I am with you always, even to the close of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Collect:

Eternal God, the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son
with great triumph to be Lord of all;
leave us not comfortless
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
that we may labour for the coming of your
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 1:6-14

While the apostles were still with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, are you now going to give Israel its own king again?"

Jesus said to them, "You don't need to know the time of those events that only the Father controls. But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."

After Jesus had said this and while they were watching, he was taken up into a cloud. They could not see him, but as he went up, they kept looking up into the sky.

Suddenly two men dressed in white clothes were standing there beside them. They said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven. But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go."

The Mount of Olives was about half a mile from Jerusalem. The apostles who had gone there were Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the

son of Alphaeus, Simon, known as the Eager One, and Judas the son of James.

After the apostles returned to the city, they went upstairs to the room where they had been staying.

The apostles often met together and prayed with a single purpose in mind. The women and Mary the mother of Jesus would meet with them, and so would his brothers.

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;

let those who hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire:

so shall the wicked perish before God.

But let the righteous be joyful:

let them exult before God with great joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name:

lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds:

his name is the LORD, be exultant before him.

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows:

such is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in:

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people:

when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain:

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad:

you restored your heritage when it languished;

your flock found a dwelling in it:

**in your goodness, O God, you provided for the
needy.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth:

sing praises to the Lord

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens:

listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:

and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel:

he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:5-11

Dear friends, don't be surprised or shocked that you are going through testing that is like walking through fire. Be glad for the chance to suffer as Christ suffered. It will prepare you for even greater happiness when he makes his glorious return.

Count it a blessing when you suffer for being a Christian. This shows that God's glorious Spirit is with you. Be humble in the presence of God's mighty power, and he will honour you when the time comes. God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him.

Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack. But you must resist the devil and stay strong in your faith. You know that all over the world the Lord's followers are suffering just as you are. But God shows undeserved kindness to everyone. That's why he appointed Christ Jesus to choose you to share in his eternal glory. You will suffer for a while, but God will make you complete, steady, strong, and firm. God will be in control forever! Amen.

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me

is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

GOSPEL COMMENT ...

Vast tomes have been written on John 17, often called the "High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus. Suffice it to say that the sense of the first Christians was powerfully an awareness of the presence of the risen Lord with them, though few and increasingly none had "met him in the flesh." For this to become a part of our scripture it *had* to be a part of John and others' communal experience. If it is not something we experience then individually and corporately we probably need to return to our knees, metaphorically or literally, to seek again the awareness of the presence of God.

FROM DEANLY DELVINGS

This land is your land and this land is my land, sure, but the world is run by those who never listen to music anyway.

Bob Dylan, *Tarantula* (1971), 88.

FROM YOUR DEAN ...

Myers-Briggs psychological profile assessment is an imperfect but useful tool not only to self-understanding, but to understanding those around us. It is scorned by some in some professional circles, and by some devotees of other schema, but on the whole it's better than nothing.

The quadrants into which the scheme steers us should never be either a pigeon hole into which to slot ourselves or others, nor an excuse for our own dysfunctionalities. Still: we're all pretty much human, and the human package comes with a dysfunctionality or two.

Sometime in the last decade some wags have put together some prayers for Myers-Briggs profiles, and some more scholarly types have put together Recipes for Myers-Briggs profile. For those of you who have the arguable fortune of knowing me well it will be little surprise that my M-B prayer is "God, help me to finish everything I sta ...". My M-B type's methodology for preparing pumpkin soup is subject to copyright, and can't be reproduced here, but suffice it to say the end result, if there is one, may not involve pumpkins or soup. "God, help me to finish everything I sta ...".

The danger that M-B and other profiling methodologies highlight is the danger of dismissing ("dissing") those around us whose lives and methodologies differ to our own. To be honest we all do it, or at least do until we've reached a level of life-quality most of us are yet to attain. "Oh he/she is *so* pedantic" my type might say of its opposite (I am an extreme INFP, so my opposite is an ESTJ). "Oh he/she is *such* an airhead/scatterbrain" the ESTJ would probably say of me. The prayer of the ESTJ, incidentally, is "God, help me to not try to RUN everything. But, if You

need some help, just ask."

While St Paul did not have the arguable advantages of access to Myers-Briggs, he would have enthusiastically applied his famous "we are all members of the one body" to its sixteen personality types. Were I to build a bridge we might all end up eating purple scrambled eggs on the riverside while chanting "OM", and the river remain uncrossed. Were my opposite to build a bridge it would be extremely efficient and functional, and perhaps very Soviet era in appearance.

Paul makes clear we need all types to build a faith-community. That need spreads out through time too: look at the *whakapapa* of a parish or a diocese, for example, and different types will have held different roles in history, as well as within the body at any one given time. Above all we need to see the gifts in one another, to appreciate, affirm, and never diss. (This, incidentally, applies no less in our search for a bishop: we need the prophets an the poets and the pragmatists ... who is God calling this time?).

Our task though as Body of Christ is to recognize and affirm the gifts we see in those around us. We diss them at peril: those gifts are the gifts of God.

FORTIETH WORLD VISION FORTY HOUR FAMINE

Many thanks to those who donated to the Godfrey boys' 40 Hour famine effort!

THE CREED AND CROSSED FINGERS?

WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST

... ONLY SON OF GOD

Having taken 'the leap of faith', proclaiming or confessing 'Jesus is Lord', we are empowered to make wilder, more maniacal claims. Only Son? If ever there was a claim if Christianity designed to separate us from our Muslim cousins, it is this one. Says the Koran, 'Allah forbid that He Himself should beget a son!' (Q'ran 19) Philosophers of religion who seek an amorphous merger of great religions surely strike a stumbling block at that moment!

To some extent the fault is ours. As we scratched to find words describing the incomprehensible relationships between the community of tri-unity we fell back on language of begetting, immediately if accidentally giving the impression that the Creator God and servant Mary had nookies in the back blocks of Palestine. Understood more creatively the doctrine of the Conception of Christ is saying neither more nor less than that the God who flings universes across universes can fling life and salvation into the womb of a Hebrew peasant girl. This is not a biological description of how Jesus 'happened', but a theological description of how God acts, and it is done. Theologians (so-called) and even billboard designers hell-bent on suggesting or proving that Mary had sex, voluntarily or otherwise, with a Roman soldier miss the point, and dwell in their own myopia.

What we say when we profess belief in one 'Lord, Jesus Christ ... only Son of God' is that we believe Jesus of Nazareth

and the Creator God are so inseparably One that when we see the life of Jesus then we *uniquely* see the will of God. At the same time we say the Man of Nazareth is utterly, utterly human – that in him God invades human lives, and can invade and transform our lives too, when we receive and confess our faith in him. How we 'get Jesus into us' is the work of the Spirit – and that comes later in the creed.

The next few sub-clauses of the creed unpack some of this profound and incomprehensible mystery.

The Te Hakari Tapu service is held at the Cathedral on the first Thursday of the month at 12.30pm, in the Aotearoa Chapel.

A wonderful opportunity to improve your Te Reo, and gather together. This Thursday, 12.30.

HOUSE STUDY GROUP

Meets on Wednesdays, and is held at Elisabeth Paterson's home, 102 Kennedy Road; led by Dean Michael.

The group meets at 10am for morning tea or coffee, the study is from 10.30-12noon; meeting Wednesday 4th June, and fortnightly thereafter. Contact: Elisabeth, ph 835-4609.

A.A.W. NEWS AND EVENTS

Our next Afternoon Fellowship will be on Wednesday 4th June, at 2 pm, in the parish Lounge. We are going to hear "A Traveller's Tale."

All are welcome

Advanced Notice

On Wednesday July 2nd we will be having a mid-winter lunch in place of our usual meeting. 12 pm at The Boat Ramp, Ahuriri. Anyone is most welcome to join us, but please let us know by 30th June. Phone Sue Cosham: 8446914, or Elisabeth Paterson: 8354609.

AAW Evening Fellowship

Invite you to hear Prof. Kay Morris Matthews speak on her book *Who Cared?*

Childhoods within Hawke's Bay Children's Homes and Orphanages 1892-1988
Monday 9th June at 7.30 pm.
St Paul's Church Lounge, Tennyson Street.

This is a Visitors' Night and everyone, including men, is welcome. Ph Isobel 8448252 or Judy 8350884 for further information.

CALLING FOR FOLDING TABLES!

Please let us know if you have an old card table, or other small folding table, to donate or lend. They will be used at the back of the church during morning tea. The plan is to be able to sit and enjoy fellowship and coffee after the 10 am service in a little more comfort!

Notes from recent AAW meetings:

- On Holiness: *"The newly baptized are not clothed with the garments of holiness because they have suddenly become very good. The early Church painfully learned that this was not the case. We are indeed a holy nation, not because we love God but because we accept that God loves us, despite all our endless failures. Our holiness lies in the acceptance of forgiveness again and again."* Dominican Timothy Radcliffe quoted by Revd Jenny Dawson in her Lenten talk "What is Holiness?"
 - Enjoyed an illustrated talk on St Christopher's Homes in Suva given by Rev'd Rosemary Carey at the Regional AGM.
 - We have started a prayer chain for members; on a lighter note Judith Howlett, a new member, is teaching four of us to learn Mahjong. It's challenging and fun!
- Held a special Social Concerns session to discuss issues we are concerned with especially in this election year.

CONCORD STRINGS

Conductor: Vincent James
And

CANTARE SINGERS

Conductor: Joe Christensen
IN CONCERT

St Matthew's, Hastings, Saturday 7th June, 7.30 pm

St John's Cathedral, Napier
Sunday 8th June. 2.30 pm
(followed by afternoon tea).

Adults \$20, Senior Citizens \$15, students \$10. Available at door or from performers.

COMING UP THIS WEEK ... & OTHER DIARY DATES -

Wednesday 4th June

Home Bible Study Group

Wednesday 4th June 2pm AAW after noon fellowship in the Parish Lounge.

Thursday 5th June. 12.30 pm.

Te Hakari Tapu in the Aotearoa Chapel.

Friday 6 June 7.30 pm. Christian Love link AGM, Napier Baptist Church.

✠ Sunday 8 June

10.00 am - Day of Pentecost - Parish Eucharist and Baptism

♪ Sunday 8 June

2.30 pm - Concord Strings and Cantare Singers in Concert in the Cathedral; Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students \$10

✠ Sunday 8 June

5.00 pm - EJP meeting in lounge

Monday 9th June 7.30 pm. AAW: Prof Kay Morris speaker. St Paul's lounge.

Saturday 21- Sunday 22nd June

A.A.W. AGM. All Saints, Taradale.

Saturday 21 June 7.30 pm Isabelle Demers Organ recital .

✠ Sunday 22 June

10.00 am - Woodford House school at

the Cathedral for Choral Eucharist with the Woodford House choir

Sunday 29th June Parish AGM.

Wednesday 2 July AAW mid-winter lunch. 12 pm, The Boat Ramp.

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST ROSTERS have been emailed... please arrange a swap and advise the Office if you are not available for your rostered duty. Thanks.

MID-WEEK SERVICES

(in the Resurrection Chapel)

9.00am - Morning Prayer - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

10.30am - Eucharist - Tuesdays

12.30pm - Mid-day Prayer - Wednesdays

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NEXT SUNDAY - 8th June 2014

Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21
 Psalm 104: 24-34,35b
 1 Corinth: 12: 3b - 13
 John 20: 19-23

Cathedral:

8.00 am Eucharist
 10.00 am Choral Eucharist with the cathedral choir

Ormond Chapel, Napier Terrace:

11 am Eucharist

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