

KEEPING CONTACT - September 2017

The Monthly Newsletter of the Parish of St Mark's and St Andrew's

Letter from Pamela

Greetings to you all.

As I drove across Palmerston this morning, I noticed with delight the presence of some very fine hosts of daffodils and other bulbs. In this very wet season, in a time when most of our lawns and fields are wet and boggy, it's a bit of a miracle to me that the bulbs have kept on flowering, bringing their colour and fragrance. Hope of Spring is alive and well (thank God).

In the midst of our bog of homelessness and difficult decision-making, it's good to see the daffodils of friendship, dreams of revitalised church and laughter that generate hope in our midst as congregations. We too are alive and well (thank God)

This is a short *Keeping Contact* because it comes with the larger papers of our Annual Report. **Please read the Reports and come to our Annual meeting on Sunday 17 September.** On this Sunday, Johanna Warren (Interim Moderator for St David's) and I will lead a short worship service focussing on thanking all our volunteers for keeping us flowering with hope. This will be followed by a special morning tea and then our two separate congregational AGMs. If you have any

questions on the annual reports we would encourage you to take them directly to the writers of the reports for clarification, **before the meeting** so we can focus on issues raised.

We will be looking for new Parish Councillors to elect to our number; if you have any suggestions for nominations or wish to volunteer yourself please give me a call and I can let you know just what it involves.

In the month of September our Office Administrator will be working from home much of the time, as she copes with being farmer as well as servicing us. She can be sent messages by the usual email address (markandrew@inspire.net.nz), but for other matters you are welcome to contact me.

In the meantime, may God's peace and grace remain with you.

Pamela.

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What next for the Recycled Clothing Shop?

The Recycled Clothing Shop has been a community-facing service for over 25 years, providing sound, second-hand clothes at very affordable prices, to the people of Awapuni and surrounds. It got packed away when the parish stopped using St Mark's in order to strengthen the building.

Marie tells us that people still come to St Mark's on a Thursday morning, looking for the shop!

So, what do we do now?

Reita Barrow (ph. 357 5869) and Lesley Shaw (ph. 358 3185) believe the shop met a real need and see possibilities for continuing the ministry it offered. We need to come up with a proposal to put to Parish Council. Are you interested in helping us work out such a proposal?

Come and meet with us at
**9.30 am on Saturday 16 September
at St Mark's Church.**

Upcoming Music Events Roy Tankersley



Wednesday 13th September 12.30 pm
St Peter's Church, Ruahine Street
Guy Donaldson (Piano) Schubert Impromptus

Wednesday October 11th 12.15 pm
Palmerston North Central Baptist Church
Organ Power No 111 (Roy Tankersley)

Saturday October 21st 4.00 pm
St Peter's Church, Ruahine Street
*Ingrid Culliford (flute), Hye-Won Kim,
(violin) Kris Zuelicke (piano)*

Wednesday November 8th 12.30 pm
St Peter's Church, Ruahine Street
Concert: Chris Dann (Jazz Piano)

See you around - here and there - and everywhere. Roy

Connecting Team Notes

While the coughs and colds are still around, we have seen glimpses of the promised spring recently - due tomorrow! Soon it will be warm again and the ground will lose the excess moisture we have at present. Spare a thought for the farmers!

Marie Mills will not be in the office a great deal for the next few weeks as her husband has broken his leg and she is chief 'lady of the land' meantime (milking, calving, feeding calves and feeding out hay to the stock!). Please contact Pamela with any problems meantime on 3553908, 0274910677 or at the Parish Office Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

The Connecting Team met on Monday last week and discussed our planned activities for the remainder of the year.

- **Sharing Soup Sunday** was a great success and some good conversations were held between our parish folk. The donations were very generous and raised \$104.40 thank you all.
- We had some open and honest communication about the present services, engaging children in worship, and improving our communication in the parish which was very helpful. (NB: We are always open to any feedback that will improve the way we operate).
- Another **Quiet Day** is planned for Saturday October 28th venue TBA so please note this on the calendar
- **Under discussion** - Garage Sale or Christmas Fare to be held in November and perhaps a plant sale in February
- Members of the St David's Pastoral Team joined us later in the meeting and shared their role. It was great to make connections with what both teams do and we plan to meet together every second month now, starting October 16th.

Other news from around the parish:

- An additional **Service of Holy Communion** will be held at **4pm on Sunday 3 September at St Mark's**: all welcome and especially those unable to attend the morning worship.
- **Bible Studies** will be held at
 - 4.30pm on Monday at 51 Roy Street, and
 - 10.00am Tuesday at St Mark's
 - The passages to be studied will be those set by the Rev Ian Boddy, preacher for 10 September i.e. Matthew 17: 22-27 and 18: 1-5.
- Rosie Thornton has resigned from Parish Council but will remain on the Property Team. Richard Pratt was welcomed to the meeting on Monday and will represent the team at future PC meetings.
- The parish is very grateful to Mary & Archie McIntyre for their undertaking of Aokautere Services in recent months and we wish to affirm their important role (due to Dennis & Jenny Body being unavailable now).
- **The AGM** is planned for Sunday 17 September 2017 after the service. The Parish Annual Report will be delivered to you next week and please note that though a summary of the finances is in the Report, copies of the full audited accounts will be available on request.
- **'Friday Nighters'** next 3 planned meetings are as follows (all welcome to any event):
 - Sept 15th at 6.30pm - a two course buffet meal at Capers Restaurant for the fixed price of \$20;
 - Oct 20th at 6pm Fish and chips night at St Mark's - only cost is your share of the fish and chips.
 - Nov 8th at 6.30pm Centrepoint Show - cost is Centrepoint charge for attending.
- We are working on including the weekly notices on our parish website so that you can check on events at all times e.g. when not able to attend church.

Calendar

Sunday 3 September

- 10.00 am** Parish has Communion at The Lychway with St David's, 5 Roy Street, PN
- 4.00 pm** A Short Worship Service will be held in the strengthened church at St Mark's in Awapuni. Everyone welcome. Please contact Lesley Shaw on 358 3185 if you require transport .

Monday 4 September

- 10.45 am** Service at MetLife Care led by Neal Gilchrist and Pamela Tankersley
- 6.45 pm** Ukulele Group meets at St Mark's for beginners and 3 chord songs and at **7.15 - 8.00 pm** for more advanced songs and picking.

Thursday 7 September

- 9.30 am** Mini Movers at St Peters
- 11.00 am** Service at Olive Tree led by Lesley Shaw
- 1.30 pm** Games Afternoon in St Mark's Nest

Sunday 10 September

- 10.00 am** Parish has Worship at The Lychway with St David's, 5 Roy Street, PN

Wednesday 13 September

- 10.00 am** Bible Study Group at Jeanette Clark's home
- 12.30 pm** Music Concert—Guy Donaldson (Piano) Schubert Impromptus at St Peter's Church
- 5.00 pm** Finance Team Meeting at St Mark's

Thursday 14 September

- 9.30 am** Mini Movers St Peter's
- 7.30 pm** Choir Practice at Roy's home, 51 Roy Street

Friday 15 September

- 6.30 pm** Friday Nighters. *To be seated by 6.30 pm.* Two course Buffet, plus coffee at Capers Café, Terrace End. \$20.00 per head. **Please phone Rita 357 5869 by Wednesday 6 September.**

Sunday 17 September

- 10.00 am** Parish has a short time of worship and a special morning tea followed by our Annual General Meeting at The Lychway, 5 Roy Street, PN



Monday 18 September

- 10.00 am** Connecting Team Meeting
- 6.45 pm** Ukulele Group meets at St Mark's for beginners and 3 chord songs and at **7.15 - 8.00 pm** for more advanced songs and picking.

Wednesday 20 September

- 9.45 am** Fellowship Meeting at St Mark's
- 5.00 pm** Spirit Life

Thursday 21 September

- 9.30 am** Mini Movers at St Peter's
- 1.30 pm** Games Afternoon at St Mark's. Everyone most welcome.
- 7.30 pm** Choir Practice at Roy's home, 51 Roy Street

Saturday 24 September

- 10.00 am** Parish has Worship at The Lychway with St David's, 5 Roy Street, PN

Tuesday 26 September

- 10.00 am** Bible Study Group at Jeanette Clark's home
- 7.30 pm** Parish Council at the Tankersley home, 51 Roy Street

Thursday 28 September

- 9.30 am** Mini Movers St Peter's
- 11.00 am** Service at Masonic Court led by Lesley Shaw
- 7.30 pm** Choir Practice at Roy's home, 51 Roy Street

Sunday 1 October

- 10.00 am** Parish has Worship at The Lychway with St David's, 5 Roy Street, PN
- 4.00 pm** A Short Worship Service will be held at St Mark's in Awapuni. Everyone welcome. Please contact Lesley Shaw on 358 3185 if you require transport .

Hear about

... two trucks loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus that collided as they left a Wellington publishing house last Thursday? Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied...

Remember those in our parishes who you have not seen at church for a while please visit as a friendly face is always welcome.

There are also a number in rest home care who would love you to drop by!

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If you know someone who is not well,
PLEASE let the office know! Someone will get someone in contact.

Spring Flower Posies



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On **Sunday 7 October** we plan to celebrate the flowering of spring as part of our worship for World Communion Sunday.

We need help to prepare small posies of spring flowers and to deliver them to our home-bound members.

If you are able to:

- contribute flowers on Friday or Saturday
- come and make posies on Saturday 6 October, 10.00 am at St Mark's Church
- deliver posies on Sunday afternoon

please contact Lesley Shaw (ph. 358 3185)



Lectionary <http://presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources/lectionary-resources>

3 September

- Ex 3:1-15
- Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- Rom 12:9-21-25
- Mt 16:21-28

10 September

- Ex 12:1-14
- Ps 149
- Rom 13:8-17
- Mt 18:15-20

17 September

- Ex 14:19-31
- Ps 114 OR Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21
- Rom 14:1-12
- Mt 18:21-35

24 September

- Ex 16:2-15
- Ps 105:1-6, 37-45
- Phil 1:21-30
- Mt 20:1-16

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