

The background of the cover is a photograph of a stone archway leading to a landscape. The arch is made of rough-hewn stones and is partially covered by green foliage. Through the arch, a bright sun is setting or rising, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. In the distance, three crosses are visible on a hill against the orange sky. In the foreground, a set of stone steps leads up towards the arch. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

# ST AIDAN'S

## *Parish Magazine*

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*Worship*

*Caring*

*Mission*



## Glen's Foreword

It always surprises me how quickly the days go by. It seems only a little while ago we were getting used to writing 2018 and now we are already ¼ of the way through it and at the time of writing, right on the cusp of Easter Weekend. Although, lots has been happening around the parish. Our regular ministries are back in full swing, there have been baptisms, weddings, and funerals here, the development of our Evening Service, men's breakfast, an SGM and we have just completed the spring clean. As we made our way to Holy Week we had a fantastic Palm Sunday service with the Golden Group joining us as well. We are looking forward to the fishing trip and hopefully the rescheduled sailing trip which was postponed due to rough weather. In terms of our Sunday worship and homegroup life we have been looking at the topic of "Sharing Our Faith", thinking both about our experience of faith, the historic Christian faith and then what it looks like to share that with those around us. As I started by being aware of how quickly time passes, it reminds me of that passage of scripture from 2nd Corinthians which is also part of our liturgy, "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). God is at work in the world around us now – are we joining Him in that work today?



It has been great to get 'first read' of the Parish Magazine and to see the various things that take place here as well as read some one-off articles. Stephen Rengan's piece on his road to completing his first Marathon is an inspiring and engaging read as is Sarah Ashworth's piece on how we can talk about our faith through some of the popular stories of our time. The donations we have been able to give to various causes due to the hard work of the team in the Mission shop is fantastic. Thank you to all who have contributed to a great edition and to all who make St Aidan's lively and part of God's mission to this part of the world.

- The Rev Glen Ashworth  
Vicar



*Christ is  
Risen!  
He is risen  
indeed,  
Alleluia!*

## The tree, an ending and more new beginnings!

When I wrote a snippet for the Parish magazine last year, winter was beginning to bite and we were looking forward to the coming season of spring and new beginnings. The tree outside my office window was almost bare. It has since flowered, been alive with spring blossom, a number of tui and bees. Today, as I write what will be my last contribution, the tree is showing the first signs that autumn is once again upon us; the leaves are beginning to change colour and there is a sense of things winding down in nature in order to replenish over the winter months and look forward once again to a new season of growth.

During my time here I have been truly blessed by the warmth and prayerful support of so many. I feel that I will leave this place having made new friends, people that I will hold dear in my heart. But like all good things there comes a time when God's Spirit prompts us to move on and for me that time has come. As most of you know I travel over 50km a day to be here and the travel time has markedly increased over the past few months to a point where I am spending up to 2 hours a day just travelling to and from work. While I leave with a sense of reluctance I also know that the time has come for you as a parish to begin looking ahead, to seeking God's will for new direction and that I am not 'called' to be part of that new initiative.

As for the future – I am looking forward to having a bit more spare time to relax and discover what God might have in store. There are a number of books waiting to be read, a rather neglected garden to be cared for and time to spend enjoying and walking with my new little dog. I have also been approached by the National Manager of Hospital Chaplaincy in NZ and offered a role of 8 hours a week at Middlemore Hospital as Lead Chaplain Manager for a few months. This will be a new and somewhat challenging role in what is now NZ's largest hospital, but at least it is easily accessed by train. I don't expect to be bored!



As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and you move forward as the people of God at St Aidan's, my prayer for you all is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying; to be mindful of each other's needs and to continue to be the generous, hardworking people of God in this place.

May God bless you all.  
- The Rev Pam Tizzard  
Priest Assistant



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# Teach the children...

**A**t a recent baptism I preached a sermon on teaching the children, as part of our Lenten series of 'Sharing our Faith'. A number of people asked if I might share what is basically a simple message, in a different format. So I have attempted to precis it here.

The first 6 words of the Gospel of Mark 8:31-38 begin: "Then he began to teach them..."

Over the past few weeks I'm sure most of you will have seen on TV and read in the newspapers the horrific accounts of the Turpin family where 13 siblings suffered unbelievable abuse at the hands of their parents; chained to furniture, starved and living in their own excrement. Sadly this abuse was supposedly done in the name of god but it certainly isn't any god I would want to know or proclaim. And horrific as this story is, it reminds us that children all over the world are still being raised not only in abusive situations, or in extreme poverty, but also being brought up without proper, or even any, moral training.

We ask ourselves, "What sort of standards, or lack of them, are we giving our children these days? Indeed! What sort of training are they getting, in the home, the school, the Church? Are they ever taught the difference between right and wrong?"

As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of children you want what's best for the children in your life, I know that, being a mother and grandmother myself, but what can we do to have a positive moral and Christian influence?

You can't bring up children in a bubble wrapped test-tube, you can't surround them with cotton wool and protect them from outside influences. You can't bring them up neutral either. Life just isn't like that. So we begin to teach our children. And their training often begins when that first speck of white pops through their gums and someone rushes out and buys a tiny soft little tooth brush. Parents want their children to have good teeth so they encourage, cajole and even if necessary harass their children to clean their teeth. They don't say, "Well, we'll leave it until they're grown up. Then they can decide whether they want to clean their teeth or not." Of course they don't say that – when they leave home they'll clean their teeth or not, regardless of what you say. In the meantime, as good examples, you'll get them to clean their teeth. You'll hope it becomes a good habit – because it's the best thing you know to do with them.

The same principles apply to moral questions. As children grow one of the first lessons they're taught is to share their toys with other children. They're taught what belongs to them and what belongs to others and that taking and keeping someone else's things is stealing, and an issue they will have to pay the consequences for. They're taught how to tell the truth and that not telling the truth is lying and a serious breach of personal relationships. As the years go by you'll be trying to instil basic moral standards into them.

No-one in their right mind says, "Well, we won't bother about all that. Let them decide when they're adult whether they want to be selfish or unselfish people, honest or dishonest, truthful or untruthful people." We just don't do that. When they leave home they'll become what they'll become regardless of what anyone says – but in the meantime, we, as good adult examples will be hopefully teaching them the virtues of being

unselfish, honest and truthful, hoping that it will become a good habit. Why? Because it is the best we know – and we want the best for our children. And as a word of encouragement when it all seems a bit too hard, it is said that we live the second half of our lives according to the habits acquired during the first half. So stick with teaching your children good habits.

We all know that it's impossible to bring children up as moral and spiritual neutrals. When they leave home children will either hold on to what you've taught them, or they won't. They'll go their own way, but a lot of it will stick, and remain in their minds all their lives.

The big questions they'll ask as they grow up are the big ones all adults face: Where did I come from? Why am I here? What am I supposed to do while I'm here? Where am I going?

And this is where sharing our faith comes in. The Christian faith gives answers to these questions which are at the heart of the meaning of life. And, although they are by no means easy answers, none-the-less, they are answers that have given a satisfying purpose to life for people over the last 2000 plus years.

Being a parent or grandparent, an aunt or uncle, or even a friend to a child, is a difficult job, more difficult these days than even a generation ago. With all the pressures and dangers surrounding children they have to somehow be taught the difference between good and bad so strongly that they'll be able to resist the pressures of the school playground, and the group persuasion of their peers. I, for one, am convinced there is no stronger shield than a good Christian belief system.

Teach them - show them - that there's a dimension of religious experience all around them; from the stones of an ancient cathedral, to the beauty of a newly hatched butterfly. Get them to feel the exhilaration of a great piece of music, and the miracle of a new-born puppy or kitten. Introduce them to a world full of mystery and wonder, of miracles and love.

One of most valuable things you can do for them is to get them to experience a dimension that is beyond sight and touch, but still very real. That's God's patch, and where we can feel God very close. Teach them to believe in a God who cares, and by whom they're loved and accepted.

Children can feel very vulnerable, miserable and rejected. Tell them that the Creator who made them loves them just as they are, whatever they've done and however they may feel. Then they'll never be worthless in their own eyes. If they can live comfortably with themselves and have their own integrity, their own convictions, they'll be able to live comfortably and constructively with others.

Share your faith with them. Tell them about Jesus... the man who lived a 'pro-active' life of self-giving. Tell them Jesus' stories. They're good stories, ideal for teaching our children and they all underline the quality of life Jesus led, and which God wants us to live. And, teach them to pray. There is no better or more effective way to share our faith with children than to teach them the Lord's prayer – a prayer that speaks of the holiness of God, of our identity with God; a prayer that seeks for justice for ourselves and for others; a prayer that acknowledges God as the provider of all our daily needs.

Teach them well. Share your faith. And be assured, if you want the children you love and care for to grow up to be resolute, life-affirming people, who are part of the world's healing and not its hurt, there is no better training than a Christian one to do that.

Amen.

- Pam Tizzard



## Regular Events at St Aidan's

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion & 9:30am Family Communion 5:00pm G@5 (except 2nd Sunday of each month) 5:00pm Evening service (4th Sunday each month)
Wednesday Service	11:30am Holy Communion without music
Morning Prayer	9am Monday to Saturday - in the Gathering Area.
Prayer Meeting	7pm Wednesday - in the Gathering Area for ½ hour.
Youth	Sun at 9:30am service and Fri at 7pm. Contact Conor.
Kids' Church	All children aged 3-10 during the 9.30am service. Contact Sarah.
Friendship Group	Wednesdays at 10am in the Gathering Area. Join us for fellowship, games and morning tea.
Mainly Music	Wednesdays during term time at 9.30am. Music & play for families with pre-school aged children. Contact Sarah.
Choir Practice	Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Bethel Room. Contact Chris. New members welcome.
Home Groups	All welcome! Contact Sheryl or Glen for more information.
AAW	A women's fellowship group. Meets monthly on 1st Tuesday at 1.30pm.
W.E.F.	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3rd Tuesday at 7.30pm.
Men's Ministry	Meets last Thursday of the month. Contact Glen for more info.
Pins & Needles	Meets monthly on 1st Monday of the month. Contact Marie Taylor on 524 8642.



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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CURTAIN BANK

St Aidan's has a long standing partnership with Habitat for Humanity. In the past we have been involved, on 3 different occasions, in supporting the building of one affordable house for one disadvantaged family.

HfH is now offering the Parish the opportunity to participate in a new project. This project is not about home construction, but rather it is centred on home improvement, and not for one home, but for many homes – in fact the aim is for it to reach many thousands of homes. What HfH is doing is setting up a Curtain Bank to provide curtains to low income families living in accommodation where the curtains are of poor quality, ill-fitting, and more often non-existent. These families have been identified by the District Health Boards as having very sick children, in many cases with severe respiratory illnesses.

Where does St Aidan's fit in? Firstly St Aidan's will act as a collection point for the Eastern suburbs where curtains can be donated here during office hours, Mon-Fri, or at a time when donations are made to the Mission Shop. Jenny Haggitt has agreed that the Mission Shop volunteers will separate out any curtains that come in and set them aside for Habitat to collect. So thank you to Jenny and her team for undertaking to do this.

Secondly, each of us can strive to get the word out among family and friends and through our own networks about the Curtain Bank and the pressing need for pre-loved, full length curtains in good condition.

Notices will be put in the news sheets of all the Remuera Churches as well as at the Cathedral.

And if anyone ever pops into an Op Shop, how about having a look for curtains which can be purchased very cheaply?

Thirdly, if you or anyone you know can operate a sewing machine and is able to give up half a day to help make up curtains from donated material, then this skill is in great demand. Hopefully a roster can be drawn up if there are several sewers keen to help.

And finally can we all of us hold the Curtain Bank project in our prayers as we give thanks for this opportunity given to us as a Parish to assist agencies like Habitat who seek to do God's work of serving those in need in our own city.

Please contact St Aidan's Church office for more information.

- Barbara Weir

*"Research shows that well fitted curtains can increase the temperature of a home by up to 3degrees Celsius thereby adding warmth and also helping to reduce fuel bills. So it is important that the Curtain Bank project is well under way before Winter sets in."*



# Caring

## Men's Ministry

A part from regular involvement in the life of the parish from the men with hedge clipping, lawn mowing, reading, nativity set design and AV operating we continue to meet as a group every last Thursday of the month for Breakfast at Brown's Café. This has been a great time to get to know one another and swap stories of work and leisure. All men are welcome to join and as we occupy the largest table in the café there is always room to join us.

We planned to have a yachting outing in February which was offered to all who would like to join. John Glenie and Andrew Fraser both made their yachts available and did a lot of prep work for the day. We had good numbers for what promised to be a great day on the water, but unfortunately the weather won out. This was the beginning of a rough patch which only a week later saw Cyclone Gita come through. We are planning another date to do this so watch this space.

Another regular event and one that is also open to all is the fishing trip on board 'Marnine', a 50ft Classic Bridge Decker which is only able to exit and enter the Outboard Boat Club during low tides and taking up to 20 people comfortably. We will be heading out early this time on April 7th, around 7am and typically look to do a bit of drift fishing around some of the Hauraki Gulf's many small islands. Lunch is a moveable feast depending on the 'bite' time and in fact the whole day is one that is very relaxed. Get in touch with the office if you would like to come along.

- Glen Ashworth

## Friendship Group

Everyone was happy to be back to our Wednesday mornings of fellowship and games after the wonderful summer days, which continue into the Indian Summer we are enjoying now.

We had a group that met in each other's homes to keep in touch over the time we were closed for the summer. Baker's Delight are continuing their donations of bread, scones and delicious Easter buns, for which we are extremely grateful.

On Wednesday 25 April we will join the parish for the Anzac Day celebrations with the morning tea afterwards. We welcome visitors to our group. Wednesday mornings 10am to 1pm.

- Jenny Haggitt  
For the Wednesday Friendship Group

## Women's Evening Fellowship

Women's Evening Fellowship had a very interesting, informative and inspirational talk by Joanna Pidgeon for our February meeting. A truly amazing woman. Joanna is a parishioner of St Aidans and her topic was, 'My Life as a Christian Lawyer'. It certainly was a great evening to start the year.

In March we had Allyson Gofton doing another demonstration for us. It was Easter baking this time. We were all able to taste and enjoy the delicious baking over a cup of tea and fellowship. Allyson's anecdotes of the history and stories behind the food were fascinating.

Handmade Treasures will be displayed and commented on by two talented ladies in April and with a royal wedding in May we will celebrate by sharing our own wedding photos to be brought along and displayed anonymously; then fun for us all to identify each photo.



A warm invitation is extended to all women in the parish and friends to join us any month if they are unable to come regularly.

- Leanne Allport, Alison Ross, Jan Evans

## AAW (Association of Anglican Women)

St Aidan's Association of Anglican Women is a very active group which meets at 1.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month from March to December. We have a well proven formula for our meetings which includes a service, meeting, speaker and afternoon tea. Our group has around 60 paid up members (annual sub \$20) and we usually have around 40 at each meeting. Recently we have reached out into the wider community and have welcomed new members who are not regular church goers, but appreciate the fellowship and caring they get from our regular members. We endeavour to attract interesting and relevant speakers to our meetings.

On Tuesday 6th March we began our 2018 year with a visit to Christ Church, Ellerslie and joined with some of the women from that parish to listen to Mrs Pamela Stone give a very interesting talk about the historic Clayton and Bell stained glass windows in this lovely old building. They are currently fundraising for the restoration of the windows and over \$1000 was raised from our visit.

Our next two meetings will be held



at St Aidan's in April and May.

In April - Emily Paul, our Parish Administrator and she will talk about "Indian Arranged Marriages" and in May - John Priestley, one of our parishioners who will be speaking as Chairman of the Purewa Trust Board. We always welcome new members to our group or any visitors who would like to come along to hear our speakers.

- Christine Kennedy

## Home Groups

Home groups give us the opportunity to 'dig deeper' in order to understand the scriptures more fully. In a safe environment we have the freedom to question, in order to understand, the Bible. The Bible is filled with a richness that would take a lifetime to fully understand, but in home groups we have the opportunity and time to explore, wrestle with and gain insight into the word of God.

Home groups are also about relationship. As we meet week by week, we become more of a family, and a deeper sense of caring for each other is developed. Relationships take time to nurture and home groups are good incubators for this. Let us be reminded that Jesus enjoyed fellowshiping with small groups and sometimes it was centred on food. Sitting around a table with good food is a wonderful way of engaging with people and we certainly enjoy this aspect as well!!

Finally, a good reminder from Bonhoeffer: "Let him who cannot be alone beware of community... Let him who is not in community beware of being alone... Each by itself has profound perils and pitfalls. One who wants fellowship without solitude plunges into the void of words and feelings, and the one who seeks solitude without fellowship perishes in the abyss of vanity, self-infatuation and despair."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*

- Sheryl Swanevelder

Top to Bottom Clockwise: AAW Meeting, Friendship Group Morning Tea Scenes, Men's Fishing



# MY ROAD TO THE AUCKLAND MARATHON 2017

Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; Psalm 26:2

Yes, I did tick one off my bucket list - which is running a Full Marathon.

Running has never been on my list, nor did I do any other active sport. I have completed a few 10K races and one half Marathon before and that's it. I could never even think of doing a full Marathon. Last year,

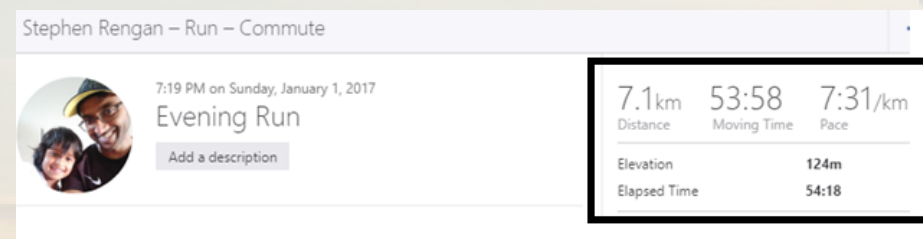
I desperately wanted to prepare for a Marathon and so I got the training plan and started training, but soon there was no motivation and it felt like nothing could keep me going; but somehow I still had the wish to complete my first Marathon.

***This was me in 2015-16, when I was 78 kg. (Photo to the Left)***

In December 2016, I got the motivation I needed from my wife Emily, when she gifted me a Tomtom GPS watch on my birthday - that got me to move off the couch

and hit the road. Now I believed my road to a marathon could come true. Soon after, I enrolled with the Cancer Society as a charity hero, promising to raise \$2000. Yes! I wanted to run for a cause.

I started as a newbie and I did not track my initial runs as I could hardly run for 5 minutes in one go.



My first run for the year 2017, on New Year's day was 7:31/km pace.

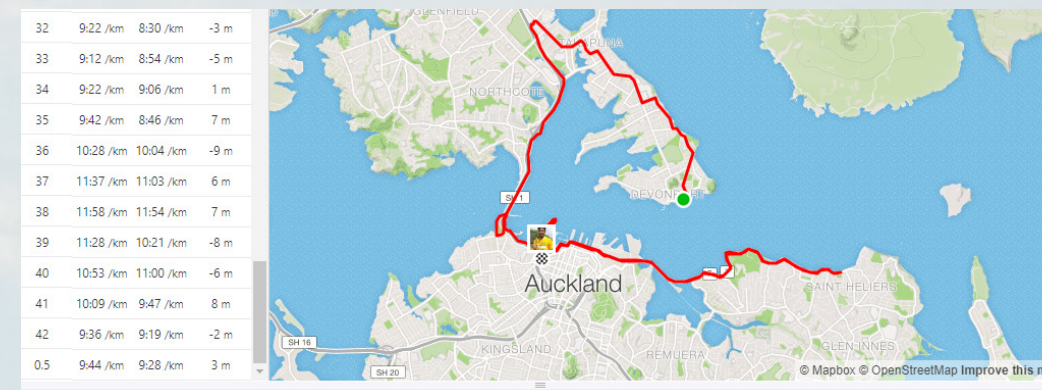
My initial goal was to run 1km non-stop, then walk for few minutes and then run again. It was extremely boring to run and often I wondered why I needed to do

this. I did not get any better in the initial days/weeks of my running and as I was doing only one or two runs in a week, it did not match up anywhere on my marathon training plan.

Going into Apr-Jun '17 I had an injury. I had slipped on the road and twisted my right knee so had to sit at home for 3 weeks. Luckily it was not a major injury, but during this time I lost all motivation and felt like I had gone back to square one. I also had to travel to India due to my mother's illness and hardly ran during that period. There was little progress on my running efforts and there were road blocks everywhere. With just four months left, I really needed to pull up my socks, and put more thought into my running. However, just as I was getting geared up it was winter in Auckland with morning temperatures less than 5deg. I now knew though that there was no other way out - if I didn't train now I wouldn't finish the race. As they say, when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

My runs started matching with my training plan and I was getting up at 4:30 AM to get ready for my weekend

long runs. I put more discipline into my lifestyle with going to bed at 8pm and getting up nice and early to do my training runs. By this stage I was able to run for 20km non-stop, but at a slower pace. During my training days I always had doubts if I could cross the finish line, but Emily was there giving me confidence.



Marathon Day - October 29. I was all excited, nervous and not knowing what was in store for me. I took the early morning ferry to get to the start line at Devonport. I followed the 4:40 hr pacing group and did well for the first half of the marathon. I could see Emily and Elsa waving and offering support at the half way stage.

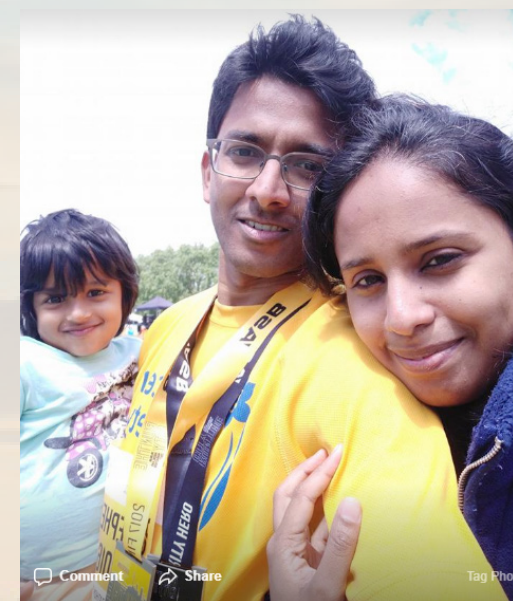
As the race progressed, I developed cramp around the 30km mark in both my legs and at one stage I felt like my left leg had fallen off and I realised I had probably hit 'the wall'. I had to sit down for a while, and do some stretching which helped me to get back to the road and walk slowly. All I had in mind was that I could not quit at this stage and there was no turning back. I thought of the past 10 months, the struggle and hardships which I had undergone to get to this stage and that it would not go to waste at this point. There were fellow runners who were facing a similar tough time in their run and were trying their best to get to the finish line. I felt like there was nothing left to loose and I can only win this battle from this stage. It was humid and my body was no longer accepting any energy gels or even water, and with not many people around I felt like I was all set to collapse under the sun. There was no energy in my body to push me forward, my brain started to fade and I could hardly walk straight. The only thing at this point which saved me was the prayers of my family and friends around me. With the little bit of energy left in my body I was able to juggle past the 40km mark and with more people around the finish line this gave me a much required boost. I knew my family was there waiting for me and I had the privilege to take Elsa with me in the last 100m to the finish line.

As I went through the finish line tears just rolled down my face. I had heard from people saying that they cried after they finished the marathon, but I never knew why; now I had got the answer on the day I crossed my finish line. It took me 5 hr and 55 min to finish the race which was way beyond what I was hoping for, but I did taste success for the very first time in my life. I was relieved to reunite with my family, who were eagerly awaiting me, and the burden of running a marathon was lifted from my shoulder for ever.

I couldn't have done this without my family and the overwhelming support from St Aidan's Parishioners. I was able to fundraise more than \$2000 for The Cancer Society as a charity hero. I would really like to thank each of the parish members who helped in my fundraising - their kindness, generosity, love and support is truly amazing. Special thanks to Marie Taylor who supported us in raising most of our funds.

I recovered from my first marathon with a week of rest and now I have realised that running has become part of my life. I have registered for my next marathon and will be running the Rotorua Marathon in May this year.

P.S: During the course of my training, I lost almost 8kg of my body weight.



-Stephen Rengan



# Mission

## Mission shop

We have had a great start to the year, and with the warmer weather continuing up to the present we have had a great run on our summer clothes.

We were able to contribute to the Cyclone Gita and Papua New Guinea needs with clothing and funds. We have also contributed to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children with clothing.

We are well stocked with winter clothes so are planning a pre-season "Pop-Up" sale on Sunday 8 April from 11am to 1pm in the Parish Hall. This warm weather has to end sometime unfortunately and so there will be some great early bargains to be had. Please make sure you and all your friends come along.

We are very grateful to everyone who donates clothing to the shop, thank you to all.

- Jenny Haggitt  
For the Mission Shop Team

Recently, we have been joined by new members who have read about us in the Courier, on Facebook and St Aidan's website. "Sharing our Faith" in the wider community is what we are about - do join us!

- Marie Taylor



## Pins & Needles

Once again the "Pins & Needles" knitting group is in full swing after the summer holidays!

On our 2nd anniversary in March we celebrated with a wonderful display of garments our members had knitted during the summer months. The number of articles we have made since we started is now close to 2000 and we are beginning to lose count!

This month in particular we have concentrated on making Easter bunnies and teddy bears to be given to new born Easter babies by the Counties Manukau Community Midwives. We hope they will give the babies something special to cuddle and love as they grow and develop.

Meanwhile we have also donated 60 larger teddy bears, of all shapes and sizes, to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children to help bring joy and comfort to some of the children they support.

# A Modern Parable

Every Christmas and Easter time Mainly Music produces a book to reflect some of the themes of the season. This Easter season they have produced *Five Little Ducks: A Modern Parable*. In it the traditional story/song of Five Little Ducks is told: Five little ducks went out one day, over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack," but only four little ducks came back. And the song goes on until all the ducklings are gone and eventually Mother duck calls them all home and they return. The modern parable is revealed as Mother duck reflects our loving and compassionate God, who even when faced with the disobedience and defiance of his kids he still calls them back home again.

Traditional stories and songs often have messages in them which, while not overt, still provide valuable 'launching pads' to talk to kids. We can use these stories as 'moral tales' were used in the past to help our kids know that God is not restricted to church or Sunday mornings, but his ideas of compassion, servanthood, mercy, care etc exist in other stories too. By way of example the story of Cinderella: she slaves all day and then predictably is rescued by her prince and 'lives happily ever after'; it always seemed a little pithy to me. However, as I have re-read this story with my own children, I have realised the good character that Cinderella displayed. She was treated so poorly and yet she continued to serve and to serve well – this despite the ingratitude and indignities that she suffered in a house that had belonged to her father. I like to think that her character in a difficult situation is the true happy ending to that story – it's valuable to revisit this display of character with children and to discuss our own character when faced with difficult situations. Beauty and the Beast too has a similar display of great character (This tale was a definite favourite of mine as a child. We listened to it on a record – so many times that scratches formed and the scratches themselves have become a well-loved memory). Beauty gives herself in place of her father; she lives in what sounds like quite a frightening house with a very unhappy 'beast'; and eventually forms a strong friendship and even romance with the beast even as he is in his state of physical ugliness. She displays a strong, compassionate and worthy character even as she is faced with difficult circumstances.

There are other more modern stories which can also provide opportunities for conversation. Lord of the Rings, while written by a Christian, is not overtly Christian or allegorical – Glen tells me it is archetypal. Whatever its classification, it provides valuable conversations about perseverance; about the smallest and least likely character as the bearer of the greatest burden; about the fellowship and support of great friends when that burden becomes too much. Frodo, a small little hobbit, nearly pays with his life as he secures peace for the land while paying a dear sacrifice – he is a salvific figure. In a similar vein, Star Wars, a current fascination of many, has salvific type figures in it as well. Obi-Wan Kenobi 'sacrifices' himself for the sake of

the cause; Luke is the one prophesied to bring balance to 'the force' and despite being reluctant to train and prepare for, he continues in his training. Star Wars is also a classic tale of good versus evil and while these more modern stories may be foreign to some of us (even alien), this is exactly the sort of 'modern parable' that we can use to engage with kids and teenagers who still enjoy a good yarn about good and evil. Like Pam's article and sermon from a few weeks ago suggests, these stories are perfect opportunities to start conversations about the true battle of good and evil and about the ultimate and eternal salvific figure that we find in Jesus.

- Sarah Ashworth

Top to Bottom: Mission Shop Display, Pins & Needles Group, Glen reading 'Five Little Ducks' to his young audience.



## CHARITABLE PURPOSES GROUP (CPG)



The Charitable Purposes Group is charged with allocating money raised for mission and outreach purposes by St Aidan's parishioners. In deciding who should receive financial support we must take into account who we are as the Parish of St Aidan. To this end, the Vision and Values of this place, as agreed upon by all parishioners a few years ago, needs to be at the heart of all decisions.

### Vision and Values

St Aidan's holds to a Vision of WORSHIP (celebrating God's love), CARING (sharing God's love with one another), and MISSION (taking God's love into the world).

We seek to be a community where all can find mutual support and reinvigoration which enables us to live with hearts and minds open to the world, and to help people in recognising their spiritual gifts to use in serving and expressing the love of God in the parish and the wider world.

### Process and criteria for allocating grants

1. Groups or individuals within the parish are encouraged to 'sponsor' projects or organisations which fit our vision and values.
2. Organisations will apply for funding, through a sponsor within the parish to support/speak for their case. The reason for this is to build a relationship with those we support (rather than just giving money to unknown groups or organisations who have no connection to our parish, and then having little or no further contact – we are not a bank). This leads to other forms of support as well, such as prayer support by many within the parish. It would also enable follow up with how a grant has been used and the organisation supported by St Aidan's.
3. The application should state what the organisation does, what they require a grant to do, how much money they need.

*As a community of faith we understand that life is generally busy and fast moving, and thus we seek to offer nourishment for the journey as we gather for worship:*

- We value the variety in our worship with an intergenerational focus.
- We value quality teaching throughout our community which helps us to know God better.
- We encourage prayer and biblical study as the basis of spiritual growth and the means to engage with the world.
- We affirm that the home, places of study and work, and wider community are where we express our Christian lives.
- We seek to develop our parish mission through many diverse groups, where all parishioners may play their part according to their gifts and interests.
- We support mission agencies and communities outside our parish in the wider Anglican Communion and beyond. These include the Auckland City Mission, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, CMS, Habitat for Humanity, and a variety of special appeals for local and international mission projects, especially following natural and other disasters.

A table showing the Grants allocated will be posted on the notice board / published in the Parish Magazine twice a year, to keep parishioners informed.

### CHARITABLE PURPOSES GROUP GRANTS distribution March 2018

No	Group & Sponsor	For	Parish Vision Alignment	Amount
1	CMS - Vestry	CMS Partners in India	Supporting Overseas mission	\$5000
2	Board of Mission – Vestry	Around 23% of St Aidan's contribution to the Auckland Diocese Board of Mission fund. The remainder is funded from our general funds. (This amount is given annually)	Supporting mission within the wider community	\$3000
3	Anglican Trust for Women & Children - AAW	Family care and counselling & child psychotherapy In-house rehabilitation Early childhood & parenting Social work services for youth & families Financial mentoring	Nourishing an existing relationship with St Aidan's;  Women & Children; Community Care & Outreach	\$500
4	Seasons for Growth -Pip Colgan	A programme run through, but separate from, St Peter's Onehunga, for children who are struggling with grief and/or loss	Sharing God's love by helping strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people who have experienced significant loss and change	\$1000
5	(IHC) Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy - Glen Ashworth	Supporting hospital chaplains	Nourishing an existing relationship with St Aidan's which shares the love of God with people in hospital	\$1000
6	(CBA) Christian Broadcasting Association – Jenny Haggitt	Funding to support the Christian message being heard on mainstream radio during Easter	Supporting the sharing of God's love with the wider community	\$500
Total				\$11,000



Emergency Relief Support – 2018 (to date)

Syrian Crisis – for help for children - Donation to RED CROSS	\$1,000
Earthquake victims in PNG – Donation to ANGLICAN MISSIONS	\$1,000
Cyclone Gita – Donation to CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE	\$1,000
Total	\$3,000

4. Organisations supported do not necessarily have to be Christian. For example, The Red Cross, Oxfam, Volunteer Service Abroad, Auckland Action Against Poverty (AAP), Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG). The criterion is, are they ‘taking God’s love into the world’?

5. It is unlikely that money will be given to individuals, except perhaps to support a member of our parish, for example to participate in something like the Youth Leadership programme BOLD. (Money given to missionaries is usually given through an organisation such as CMS. Charities which fund, for example, a sick child to a performance, special trip etc, can be invited to put a notice on the noticeboard inviting individuals to contribute.

6. The CPG meets twice a year (March and September) to allocate money raised through the Mission shop and at fund-raising events.
7. An emergency fund of \$4000 will always be available for disaster relief (eg earthquakes, cyclones, floods, fires etc). If/when money is given from this fund, it will be built up to \$4000 again before money is given elsewhere.

8. All remaining money raised in a 6-month period is to be allocated (there is likely to be a different amount of money available in each 6 month period)

9. Money (other than for disaster relief) is distributed only at the end of each 6 months – not in the period between. This prevents ‘knee-jerk’ responses to all the people who come asking for money.

10. Vestry will ratify (NOT re-decide) the CPG grants.
- Pip Colgan

Notes from Conor

I have the privilege of having two amazing leaders Nic and Ayakya. They both contribute their time and energy to the group as well as attend university. So before I begin I would like to honour these two amazing people. Youth has been awesome this year with a lot of energy being put into our Easter camp. It is awesome to see first hand the growth happening amongst us. It will be a year of change in our group as we look at how we are going to nurture the group and our goals and vision for the years to come. Keep us in your prayers as we cross the line into adulthood and then try to figure what that’s all about.

-Sincerely Conor McGrath, Youth Pastor at St Aidan’s



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## From the Registers

### Baptisms

Natalie Judith Ruegg  
Charlotte Louise Ruegg  
Jordan Mikhail Kirkwood

### Weddings

Nina Jackalyn Crawford  
& James Ian Mackay  
Linlee Tram & Nathan Chan  
Loma Teisi & Moses Uhila  
Borin Yoon & Henry Ye

### Funerals

Robert Frederick Hart  
Beverley Joan Batkin  
John Gill Benson Grant  
Doreen Elaine Caulton  
Pauline Vivienne Scott  
Emma Jane Buchanan  
Victoria Jane Donald  
Diana Ruth O'Rourke

## WE ARE RESURRECTION PEOPLE A NEW HYMN FOR THE SEASONS OF EASTER AND ALL SAINTS

We are resurrection people,  
Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
gazing upwards like the steeple,  
fixed our eyes on heaven's reward.  
Souls transformed by God's empowerment,  
grace shines forth in every face,  
love and joy and hope revealing,  
pilgrims born of every race.

We are resurrection people,  
destined for eternal life,  
sharing hope with deaf and dying,  
conqu'ring doubt which is so rife.  
Let us raise our songs of praises,  
voices tuned to those above,  
saints and angels ever singing:  
"Hope and Life belong to God".

We are resurrection people,  
called to serve and share good news,  
once forgiven, now forgiving,  
one in Christ who saves us all.  
Now to God be praise and glory,  
Cross and Tomb prepare our way  
for the resurrection journey  
reaching home with God to stay.

Tune: Hymn of Joy: Beethoven, adapted as  
in With One Voice No. 92

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