



ST AIDAN'S

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Glen's Foreword

It's hard to believe four months have passed since our last magazine. Although, as I look through this edition I am aware of the variety of events which have been going on in and around the Parish. There are many aspects of St Aidan's life that do not feature in the 'public' eye but quietly go on in the background. I am very grateful to those who work tirelessly and often on their own initiative to make this place run smoothly while creating a great sense of community and belonging. So thank you to all who make this place a great place to be part of.

One aspect of St Aidan's which has been quietly developing along is the Vestry and Wardens work on our new direction. We have been looking at how we might refocus our direction as parish in relation to changes both in the parish and in society as a whole. As we have seen younger people involved in this process it has been an exciting and energising process to think through what is possible and our discussions so far have been very fruitful. What remains for us to do is present our thinking to the parish in a way that engages us all in sharing for this time the life giving message of faith in Christ

Just a few events we are looking forward to here – it has been great to see some new people join us at St Aidan's and we are preparing our next Newcomers lunch to formally introduce and welcome people to the parish. It is now only one month until Louise Anderson joins us as Priest Associate. Louise comes to us from Papakura where she has worked in the parish as well as led Local Shared Ministry. She comes with a wealth of experience from these and past roles in church life and we are excited to have her with us for this next phase of ministry here. Louise's first day coincides with St Aidan's Day which we are in the thick of planning and is shaping up to be a great day of celebration with our church service and annual parish lunch. I look forward to seeing you there!



- Glen Ashworth
Vicar

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ST AIDAN'S DAY

On Sunday, 2 September we will celebrate the ministry here at St Aidan's also, Louise Anderson's first Sunday with us as Priest Associate.

Please join us for some fun and fellowship over a shared lunch in the main hall after the 9:30am service. If you are able, please bring a food plate to share.

Don't forget to save the date!

Message from Louise Anderson

Hello to the people of St Aidan's, currently strangers but soon to become friends.

On the one hand I was delighted to be asked to write a 'blurb' about myself for your magazine but on the other hand, it is difficult to know what to include.

Before I begin, I do want to say how excited I am to be joining you at St Aidan's. I am looking forward to working with you as we partner in God's ministry together. Beginning at any new place is always a steep learning curve and I thank you in anticipation for your grace and patience as I get to know new names and faces.

For those who like a bit of background, I spent many years in Hawkes Bay, with high school spent in Gisborne and university years in Palmerston North. Auckland was a regular holiday destination with firstly my grandparents and then parents living here. My previous career was as an intermediate school teacher. I was fortunate to teach for a few years at a Catholic school and it was wonderful to be able to openly share my faith and integrate this in my working environment.

My interests include reading, gardening, swimming, snorkelling (but preferably in warm water) and beach walks. An eclectic taste in movies sees me hiding in picture theatres particularly on wet wintery days. I enjoy baking but I need to give most of it away now otherwise I run the risk of an ever-increasing waistband. I have two adult daughters in their mid-twenties both living independently and enjoying their respective careers in travel and engineering. My eldest daughter works out of Perth so I don't get to see her as much as I would like, whilst my younger daughter lives in Auckland. I enjoy catching up with friends and regularly visit my mum in Pakuranga.

I have been involved with the Anglican church since my early 20s and have had experience of working with 5 different Anglican vestries. I started young! I come to you with that breadth of the 'nuts and bolts' workings of the church as well as being accustomed to embracing a wide variety of worship styles.

I value the role of home/study groups not only as a way that people can grow their faith but also to pastorally support one another through the various chapters of life. Saying farewell to homegroup members has often been for me the hardest part of shifting parishes. Glen tells me you have a number of homegroups in the parish and I am looking forward to visiting with you and joining in, or if there is enough interest starting some more.

Your prayers are welcomed for the Papakura parish I leave, in their ongoing time of transition and for myself as I work through the challenges which come with shifting house.

I do believe that God has called me to this new role at St Aidan's and I am excited to begin this new chapter with you.

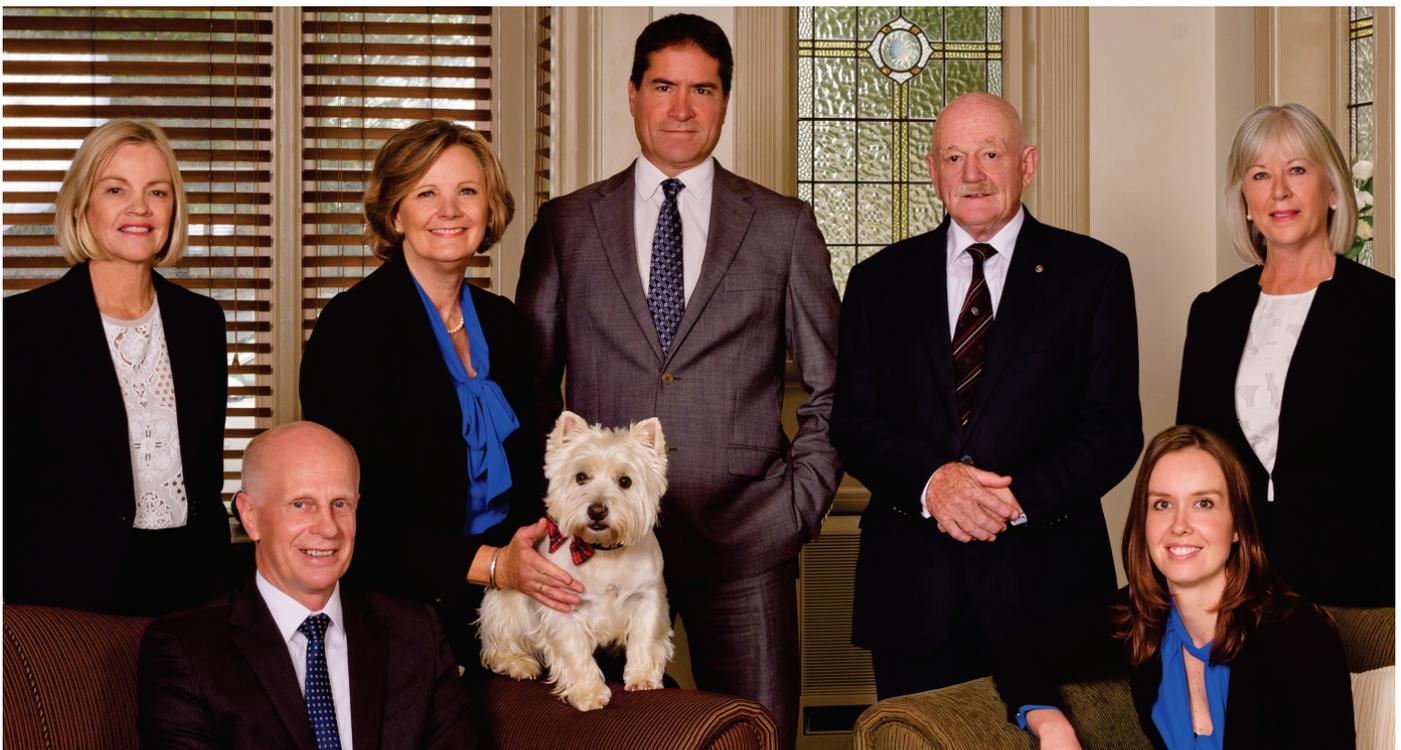
Until we meet in person.....
Blessings from Louise

Photo to the Right: Louise with her mum and daughters



Regular Events at St Aidan's

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion & 9:30am Family Communion 5:00pm Evening service (last 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	Sunday at 9:30am service and Friday 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	Saturdays at 10.30am in the Bethel Room. Contact Chris. New members welcome.
Home Groups	All welcome! Contact Sheryl or Glen for more information.
AAW	A women's afternoon 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 2nd Monday of the month. Contact Marie Taylor on 524 8642.



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A CHOIR

has long been part of worship

at St Aidan's

We have recently been reminded of the long presence of choirs to support St Aidan worship. Currently on the noticeboard are two photos from the mid 1990s. See if you can recognise and identify by name some who are still current members.

The memorial service for a talented musician, Noleen Cullen, on May 17 brought past choir members travelling from as far away as Taupo. Past choir master David Brooks, who with his wife Jill drove up from the Waikato, took the chance to take another group photo of past and present choir members who had come to join other St Aidan's worshippers to honour this past priest's wife.

So far this year, our church choir has enjoyed learning many new songs of praise and increasing our knowledge of singing technique under the baton of our Maestro Chris Graham. We enjoy the challenge to engage with the demands of different hymn styles over the centuries, as well as the sense of achievement from hearing our improvement.

Recently, on Saturday afternoon, 16 June, Anton, John and Antoinette joined other members of this choir in the Selwyn Chapel. It was a memorial service for our 1972 choir tour chaperone and chief organiser, Margery Charlton, a well-known regular attendee at the Cathedral and known to many at St Aidan's. Many other Auckland choirs and groups were represented in the well-filled chapel. The whole service was a celebration of her life and a fitting musical tribute for this amazing woman. For over fifty years she had been such a powerhouse in numerous key Auckland choral and chamber groups, encouraging so many musicians at a personal level.

On the 23 June we shared an evening out

with a meal, or rather a Mid-winter feast. Fourteen of us gathered at a choir member's home to chat together while we waited for everyone to find the right address in the darkness. Eventually, to our relief, the last guest arrived safely and the banquet began. It just so happened that it was also the birthday of our baritone soloist, Anton, to add to the significance of the socialising as we all cheerfully intoned to Chris' playing the customary 'Happy Birthday' before the cutting of the cake and wishing Anton the best of years.

Some of us enjoyed meeting with singers from other congregations on the afternoon of July 1st at St Andrews Epsom. While Chris boosted our sound from the pipe organ or piano, over 30 choristers, conducted by Neil Shroff enjoyed the hearty singing of favourite hymns, pleased to be safe inside this beautiful church, while the downpour continued outside. Over the lovely afternoon tea we had ample chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

On Saturday afternoon 28 July our Anton furthered his life as a poet. He launched his new book at a social occasion sponsored by his printer, John Denny. John is also a singer from University Days, under the baton of Peter Godfrey who took his 1972 University Festival Choir to sing in a whirlwind five weeks of concerts around the world.

July 29th was a busy day for our singers. Besides our morning services, choristers, those presently in the choir and other singers in our congregation, had been invited to join other churches' choir members to sing Evensong together at the Cathedral. Chris trained us in preparation so we would be able to sing our praises confidently as we looked forward to this choral treat.

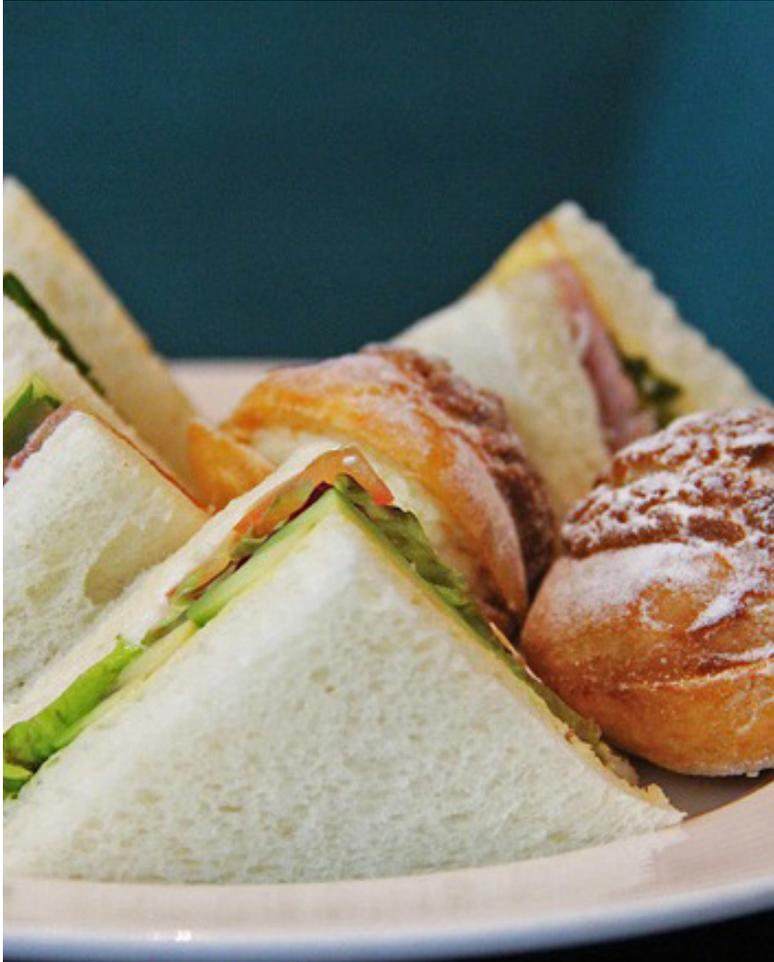
- Antoinette Pope



Caring

Friendship Group

It is very nice to arrive at the Gathering Area on a wintery Wednesday morning to a warm room and a warm welcome. The morning tea is always delicious, mostly provided by our local Baker's Delight. Some serious and not so serious games of Scrabble and Mahjong take place and we catch up on



all the news from each other. Some of us are lucky enough to leave for warmer places overseas at this time of the year

After the 11.30am church service those who attend often join us as we gather around the table for a cuppa and finish off the morning tea.

All welcome. Wednesdays 10am to 1pm.

- Jenny Haggitt
For the Wednesday Friendship Group

Women's Evening Fellowship

St Aidan's Women's Evening Fellowship meets on the Third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Gathering Area. It is an opportunity for women and friends to enjoy Christian Fellowship once a month in the evenings as in many cases daytime commitments are not possible.

April was a wonderful evening with a display of what the St Aidan's Pins and Needles ladies make. Christine Kennedy gave us a short talk about the group and how the beautiful knitting is distributed to families in need. Also that evening Leanne Allport displayed and talked about the amazing needlework she does. There was such a variety and fascinating combinations of materials that Leanne uses, from patchwork and wall hangings to lovely bags. Lynne Florence also shared a beautiful cot blanket she had made.

May was wedding month. We acknowledged the wedding of Prince Harry to Megan Markle by sharing our own wedding photos and even a few gowns were on display. It was a fun evening followed by a piece of "wedding cake" and a cup of tea.



June, Rosemary Atkins spoke on The Importance of Good Neighbours. Rosemary gave an enlightening talk on her and Peter’s experiences as they moved around parishes. She emphasised how important it was to be made to feel welcome and supported by good neighbours, and in return being able to help them; from small beginnings to lifelong friendships in so many cases. What an inspiration Rosemary is to us all. June was also the evening we said a fond farewell to Leanne Allport as she leaves the parish to take up her role beside Bruce at his parish in Hastings. We are truly indebted to Leanne for all she did for WEF.

July we had another amazing demonstration from Emily Paul. Listening to Emily’s passion for South Indian spices and cooking, then tasting “Dosa” pancakes with her homemade chutney was another special evening.

We do encourage parishioners and their friends to join us when they can for an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

- Jan Evans
For the Women’s Evening Fellowship

AAW - (Association of Anglican Women)

The AAW Group has had a busy few months with good numbers attending and new members being welcomed at our meetings to listen to our very inspiring and entertaining speakers.

During the past few months we have been collecting pyjamas for the ATWC and have been able to take many boxes and bags of warm nightwear to them. As usual these are greatly appreciated and thank you to all our members for their generosity.

For many years the Rev’d Jeny Terrell has led our services at the beginning of our meetings, which we have all appreciated, but due to her retirement we now have members of the group leading us in our prayer and this is proving very successful. We are also privileged to have Antoinette Pope play the organ for us during these services.

Angela Caughey was our speaker at our August meeting and her talk was about finding out the whereabouts of her brother who was killed in WW11.

At our September meeting we will have an informative talk from Roz Rundle, a member of the Orakei Local Board.

In October we will be hearing from Dr Barbara Smith whose topic is “Training in Midwifery in Southampton 1972”.

We warmly welcome all women of the Parish and their friends to our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm to join together for a time of worship, information and fellowship over afternoon tea.

- Mary Parkinson
(on behalf of Christine Kennedy
who is presently overseas)

Photo Below: Anglea Caughey at her brother Ian’s grave



Home Groups

What has been happening?

At St Aidan's we are spoilt for choice, it is not one-size fits all! Each group has its own unique 'flavour' and this is what makes home group enticing. It does take a certain effort to get to the venues but once you are there, I am sure people will testify to the fact that the effort was 'worth it'!

Anne Mercer's group has been looking at 'The Prayers of Jesus'. This was followed by a study on Paul's Letters to the Philippians. Currently they are viewing a three part DVD series called, 'Pilgrimage' fronted by Simon Reeve, which looks at the different ways people experience pilgrimage journeys from England to Europe then through to Turkey and finally to Jerusalem. Interestingly this DVD was borrowed from the Remuera Library.

Jenny Walters' group is really social; they have been watching the 'Crown' DVD once a week. They found it very good as they are of the age to remember many of the events of the 50's and 60's. In the next few weeks they intend to study, 'The 12 Disciples' which other groups are studying too.

Rosemary Atkins and Margaret Cooper's group have been ingenious in using our very own library, and they have been discussing and enjoying different perspectives on the books under the spotlight. They have looked at 'No sin to be over 60' by Neville Smith, a retired Vicar from the UK. This book certainly fits our demographics! That was followed by 'Singing in the Night' by Anneke Companjen. She gives first-hand accounts of courageous women of faith from the persecuted Church.

Annamarie Raffel's group has also been working through 'The 12 Apostles'. They have started each session by playing a recording of 'The Summons', a song from the Iona Community, the words of which convey the call to discipleship made on each one of us, and prompts us to ponder what that call might mean for us.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown, in you and you in me?

Following on from the challenging words of this song, the sessions have continued by using the gospels to study each of the apostles. They have read about how and when they were individually called by Jesus. When you look carefully, it is surprising how much you can discover about the personalities of each of the disciples and especially about their strengths and foibles as they followed in the footsteps of Jesus. This has encouraged us as a group, to consider and pray about our own virtues and weaknesses in relation to the call to discipleship, which Jesus makes on our lives.

"I am finding it a fascinating and enlightening study." - Barbara Weir

And Lilian Gnanasunderam adds:

With the help of references and study notes we have been looking, in more detail, at the lives and characters of the 12 disciples. The hymn, which Barbara found for us, is sung at the start of each session and sets the tone for good participation, questions and discussions to follow.

All the disciples, except John, died a martyred death. They lived ordinary lives, yet they all obeyed Jesus' command "Go ye unto the world and preach the Gospel." They were made saints and we celebrate their special feast days to remember and honour them. Jesus is calling YOU too. Follow Him like the disciples and then we can call ourselves 'St Aidan's Disciples for Christ'.

The youngest by far, and the most recently formed home group, is Conor and Liz's **Young Adults Home Group** - The young adults' home group kicked off in February this year. Hosted by Liz Lim (Gray) and led by our youth pastor Conor McGrath, the group came about as a way for the young adults to continue to meet regularly after completing the Alpha course at St Aidan's in late 2017. The group meets once a fortnight at Liz and Brian's home. We go through several chapters of the New Testament each time we meet, and we also do field trips (including the first ever Remuera Night Market and the St Chad's display in the week leading up with Easter).

It's a great opportunity for the group to share good chat and laughs, and some seriously good chocolate. Meeting regularly has enabled us to develop and deepen genuine bonds of friendship, to support, pray for and encourage each other and to have open and active discussions about the Gospel. There is no such thing as a dumb question in the young adults' home group!

From Liz's perspective, the home group has been a fantastic opportunity to support Conor's ministry, to get to know the young adults better and to share her faith with a group of young Christians. She's also excited by the prospect of qualifying for an honorary "youth" sweatshirt should they become a part of youth group attire at St Aidan's.

From Conor's perspective, the home group has been an awesome opportunity to hang-out with like-minded people – it has been awesome hanging with the young adults and journeying through John. Home group is something everyone should be involved in.

- Liz Lim (Gray) and Conor McGrath

Sheryl & Hein Swanevelder's group

We oscillate between a DVD series and then a 'round the table' Bible study. We love vigorous debate and engage in robust discussion, centred on the particular study; we welcome newcomers and happily embrace the fresh ideas they bring with them; our group is diverse in that we have four dedicated men(!); and over and above the study we have enjoyed getting to know one another.

We kicked off the year with a 10 part DVD series called 'Living Faith' which looked at some old questions in N.T Wright's particular style; this helped us to renew our walk with God and develop good habits for godly living (available from Home Group Resources in the office). We have just finished another N.T. Wright series, 'Surprised by Hope'. This was a transforming series looking at "What is heaven really like?" and "How does God intend for us to experience hope personally?" After all what would life be without HOPE especially our hope in Christ?

Over and above the more serious side, we laugh and celebrate food with the odd dinner party; Karel Lee spoils us with her baking throughout the term; and we pray and have had the joy of seeing prayers answered.

Hopefully you will have gained a serendipitous insight into Home Groups @St Aidan's.

- Sheryl Swanevelder



What usually happens at young adults' home group.

Organising the Garage Sale

The main fundraising event of the year!

So, you think we should run a Garage Sale to raise a few bob for the Church Coffers? That's a great idea! We will ask a few people to clear out their attics, get them to bring the stuff up to the hall one Friday night, stick a few ads in the local papers, ask half a dozen parishioners to rock up on Saturday morning, sell through the items, sweep the hall, and we are "outta here" with a bag of cash! Unfortunately, that's not exactly how it works. If we do it properly we do get the bag of cash, but there is an immense amount of work that goes into planning and preparation beforehand if we want to hold a successful sale.

I have been involved with the garage sale at St Aidan's for probably over 20 years. It may be longer, but however long it really is, there are others who have been around a lot longer. It's fun, but plain hard work for those managing the process. Have a run through the following items, taken at random from the Garage Sale minutes of the last few years.

Committee

Set up a committee in May, comprising people who can take responsibility for every possible aspect of the project. Talk somebody into chairing the meetings, find some sucker who agrees to co-ordinate the entire project, and leg-ropo around 5 other people who under sufferance will look after organising. Quite a difficult task with our "Aging Population".

Meetings

Hold meetings every three weeks till August, and then run them fortnightly up till the sale date. At those meetings, absolutely everything is discussed in detail including the following:

Helpers (100+ needed)

Tables (over 40 needed)

Container reception staff

Stallholders

Skip bin ordering

Cancel hall renters

Cake baking

Change floats for stalls

Banking

Pre-sale staff training

Anti-shoplifting Security

Remove skip bin

Cardboard to Reclaim

Advertising (budget around \$700)

Morning Teas for workers

Collection and storage of big items

Clothing racks for the stage

Assembling staircase to stage

Friday night Extravaganza

Checking electrical goods

Cash collection

Site Security

Youth Group involvement

Moving goods from container to hall

Return container

Items of value to Cordy's

Goods & Donations

Container hiring

Hall layout

Set up tables

EFTPOS stand

Barbeque stand

Bookstall shelving

Cash Counting

Door security

Pamphlet drops

Packup after sale

Surplus goods to ATWC

Report to Parishioners

And, that's not an exhaustive list by any means!



The Day

We always do our very best to make the Sale attractive to the punters, and there are usually the same hard-core traders who come along and haggle mercilessly for consumer goods. For years, when I ran the electrical stall, the same people would turn up, grab all the good gear and offer some low price. Often they got away with it, but when they came across me things were a lot different! In fact it became so bad they would actively seek out somebody else to deal the sale and avoid me like the plague. After a few years there was an uneasy truce and the haggling was done in good humour.

The opening hour of the sale is mayhem! People everywhere, staff running out of change, people wanting big items delivered to cars and vans. It settles down after the first hour, but that's when our salesmanship kicks in, and we need to get cracking and sell individual items over the public address system, or by simply using our skills to talk a customer into buying the item. From here on, until the end of the sale, every item we sell is one less to throw away, take to Cordy's, transport to the Auction house, or take to ATWC. It ain't Rocket Science!

Doubtless, many parishioners will have funny stories to tell over their times on the stalls. Yes, it is darn hard work, and we all go home feeling absolutely jiggered from the exertion. Recently, the committee has worked very hard to look at where we can gain some extra income on the day. We have tried the Coffee Stall, Ham off the Bone served on buns, a bouncy castle to entertain the children, bottled water, and in addition we have pushed all manner of other ideas around the table at committee level. The real point of doing all this work "before the day" is to make sure we achieve the maximum possible return for the church and all the various projects it supports.

This year, we are hoping to reduce the amount of time the committee spends on organising. I felt last year we did very well with the organising, and that same pattern should last for a few years into the future to avoid hours and hours of work by a very small number of people. We still desperately need to run a successful sale on the day. We need the goods our parishioners always donate willingly, but we do not need rubbish. The skip costs over \$300 of the money we get in, and I would dearly love to say to every single volunteer on the day "could you please take this box of rubbish home and put it in your weekly rubbish collection"? If we tried that successfully we would immediately be \$300 better off. Better still, if we don't have to accept junk for the sale then we don't have to get rid of it. Perhaps we do need to say "no thanks" to some of the stuff that is offered.

And finally, here is my plea for this sale, and every future one at St Aidan's:

- Only bring in goods you know will sell
- If you are asked to help on the day say "yes please"
- If you are asked to help with manning the container say "yes please"
- When you are asked to do some baking for the amazing cake stall say "yes please"
- The worst job of the sale is co-ordinating the break-down afterwards. That's where we need all the "yes pleases" we can possibly muster! Yes, we are tired by then, but ½ hour extra from everybody and the job is just that much easier.

After all, Karina was asked two years ago to take over the running of the Garage Sale and she surely said "yes please".

To paraphrase 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

***Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
For God loves a cheerful giver.***

- John Glenie

St Aidan's Famous Annual

GARAGE SALE

SAT 15th SEPT - Starts 8am - 5 Ascot Ave Remuera

JOIN IN THE FUN & GRAB A BARGAIN: Cakes & Preserves • Books & Media • Household Items
• Sausage Sizzle • Sporting Goods • Furniture • Toys & Kids' Stuff • Raffles • High Class Junk
• Plants • Clothing & Shoes • Electrical & Appliances • Jewellery & Bling • Antiques & Art

SAVE THE DATE - AND - SAVE YOUR STUFF WAYS YOU CAN HELP

DONATE We need lots and lots of good quality, saleable items of all kinds... *plus* this year our 'high value' merchandise will be located in the Gathering Area which is the venue for the Friday Preview Sale (see below). So if you have something special you would like to donate, please be assured that these goods will be properly priced, well displayed and not undersold. Ideal donations include furniture, whitewear, antiques, artworks, jewellery, the interesting and unique or simply anything of value. We may auction some items.

VOLUNTEER Over 100 volunteers help with our biggest fundraiser of the year. We have rosters to fill and some unique tasks requiring special talents. Sign up on the noticeboard in the GA or contact Karina. (see below)

SHOP *Two stunning events.*

- 1) **FRIDAY PREVIEW SALE** (refreshments & nibbles incl) - *for parishioners, family and friends.*
- 2) **SATURDAY GARAGE SALE.** - *All welcome rain or shine.*

EVANGELISE Spread the word. Take to social media. Put a sign on your fence. Facebook your friends. This is one event you won't want to miss.

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE Baked goods for morning teas, helper refreshments and for sale on the day. Homemade jams and preserves of all kinds gratefully received. Financial contributions welcome to defray expenses if you don't have spare stuff or the time to volunteer. Donations to office please. Receipts provided.

FOR LARGE ITEM PICK-UP AND ANY QUESTIONS:

Contact Garage Sale Coordinator: **Karina 021 071 7387** email: couragedg@mail.com

DROP OFF DAYS: Check noticeboard in GA or phone office 929-4670 Ext 1.

PLEASE NO BROKEN, INCOMPLETE OR SOILED ITEMS

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REFRESHMENTS & NIBBLES
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FRIDAY PREVIEW SALE

for parishioners, their families and friends of St Aidan's.

6 - 7.30pm, Friday 14th September 2018

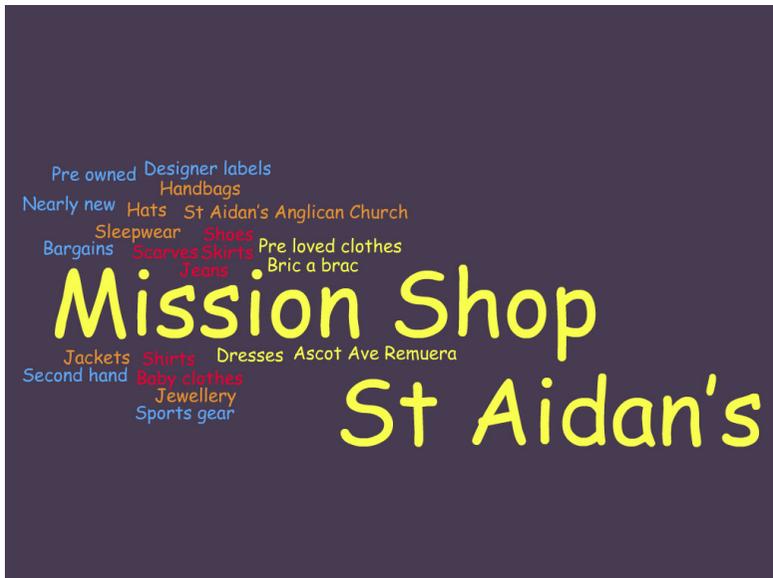
Your opportunity to preview quality goods and high end items in the GA and be in first to make your purchases.

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Mission Shop

Winter was late arriving this year but now it is here our warm clothes are in great demand. We have been doing very well lately and still have people coming on a regular basis saying we are their favourite outlet.

We had a stall at the short-lived Remuera Night Market in May. Terrie, Judy and Jenny went along to set up for the 5pm start the first night expecting to sell heaps of clothes but were sadly disappointed, as



were a lot of the other stalls selling things like phone covers and novelty items. In a fun atmosphere the food stalls did a roaring trade, and many people just came to see what it was like. The second night was put back to 7pm which was too late for families with young children. The phone covers and novelty item stalls did not come back so we had scented candles and lotions and potions as neighbours. We went along for the third night but by then there were even fewer stalls so the Night Market people decided to call it a day and rethink the location and timing. We did not sell much but it was worth the try.

We are now in planning mode for the Garage Sale in September which for the clothing outlets will take the same tried and true format as the last two years.

- Jenny Haggitt
For the Mission Shop Team

Pins & Needles

Winter is an exciting time for knitting!

Our "Pins & Needles" group is buzzing with wonderful new members, new ideas and new yarn!

At our last meetings we have been delighted to welcome new members who have joined us to make beautiful children's garments to help keep our young ones warm and cosy on these cold wet days and nights.

St Aidan's have allocated money for us to buy more yarn to help keep our needles clicking! We are most grateful to them for their generous donation. We have also responded to a request from "Age Concern" for warm woollen beanies, scarves and mittens for the elderly people they are in touch with who suffer from extreme cold at this time. We were able to give them supplies of surplus wool for their own knitters to produce.

We are extremely grateful to our "Outworkers" and anonymous donors who continue to support our cause with superb knitted garments, both handmade and bought. We regret we cannot always thank you personally but we want you to know how much your generosity is appreciated by us and the recipients of your kindness.

We trust you enjoy the displays of the garments produced by our group when they are blessed before being distributed to the various charitable organisations we support.

Thank you all so much.



Mainly Music

Hosting Mainly Music at St Aidan's is one of the highlights of my week. Every emotion is on display when there are little kids around and it's a delight to see their joy as they dance, sing and enjoy being with their family and friends.

In May we celebrated the mothers, grandmothers, aunts and nannies who bring their small charges along to music. The church social lounge was temporarily transformed into a lovely morning tea space with Peter and Rosemary Atkins, Penny Raybould and Judy Laity ably attending to those present. Many of our mums commented on how wonderful the morning was and this is largely due to our very loyal volunteers and their continued support of Mainly Music.

Rachel McMullen is one the regular attendees of Mainly Music. This is what she has to say about our sessions:

My boys and I have and been coming to Mainly Music St Aidan's for a couple of years now. We love the welcoming atmosphere and the chance to get our groove on. We appreciate all the effort Glen and Sarah put into these weekly sessions, and a deliciously warm cuppa made by the lovely parish ladies of St Aidan's.

And from Susanna Stoddard:

Ethan and I always look forward to Wednesdays - our Mainly Music morning! Ethan loves the lively and fun singing and dancing expertly led by Sarah, Glen and Liz, and I look forward to the hot cup of tea and biscuits served by the friendly volunteers. I'm pleased to say I've also enjoyed dancing like a hippopotamus and stomping like a pukeko. It's such a welcoming place for all pre-school ages and there is nothing better than music and dance to bring a smile to children and caregivers alike!

- Sarah Ashworth



PLANTING DAY



For several years the parish has celebrated Care for Creation Sunday in a practical way by calling for volunteers to assist in a tree planting day. Hitherto this has been on Motutapu; this year it was closer to home, at Waiata Reserve, which while being very central is one of Remuera's better-kept secrets as it is invisible from the main road.

On Saturday morning 23rd June a team of some 30 gathered, about 20 being parishioners of all ages. The project is under the aegis of the Orakei Community Board, but the immediate organisation was by Conservation Volunteers New Zealand (CVNZ) who briefed us on the importance of what we were doing as well as on the practical aspects including health and safety.

Waiata Reserve is a gully with an open stream running down it; the banks have been cleared of weeds; our job was to plant both banks of a small section of the stream with natives. Ngati Whatua have raised these from locally-sourced seed at their shade house in Orakei and a representative was on hand to advise and assist.

There were 750 plants altogether: giant umbrella sedge (*Cyperus ustulatus*) and harakeke, both suited to wetland margins, and kanuka. A daunting number

at first sight and it was extremely muddy underfoot, but thanks to enthusiasm, companionship and fine brisk winter weather we met the quota in a couple of hours.

The one disappointment was to see the stream clouded with red paint discharged from somewhere higher up. The CVNZ information sheet notes that, "A natural, clean and beautiful stream environment is good for native wildlife and creates a nicer space for people to enjoy", but it seems that the "Dump no waste, drains to sea" (in this case, Hobson Bay) message has yet to register with some people.

A great team effort which ended with a sausage sizzle and a sense of achievement. Our thanks to the Orakei Community Board for the sausages and to CVNZ for their capable organisation.

- Mark de Courcy



St Aidan's Endowment Trust

Honouring the past – Acknowledging the present – Securing the future



St Aidan's has been a thriving community for 110 years and has played a significant part in the lives of thousands. May it continue to do so!

The St Aidan's Endowment Trust was established in 2015 to ensure that St Aidan's will continue to be a significant place of worship for future generations – possibly even for descendants of past and current parishioners. The Trust Deed provides for the income of the trust to be available to St Aidan's for its religious and charitable purposes. In addition, it specifically and deliberately provides that vestries can only borrow from the Trust for special projects and cannot borrow any more than one-third of the Trust's capital for a maximum of five years. This is to ensure that the Trust's capital remains intact and is not dissipated on future projects which have appeal at the time but little long-term benefit.

The trust, which at 31 December 2017 had investments to the value of \$157,004, is seeking one-off donations or annual donations over a term of years (such donations are able to provide the donor with a tax rebate). An alternative, and relatively painless option, is to arrange for a legacy for the Trust.

A legacy is easily arranged, either in your will or by a codicil if you have no plans to revise your will. This is a wonderful way for you to help build the Endowment Trust's funds and help secure the future of St Aidan's for your children, grandchildren and future generations.

If you already have a will and wish to add a gift to the Endowment Trust you should contact your solicitor or trust company and ask for the following clause to be inserted.

"I give to the St Aidan's Endowment Trust the sum of \$xx (or a x% share in the residual of my estate) for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

The same example wording can be used to help you put in place a new will.

Bequests can be made in cash, shares, real estate or other property and can be made by way of a gift during your lifetime or can be bequeathed in your will.

It is our hope that a regular flow of legacies to the St Aidan's Endowment Trust will safeguard the parish for future generations and ensure it is there for others in the same way that it has been here for you.

Should you (or your lawyer) require further information, either in respect of a legacy or gifting to the Trust during your lifetime, this can be obtained from Marie Taylor (phone 524-8642 or email mariertaylor@xtra.co.nz) or Nigel Brown (phone 589-4182 or email nigel@falconadvances.co.nz).

Want to contribute to St Aidan's Vision of Worship, Caring and Mission? Here's how you can!

Individuals can claim a third of the donation back as a tax rebate, up to a maximum claim equal to their annual taxable income.

Automatic Payment: This is when an automatic transfer of money is made from your bank account to ours every week/month/quarter. We will provide you with a form containing our details for you to complete and send to your bank. This is our preferred option as it enables us to forecast our income and plan expenditure wisely. If you give by automatic payment or internet banking, we are only able to keep a record if you have included a parish-issued reference number in your transaction details. Please contact the office to be given this reference number, which allows your giving to be as close to anonymous as possible.

Envelope giving: If your giving varies each week, this would be the best option for you. Upon request you are allocated a 'giving number' and a set of envelopes. You can then give anonymously by placing your envelope in the collection. If you give by envelope we will automatically keep a record of your giving so that at the end of the financial year we are able to send you a letter confirming the amount given. This letter can then be forwarded to your accountant or used in your personal tax return.

Cash donations: Putting cash in the offering during a service.

One-off donation: This is simply a one-off donation, perhaps to mark a special occasion.

Internet Banking: An electronic transfer can be made through online banking using our bank account details which are: 06-0257-0052666-013. We can issue you with a reference number to quote in your transaction which allows us to issue you with a receipt soon after 31 March tax year end for tax refund purposes. Contact the office for more details.

Bequests: Please consider remembering St Aidan's in your will. Vestry undertakes to ensure that any gifts given in this way achieve the greatest benefit for the ongoing mission of the Gospel through the ministries of St Aidan's.

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Retraction

Following the recent receipt of a letter from Mrs Gillian Baker, now resident in Middlesex, England, St Aidan's Church Magazine wishes to amend the confirmation list entry from the magazine dated October 1949. Mrs Baker informs us that her maiden name was incorrectly recorded as Jillian Dragmar Watson and instead should have been Gillian Dagmar Watson. Our apologies to Mrs Baker.

From the Registers

Baptisms

**James Allan Fraser
Axel Muller Eriksen**

Weddings

**Melissa Gallagher &
Michael Stevenson
Xue Peng & Junhua Chen**

Funerals

Robert Clive Collins

A Beautiful Green Stole

At his induction as the Vicar of St Aidan's last year, Glen Ashworth was presented with a very special gift from our parish. It was a green liturgical stole - the colour green was Glen's choice as it is used frequently throughout the Church's year.

The stole was made by hand by Mrs. Alison Nicholls, one of our own parishioners. Alison is well known in national embroidery circles for her exquisite work and the stole for Glen reflects her very high standards. Each priest has a set of four stoles to match the liturgical colours: White (used at Christmas and Easter and other festival occasions); Purple (used at Advent and Lent); Red (used at Pentecost and the Festivals of Martyrs); and Green (used for "ordinary Sundays" in the periods after Epiphany and Trinity as times of teaching for new growth and faith development).



Two Celtic crosses are embroidered on the stole to reflect the connection to St Aidan as the Celtic Missionary Bishop in Northumberland, who is the 'patron saint' of our church. Each cross is on a background of creamy ultra-suede, and is outlined in gold thread. It is padded with three separate layers of felt to help the finished cross stand out. More gold thread and extremely small beads are incorporated in the crosses to catch the eye and make the point that the cross is the symbol of our faith. This stole is a lasting treasure for Glen who will wear it as a constant reminder of his induction as our Vicar.

-Rosemary Atkins

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