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Glen's Foreword

It has been great to see the development of this magazine and the formulation of the current edition. As I read through the various articles I am appreciative of the work that has gone in to them while also being aware of what God is doing in our midst. With John Priestley's piece on the War memorials and plaques of St Aidan's and a collection of Parishioners memories some of which date back to that same period; with pictures of February's Church Picnic and our growing involvement in 'Haeata' and the City Mission, there seems to be a theme of 'something old, something new' present throughout.

Recently, we were led in our Sunday worship by the youth of the Parish and they did a fantastic job. It was great to worship together and to hear the quiet murmuring of the kids engaged in their activities along with the rest of us. During the sermon slot Conor, our Youth Pastor, talked about the different ways we worship. The challenge for us is that as we continue to move forward as a parish, how are we to make St Aidan's a place for old and new. How will we be a place where anyone looking for a spiritual home will be fed and encouraged in their calling to follow Christ? A place where all ages have the opportunity to understand and express the message of Christ. This challenge is, of course, nothing new and has been the call of the church from its inception. And it is a fitting challenge as we head into Holy Week and Easter where we focus on the death and resurrection of the One who brings us together and inspires all our worship.

- Glen Ashworth
Vicar



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Easter

It was a few weeks before Lent that I heard an interesting podcast on the importance of memories. A small suburb of a large American city was being demolished and one journalist took the opportunity to record the stories of the people who had lived in that area for a long time. This was compiled and the community had 'listening sessions' of these stories as a way, I guess, to express the grief of losing their place but also to share, celebrate and retain the memories they had.

At St Aidan's we have been watching the four-part video documentary, 'For the Love of God,' which looks at the history of the church in the West. There have been times when the church has strayed from its founder Jesus Christ and got it wrong and times when the church has 'played in tune' with Jesus. Over this time we have celebrated and also grieved the retelling of the church's story.

All of this leads us toward Good Friday, the time when we are once again confronted with the events surrounding Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion, and death.

We see Jesus experience to the full extent the reality of human existence, sharing in our story of suffering and grief, our sense of loss and despair. But we also head toward Easter Sunday, to the bodily resurrection of Christ, where we will celebrate the fact that those very things that take away our life have been overcome. Jesus has shared in our story so that we may share in his, the life of which it has been said,

*"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away..."*
and the one who was seated on the throne said,
"...see, I am making all things new."

- Rev 21:3-4

- Glen Ashworth

Easter/Holy Week

Reflective Services - Monday 15th April, Tuesday 16th April and Wednesday 17th April at 7pm.

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing - 7pm, Thursday 18th April.

Good Friday Service - 9:30am, Friday 19th April.

Prayer and Reflection - The church will be open on Good Friday from 12noon to 3pm, and Easter Saturday from 10am to 12noon.

Easter Sunday - 8am & 9:30am Communion services on Sunday 21st April celebrating Christ's resurrection.

Fish Breakfast - Easter Monday 22nd April, 7:30am at Okahu Bay.

Regular Events at St Aidan's

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am Family Communion 5:00pm Evening service (4 th Sunday of each month) Worship in a different style
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 10am in the Bethel Room. New members welcome.
Home Groups	All welcome! Contact Sheryl Swanevelder or Louise for more information.
AAW	A women's afternoon fellowship group. Meets monthly on 1 st Tuesday at 1.30pm.
WEF	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3 rd Tuesday at 7.30pm.
Men's Ministry	Meets last Thursday of the month. Contact Glen for more info.
Pins & Needles	Meets monthly on 2 nd Monday of the month. Contact Marie Taylor on 524 8642.

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New Direction

During the development phase of our New Direction document we received some great suggestions around the Mission focus. The objective of this area is to “encourage and enable people to build a relationship with Jesus” and involves creating opportunities to share faith as well as initiate community activities. Here are some of the ideas we received:

- Set up a club to teach people about God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
- Leaflet drops of church events
- Increased support of Mainly Music
- Book group
- 'Talk' fest with youth
- Social dance evenings
- Open day or 'Bring a Friend' day for Sunday worship

We have already begun some of these initiatives – the Church Picnic, youth-led services and a Movie Night (still to come) but still have room for more. The Mission and Outreach Committee will be working on furthering some of these but if any of the suggestions resonate with you, please get in touch with the staff team. The full New Direction document is available in the GA or the list of key areas of focus is on our website www.staidans.co.nz

- Glen Ashworth

ANZAC Day Service

Friday 25th April, 10am in the church and later at the Memorial Cross.



Cryptic Crossword & Cryptoquote

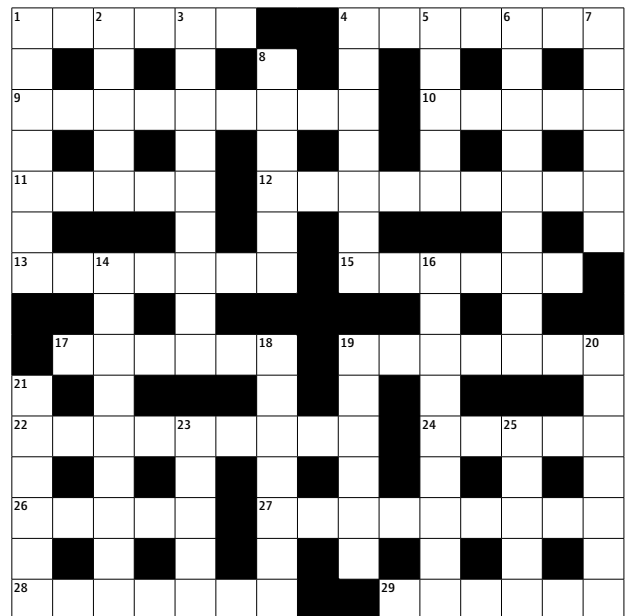
Across

- 1** Earl to mark device for use (6)
- 4** Settlement is rejected in warehouse (7)
- 9** Make good porridge together (2,3,4)
- 10** Backer provides a new stage, after reflection (5)
- 11** Problem of knotted ropes (5)
- 12** Holy man from a Caribbean island (9)
- 13** See about wrong move with precision (7)
- 15** Chance controlled Benedictine monk (6)
- 17** Alien used criminal in studies (6)
- 19** Sinatra upset technician (7)
- 22** Married man who later rued arrangement (9)
- 24** Religious leader's endless chatter (5)
- 26** Means of transport for Home Counties judoka (5)
- 27** Briefcase left with page (9)
- 28** Joiner takes money up front quite slowly (7)
- 29** Look round very fast (6)

Down

- 1 Formerly stout model (7)
- 2 Copper gets tons of conspiracies (5)
- 3 Ended trade organisation that's made too much of (9)
- 4 Visionary head of department

- gets rotary tool (7)
- 5** Left in agony? That's evident! (5)
- 6** Weaken a club with debts? That's wise? (9)
- 7** Claws back pounds, advanced in huge quantities (6)
- 8** Drunken groom consumed a lot of litres (6)
- 14** Shocked when a good man's 'arrased (9)
- 16** Capture supporting position? That's the bottom line (3,6)
- 18** Waste material that is in beastly disorder (7)
- 19** Visual display of yellow in the atmosphere (6)
- 20** Disgusting row about old man (7)
- 21** Aversion is new treatment in Alcoholics Anonymous (6)
- 23** Joint's connective tissue died away (5)
- 25** Farm equipment used to get booze into Britain (5)



CRYPTOQUOTE

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AAW

(Association of Anglican Women)

We began the year with a meeting on Tuesday, 5th March with a visit to the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Robyn Bridgman guided us through St Mary's and the Bishop Selwyn Chapel and we all learned some very interesting facts about both places of worship. Later we had a social time enjoying afternoon tea in the Monteith Centre organised by Desre Simpson and the Committee.



On Tuesday 2nd April we held an inspiring Easter themed meeting in the Church led by Louise. This was followed by afternoon tea in the Gathering Area.

At our meeting on Tuesday 7th May our speaker will be Sara Padey, Diocesan Archivist whose topic will be "Textiles in the Cathedral Archives over 100 years".

2019 is a special year for AAW in New Zealand as we celebrate 50 years since its formation in September 1969. There will be celebrations held in Dioceses and Parishes throughout the country and we at St Aidan's are planning a special occasion at our meeting in October. With this in mind, we are seeking any information people may have such as photos and memories of the time when all women's groups came under the umbrella of The Association of Anglican Women.

We welcome all women of the Parish and surrounding district to join us at our meetings for fellowship, prayer and mission

- Mary Parkinson

Mission Shop

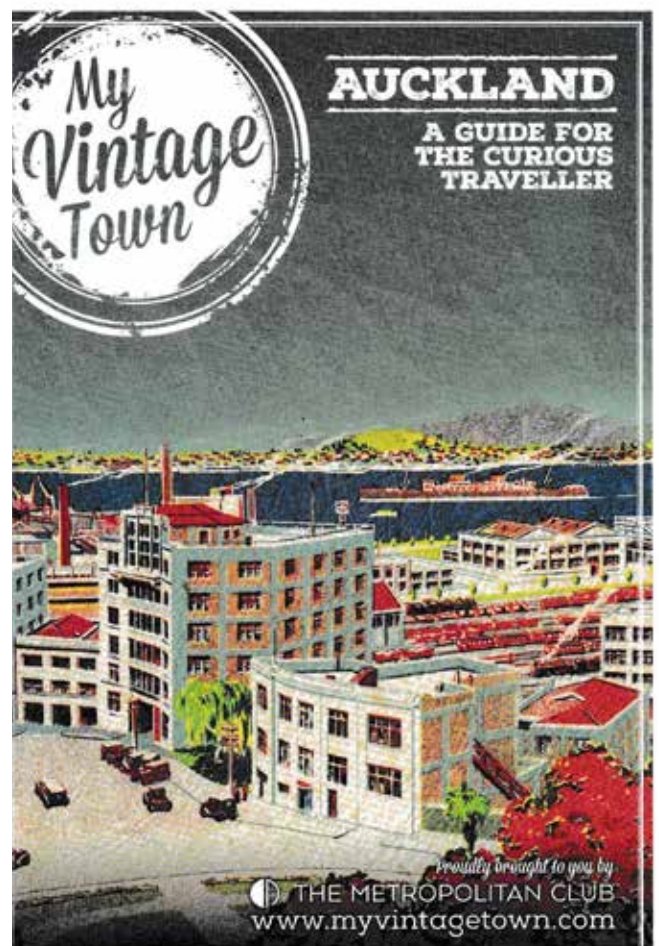
We finished 2018 off very successfully and all the volunteers enjoyed the well-deserved summer break. After opening on 7 February this year with customers lining up outside the door and a very busy first day, things quietened down and have been steady since. The extra advertising is paying off as we have had a lot of new customers. Donations continue to pour in and we distribute some of those to other Anglican organisations and charities.

Look out for the "My Vintage Town" booklet which you can obtain from the Mission Shop. Our advertisement is displayed on page 52.

The image on the screen at New World Remuera is back up after discontinuing for the summer break. We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Remuera for that opportunity.

We are looking forward to another between-season "Pop-up" Sale, Sunday 14th April from 11am to 1pm. Anyone who could help with setting up the Hall from 9am, helping during the sale, and packing up afterwards will be warmly welcomed.

- Jenny Haggitt



Women's Evening Fellowship

We have enjoyed two inspirational speakers so far this year.

Anne Priestley spoke in March on "Finding Communion- Onehunga to Opononi".

What an interesting and varied life Anne has had since she was ordained. Her impact on so many people as she moved around parishes and then to Opononi Retreat gave so much food for thought after such a fascinating talk. We are looking forward to another instalment later on.

At our March meeting we had Margaret Toland speak to us. She joined a group called Caring for China and went to an Orphanage in Xi'an for four years. Her role was health and care of the children, as well as to teach new skills to local young women helping in the orphanage.

The group were missionaries, but couldn't use that term as China is not a Christian country. Margaret's stories about the children they cared for had both happy and sad endings. We heard about a wonderful and diverse group of people working together.

On 9th April we are going to watch a DVD, "Ben Carson - Gifted Hands". This film is based on the autobiography of a world renowned Christian neurosurgeon (and later politician) who worked miracles on children others had "written off".

We enjoy welcoming new women to the group from the Parish or the wider community, for occasional fellowship or regularly, to our evenings.

Women's Evening Fellowship meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Gathering Area .

- Alison, Elisabeth, Jan, Penny, Terrie



"She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" - Proverbs 31:13



Pins & Needles

After a wonderful summer of long, hot weather it is amazing how many beautiful baby garments our fabulous knitters have produced!

There are beanies and blankets, bonnets and booties, cardigans and cuddly teddies, scarves and singlets. The quality and colours are captivating.

Come and see. Come and join us.

Be part of this dedicated group of women who are helping pierce the cycle of poverty in our midst with their pins and needles, their love and their time.

- Marie Taylor

Haeata Community Centre – Auckland City Mission



“Haeata” translates as the “Breaking of the Dawn” and what a wonderfully uplifting and hope-filled name for the Auckland City Mission’s Centre for the homeless community in central Auckland.

Haeata opens its doors 365 days a year, yes, that includes Christmas Day, to provide hospitality, nutritious meals (breakfast and midday dinner), support and social interaction for those who find themselves at the most extreme end of homelessness in our city.

Lord, when did we see you hungry
and when did we see you homeless?

St Aidan’s direct contact with the Haeata Centre in Union Street came about when our Parish provided teams of volunteers, over 3 separate days in December 2018, to assist with the preparation and serving of the midday meal. Reporting for duty at 11am, we were directed through a pleasant, clean dining area with tables seating 2, 4 and 6, into a fully equipped commercial kitchen with a heated servery. We were introduced to Deb who is the full-time chef and very definitely in-charge. A “marvel” would be a very apt word to describe Deb. She is energetic, efficient, gentle in her manner and with a big heart for those for whom, with the assistance of volunteers, she prepares two meals per day. Recognizing the impact of poor nutrition on rough sleepers, a typical midday meal planned by Deb would be a chicken casserole served with rice, a selection of green vegetables, coleslaw, bread rolls, followed by ice cream/yogurt and fresh pineapple slices for dessert. Tea and coffee are available to finish. Okay, preparing meals is what chefs do. However, what is truly staggering here is that all the food that comes into Deb’s kitchen is donated for free. In addition, she does not know until the day before, and very often on the same morning, what ingredients will be to hand for her to feed up to 100 homeless people at any one sitting.

As volunteers, having attended to any last minute food preparations, we took up our positions at the servery, ready, with a welcoming smile and friendly greeting, to plate up the food for the initial rush of people who come as soon as the doors open at midday. Throughout the session, we were required to keep an eye on the quantity of food in the serving

trays, call for top-ups as required from the kitchen, and keep the dirty dishes going through the sterilizer unit. Our final task when the doors closed at 2:30pm, was to wipe down the food preparation surfaces and the servery and attend to the last of the dishes. 3pm – job done!

What a joy it is to feed the hungry! Food donated, prepared and served with love will always bring spiritual nourishment along with the flavours and the calories. Haeata’s aim is not only to meet physical hunger but to address the long term and complex issues of housing, physical and mental health, drug and alcohol dependency of those who cross its threshold.

During the meal times, City Mission staff are on duty to engage with individuals. Many people who came were known to the staff by name, and it seemed to us that the staff would notice if you were missing and would care whether you came back or not. We saw several diners choosing to sit quietly in their own company, but many were chatting like friends as they ate. Our Parish volunteers came away with an impression of Haeata as a gathering place, a way through isolation, capable of offering the conditions for the kind of healing that can happen through the presence of others who are caring and compassionate.

St Aidan’s now has a roster of volunteers to do a monthly duty at Haeata. If you would like to be a part of the St Aidan’s City Mission Volunteers Team, come and talk to me to find out more.

– Barbara Weir

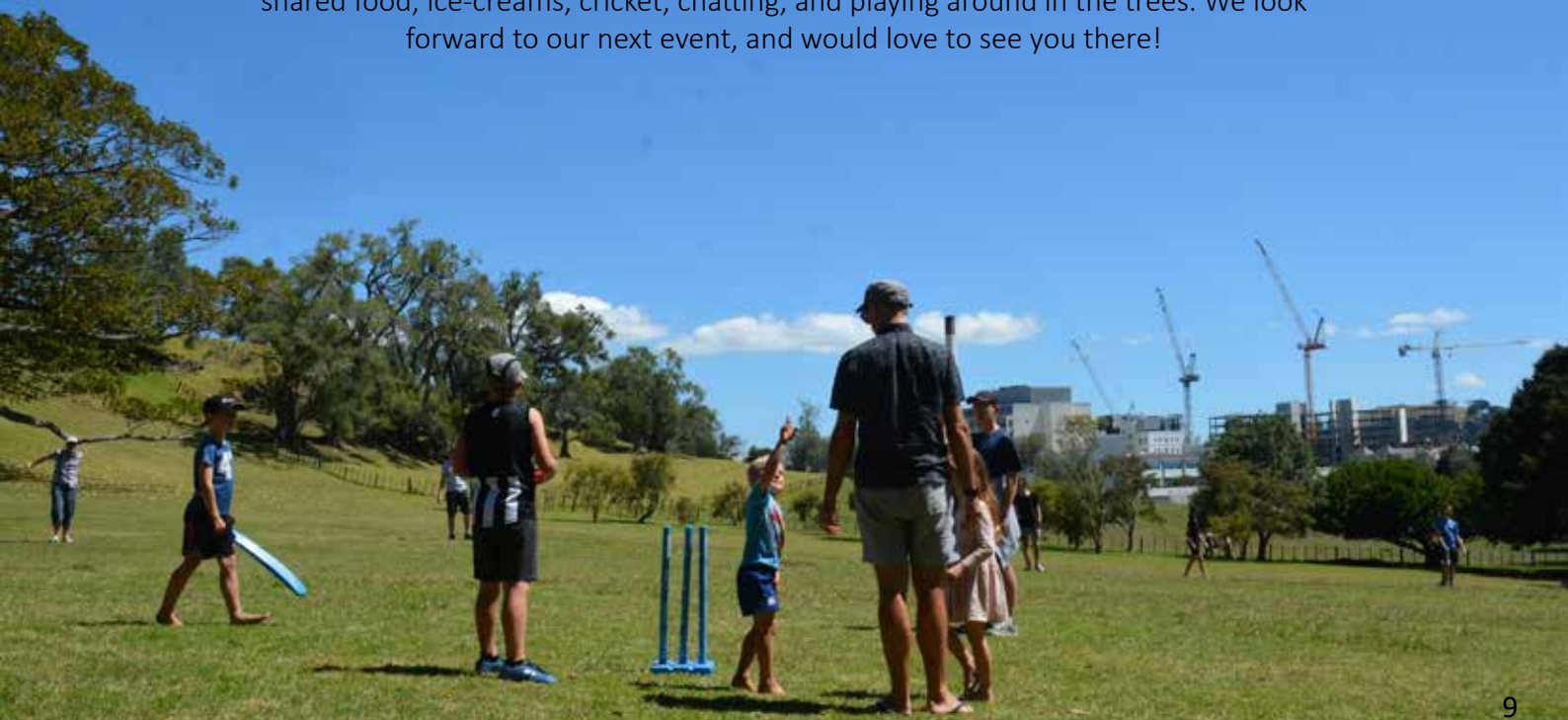


The Homeless Jesus sculpture, produced by Timothy Schmalz, depicts Jesus as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench, hands and face covered but feet exposed to reveal the crucifixion wounds. The sculpture has been described as a visual translation of the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Jesus tells his disciples, ‘as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me’.



Church Picnic at Cornwall Park 3rd March

Our first intergenerational event for the year was a lovely picnic in Cornwall Park. We had a range of parishioners come along to this event, which featured; a scavenger hunt, shared food, ice-creams, cricket, chatting, and playing around in the trees. We look forward to our next event, and would love to see you there!



Memories



Remuera Post Office corner

Memories of God's provision

The story took place in the mid 1950's about a market gardener, living in a small rural fruit growing area, who owned a strawberry garden. Early one summer disaster struck when one of his young daughters was diagnosed with polio. The strawberries were ready to harvest but, because of the very contagious nature of the illness, no one who had recently been in contact with the child, or who lived under the same roof, was allowed to handle them. If the strawberries were not picked the plants would cease to produce and the grower's livelihood would be threatened.

A neighbour heard of this dilemma and he and his entire family came to the rescue. Father, mother and the teenage children picked, packed the fruit for market, and the father contacted the carriers and was up in the early hours of the following morning to ensure that the produce was despatched to market. Other friends and neighbours were quick to take turns to help and thus the strawberry garden remained a viable unit throughout the period the family were in isolation.

Although the child made a good recovery from what was in those days a most dreaded illness, the muscles in one of her legs were damaged and required a great deal of work. However help was close at hand. A retired neighbour who was very experienced in swimming therapy, working with crippled children, spent many hours with the family at the local beach endeavouring to get those wasted muscles working again and to help the child regain her confidence and walk confidently once more. (Anon)



*Corner Remuera Road
(now Banque)*

Memories of God's protection

It was during the dark days of the last war and the Japanese were outside our harbour. The men in all the families were required to dig trenches in their gardens, and all the school children had to practice air raid drill. My father and my friend Judy's father who lived next door, both were hard at it digging deeply. Judy's mother ran from my father's trench to her husband's efforts, telling him that Mr. Michaels's trench was much deeper. (Neither husbands were in their first youth!) We children ran from one trench to the other finding it greatly interesting. My grandmother was Irish and with a touch of Alzheimer's and when asked to come and have a look at the finished article, was convinced that it was her grave and would not come near, so the family had to keep the wheel barrow by the side steps and intended, if the worst came to the worst, grandma was to be wheeled to the trench. However, it poured with rain and the trenches filled with water, and perhaps most importantly the war news improved, the Japanese did not invade and we never had to use the trenches.



Corner Remuera Road and Clonbern Ave

My father died in 1948 when I was 14 years of age. My youngest brother was only 5 and my sister and other brother in between. We lived in a large house and my mother, to make ends meet, had borders and also let part of the house as a small flat. (In those days, just after the war, service men came home and many got married and all needed somewhere to live, so there was no shortage of people looking for accommodation.) There was not the financial help available that we have now come to expect, but our mother was a wonderful manager and we fatherless children were well looked after. Whenever St. Aidan's asked for parishioners to review their giving, our mother always gave it due thought and increased her giving, and then she found her dividends would increase. It was quite amazing – but even though we had no father and much less of a family income, we were never really disadvantaged. Our good Lord most certainly looked after us. Thank God. (Anon)

Memories of God's enduring love

I was born in 1950 into a traditional Catholic family in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Attendance at Mass every Sunday and daily evening prayers were a feature of our family life. For the years of my secondary education, I attended a Convent school run by Dominican nuns, where there was a strong emphasis on religious education and on the weaving of prayer into every aspect of school life.



In a city like Belfast, divided along religious sectarian lines, as a young person, you simply have no meaningful contact with someone who does not belong to the same Christian denomination as you do.

My first interaction with non-Catholics occurred when I went to Queen's University Belfast to study foreign languages. This was in 1968 at the start of the period now referred to as the Troubles. IRA bombs exploding around the city, the buzzing of British Army helicopters over your rooftop, sniper gunfire in your back garden, stepping over a British soldier prostrate on the pavement with rifle at the ready – this became normal life for us in trouble-torn Belfast.

At University, I met Gordon who was from an Anglican, Church of Ireland family and we were married in 1971. We were one of Ireland's "mixed marriages" - a marriage fraught with danger because you could potentially be seen as a traitor by both the Catholic and Protestant communities. Both of our families were totally opposed to our relationship. My own father, who considered himself a devout Catholic, would have "thrown me out of the house" had it not been for my mother's intervention. "No one else in our family has done this before, and I am damned sure you are not going to be the first!"

In addition to my personal family strife, I was, as an attendee at Church, becoming increasingly very aware of what I considered to be the distinct lack of moral leadership from both of the mainstream churches when it came to speaking out against the killings and the violence and the destruction used by both sides to further their political aims.

As an eighteen year old, you see the world in very black and white terms. You make little attempt to understand the corrosive effect of fear on people's behaviour, nor do you appreciate how deep-seated historical grievances run. As I saw it then, "organized religion" was a betrayal of the Gospel of Christ's grace which I had come to love. I left the Catholic Church and I also left Belfast in 1973 with no intention of darkening the doors of a church ever again. I arrived in New Zealand in 1973 and my daughter, Claire was born eight years later in 1981.

And yet all those years, Jesus never really let me go! And so it came that one day I was out walking with 3 year old Claire in her pushchair when something made me stop in my tracks outside St Aidan's Church. I was literally struck by this thought. "OK, you have given up on Church life, but should you then deny your child the opportunity to know Jesus and to decide for herself later on whether she chose to hold on to a relationship with God". It was a powerful moment for me and the rest, as they say, is history.

I introduced myself to the then Vicar, Rev'd Roy Everall, Claire was baptized several months later, and through her, I was drawn back into the life of the Church and into an involvement in Parish life at St Aidan's which continues to this day. St Aidan's became my new spiritual home.



St Aidan's East Window

It was some months after my arrival in this beautiful old wooden church, that I became aware of the detail on the stunning east window behind the altar with its depiction of Christ blessing the little children.

I had stopped right outside this window on the pavement in Ascot Avenue when I had felt the call to bring my own little daughter to Jesus and it was through her that Jesus called me back to himself. A very personal journey indeed.

- Barbara Weir

Habitat for Humanity Curtain Bank Update

3029 Curtains - 279 Families

Statistics do not tell the whole story, but these ones, as they stand, are very impressive for the Curtain Bank in its start-up year. 3029 curtains made and fitted into the homes of 279 needy families in the period 01 February 2018 to 31 January 2019.



Volunteers report for sewing duty at the Curtain Bank

During this same period, St Aidan's has acted as a collection point for donations of pre-loved curtains and the Parish will continue to do this as part of its commitment to the overall work of Habitat for Humanity. Indeed we have some impressive statistics of our own to report, having bagged, to date, 38 big black rubbish bags with donated curtains. In addition, we have facilitated relatively large donations of top quality curtains from 3 retirement villages – 7 St Vincent Remuera, Selwyn Village Papakura, and Grace Joel St Heliers. So thank you to all our parishioners who have dropped off curtains. Also if you have any connection to the retirement villages mentioned above, a word of thanks would be in order to the Management for such generous gestures of community outreach.

In December 2018, the Curtain Bank moved to its new location on the site of the Habitat for Humanity Auckland Head Office in Otara. This new space has been adapted to house two cutting/sorting tables, several sewing machines and purpose-built sturdy storage shelves.

On arrival at the Curtain Bank, donated curtains are first stripped of their linings and tape. The fabric is then delivered for washing to an external commercial laundry. When returned to the Curtain Bank workshop, the clean curtain fabric is cut to measurements taken from specific homes, and fitted with new lining and tape. The finished curtains are supplied, free of charge, to low income families and individuals with a particular focus on the elderly, families with young children and expectant mothers.

When fitting the curtains, Habitat for Humanity workers, will take the opportunity to offer a free "healthy home" assessment and provide energy-saving tips. Where improvements are required, such as insulation and heat-pumps, Habitat can offer interest free loans, arrange repayments at affordable rates and provide their own qualified tradesmen to do the work. Liaison with landlords on behalf of tenants is often a necessity which Habitat is willing to undertake.

The Curtain Bank faces the year ahead with a huge backlog of referrals. Donations of pre-loved curtains are still desperately needed. Donations of money will be used to purchase lining material and tapes, some ready-made curtains, and most importantly to contribute to the cost of acquiring its own commercial washing machine to eliminate those external laundry charges which are proving quite burdensome. The Curtain Bank is also calling for volunteers who can assist in the workshop with the very essential sewing that must be done.

Talk to me if you are able to help in any way.

- Barbara Weir



Official opening of the new Curtain Bank premises

King of the Jews - A Christmas/Easter Dialogue

A two part scripture reading arranged by Dale E. Jones (adapted)

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus, that all the world should be registered.
All went to be registered, every one to their own towns...

He came unto his own, and his own did not receive him.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee...

**When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man was a Galilean,
and as soon as he knew that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod.**

Out of the city of Nazareth...

Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

Into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.

There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, asking,
"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

"If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

"For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

And all his acquaintances stood at a distance, watching these things.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.
Then an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."

"For he shall be delivered into the hands of the Gentiles..."

"For to you is born this day..."

"And shall be mocked..."

"In the city of David..."

"And spitefully treated..."

"A saviour..."

"And spat on..."

"Who is the Messiah, the Lord?"

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

And so it was, that while they were there the time came for her to deliver her child.

And having said this, he died.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son,

So Joseph took the body

And wrapped him in swaddling clothes

And wrapped it in a clean linen cloth

And laid him in a manger

And laid it in his own new tomb

Because there was no place for them in the inn

Where no one had ever been laid.

On entering the house,

On the first day of the week,

They saw the child with Mary his mother

They came to the tomb,

and... they offered him gifts

Bringing the spices that they had prepared.

Gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

Suddenly, two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them;

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host.

They said: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

"Glory to God in the highest,"

"He is not here."

"And on earth, peace, good will to all!"

"He is risen!"

War Memorials & Plaques at St Aidan's

As Anzac Day 2019 approaches, readers might be interested in the effect which two global conflicts had on the fabric and grounds of St Aidan's.

The impressive granite war memorial standing just inside the Remuera Road boundary of St Aidan's has an interesting history. On it are inscribed the names of 35 men who were killed in the First World War (1914-1918). Shortly after the end of the Second World War (1939-1945), 48 further names were added. All the names are carved into three sides of the base of the cross – the Second World War names being below those of the First War.



The memorial, consistent with the Celtic saint, St Aidan, is a Celtic cross constructed from Australian granite approximately 19 feet (5.79 metres) high. Affixed to the cross in a vertical position is a large bronze replica of a sword (like a Crusader sword).

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Henry Stapleton-Cotton D.F.M.

The church grounds were very different when the memorial cross was designed and constructed in the early 1920s. The current hall did not exist. A path curved down to the north door of the church from Remuera Road. There were planted gardens. The memorial cross was erected on a scoria rock base approximately 10 metres from the church wall. When the new church hall was constructed in 1967, the entire cross was moved closer to Remuera Road. In the late 1970s, the cross was rotated through 90 degrees to its current position and the inscribed names were cleaned and restored.

Around 1920 the Vestry set up a committee to decide what names would be eligible for inscription on the memorial. The final criteria were men of the parish who had died in the war or those who had subsequently died of wounds, who were either actual members of St Aidan's or the unmarried son of a member of the church at the date of death. Many of the names inscribed on the memorial appear on other memorials in schools and halls in Auckland, and of course on the interior wall of the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

The memorial cross was unveiled by New Zealand's then Governor-General, Lord Jellicoe, on Sunday 23 April 1922. Lord and Lady Jellicoe attended that day's service at St Aidan's. The Auckland Star described the church as "filled to overflowing". The Bishop of Auckland, the Right Rev Dr A W Averill, preached, concluding his sermon by saying:

"This morning we are specially commemorating St Aidan's noble sons and thanking God for their devotion and faithfulness unto death, and may the lych gate and memorial cross so suitable as memorials ever remind the present and future generations of the price for their freedom."

The Governor-General, unveiling both the memorial cross and the lych gate, said:

"Alas, they are not unique in their signification, for throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion countless memorials have been erected and unveiled to the memory of those who in the call of duty and in a righteous cause came to the assistance of the Empire in the great war for the preservation of civilisation and the protection of the weak."

The lych gate on the Remuera Road-Ascot Avenue corner is an unusual design, said to be a near copy of an early 18th century lych gate at St George's Church Clun in Shropshire. Our lych gate was funded by the Hudson family in memory of Lieutenant Evan Gibb Hudson, whose name appears on a brass plaque on the roof beam. The plaque refers to both Lieutenant Hudson "and those others who gave their lives in the Great War for civilisation.... Their name liveth forever more".

For many years a lych gate fund appeared in the annual St Aidan's financial statement. Approximately 15 years ago, the capital of that account was amalgamated with St Aidan's funds, the parish assuming the obligation

to maintain the lych gate. During the tenure of the Rev Jo Kelly-Moore, the two gates were removed from their hinges and disappeared. They were never recovered and one must wonder who the perpetrator of such a targeted theft might be. Replica gates were eventually manufactured and the lych gate generally restored and repaired.

Vice-regal association with St Aidan's continued after the Second World War. The eight stained glass windows on the north wall of the church honour both men who were killed during the Second World War and the contribution of women in the war effort. The first four windows were unveiled by the then Bishop of Auckland, the Right Rev R J Simkin, in December 1947. On Anzac Day 1949, the Governor-General, Sir Bernard Freyberg VC unveiled the other four windows. The plaque marking the windows, immediately beside the door leading from the church into the gathering area, states:

'These four windows are a thank-offering to Almighty God for his mercies during the Second World War and in honoured memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the struggle for freedom and whose names are inscribed on the cross in the churchyard.'



Memorial Plaque for Henry Innes Walker

The hanging red-globed sanctuary lamp was gifted by Mrs Stapleton-Cotton, whose son Henry was a server at St Aidan's. Henry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for his part in bomber operations over Germany. He was killed in action in July 1942 whilst serving with the Royal Air Force in the eastern Mediterranean, and is buried in a war cemetery in Haifa. Mrs Cotton is said to have melted down her jewellery and incorporated the resulting gold and precious stones in a memorial plaque. It appears this plaque was subsequently stolen. A replacement brass plaque, inscribed with Pilot Officer Cotton's name, and carrying the RAF badge, is fixed to the church wall immediately to the right of the door leading from the sanctuary into the vestry.

Various plaques and memorials inside the church commemorate parishioners in both World Wars. On the back wall of the church is a Roll of Honour to the St Aidan's Scout Group, listing 66 names of former scouts who fought in the Second World War, of whom four were killed. The wooden font cover was dedicated by Bishop Averill in April 1919 in memory of Lieutenant Paul Clark.

Other brass memorial plaques are grouped together on the wall immediately behind the pews against the south wall of the church. These plaques memorialise H J Innes-Walker, J S Dagg, E W Boucher, A F Boucher, and G S De M Cheeseman, all of whom were in the Army during the First World War most of whom – other than Major Cheeseman - were killed in action or died on active service. Their ages range from 23 to 25 years. Major Cheeseman, wounded at Gallipoli, survived the war but died in 1927, aged 34.

A poignant story surrounds the death of Henry Innes-Walker. Henry had been a distinguished student at King's College, which then occupied the site on Remuera Road where King's School now is. After leaving school he was commissioned into

the Territorial Army and sailed to Britain, where he was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. This regiment was part of the British Expeditionary Force engaged in France at the outset of the war. On 25 April 1915, the same day as the Gallipoli landings, Captain Innes-Walker was fatally wounded at the First battle of Ypres during an early morning attack on the German lines. His corpse was seen in a shell crater but was never retrieved. In 2016, over a century later, his body was uncovered during the course of an archaeological dig in Belgium and was identified. He was re-buried with full military honours at a Belgian war cemetery.

These various memorials at St Aidan's were of huge importance to parishioners and bereaved families. They remain as history amongst us.

Community Noticeboard



Remuera Bastille Day

Remuera Bastille Day Street Festival is back for another year of French festivities, family fun, food, live entertainment & bustling cafes. St Aidan's will again be sponsoring the bouncy castle.

Saturday 13th July from 11am to 3pm in Remuera Village

REMUERA LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

Family Friendly
1st Friday of the month
3.30 - 5.00PM



From the Registers

November 2018
to
April 2019

Weddings

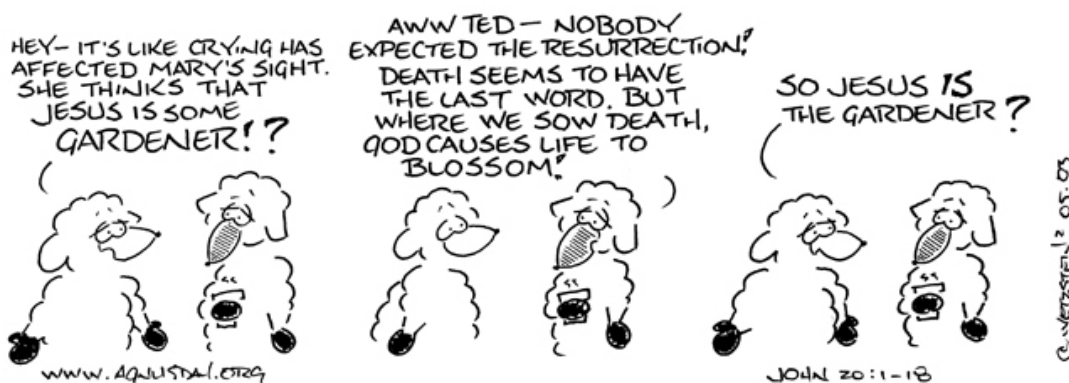
Zoe Hing-Mather & Joseph Windsor
Angela Wang & Rui Ming Yong
Sophie Barlow & Conor McGrath

Funerals

Richard (Peter) Kearsley
Alan Montgomery
Michael Joyce
Judith Rowley
Sydney Pasley
Jillian Tonks

Baptisms

Francesca Stenner
Scarlett Flapper
Charlie Hibbard
George Hibbard



Resurrection Rolls

Make dinner rolls to begin with:

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 2 Tb butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 3 1/4 cups bread flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 tsp dry yeast

Method

Combine the above and make into a dough.

For the Resurrection Rolls:

Ingredients

- 6 Tb sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 bag large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Method

Combine sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside.
Divide the dough into individual roll sized portions. Press each portion into a flat circle. Dip a marshmallow in butter and roll in cinnamon sugar, then place in the centre of each roll. Pinch roll dough very firmly around the marshmallow.
Roll each into a ball with your hands, being careful to seal in the marshmallow as seamlessly as possible. Brush rolls with melted butter and sprinkle cinnamon sugar over them. Let the rolls rise for about an hour, or cover with plastic wrap and put in the fridge overnight if you are making ahead of time. Preheat oven to 180° and bake for 15 minutes until rolls are golden brown. Be careful not to overbake.



Jesus Went Out To A Garden

Jesus went out to a garden to a quiet place to pray.
In the night, a crowd came round him,
led by Judas on their way.
They seized Jesus to arrest him;
someone near then drew a sword.
Soon a slave was injured,
suffering there beside our suffering Lord.
Jesus spoke to stop the violence:
"Put your sword back in its place."
Then he touched the slave and healed him
in a moment filled with grace.
For as violence leads to violence
causing more distress and pain –
So compassion in abundance
is a witness to God's reign.
God of love, we pause and wonder:
did that slave give quiet praise?
Yet the story marches onward
with the pain that it portrays.
For the One who brought such healing
soon was broken, on a cross,
To our sinful world revealing
violence has an awful cost.
God, the gospels bear a witness:
Your Son's death was not the end.
By your grace, you raised up Jesus;
sin and violence did not win.
May we work to end all suffering;
lead us in Christ's peaceful way.
May his peace become an offering
that we share throughout each day.

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Crossword & Puzzle Solutions



Cryptoquote: "Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in one seed." - Robert H. Schuller



Would you like to financially contribute to St Aidan's New Direction in Mission and Ministry? 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.



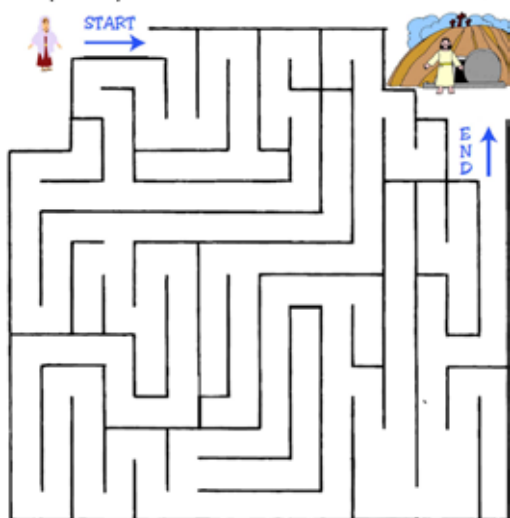
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Kids' Zone

Help Mary find Jesus at the tomb - John 20



What do you get if you pour
boiling water into a rabbit burrow?
Hot cross bunnies!



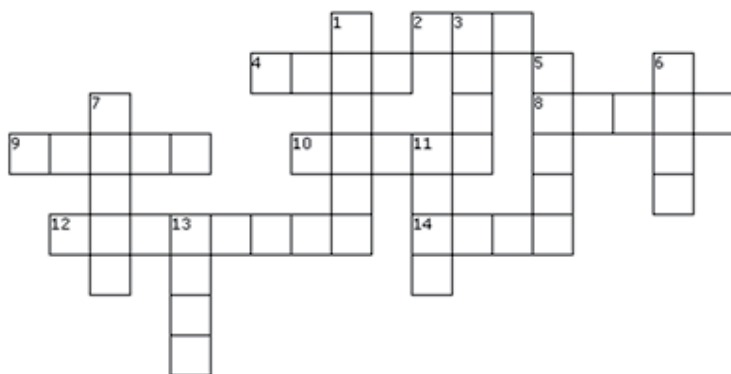
Bring your colourful picture to church
on Easter Sunday 21st April and a
winner will be drawn at random.

Name

Age

Parent/Guardian

Extra colouring sheets available
in the Gathering Area.



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

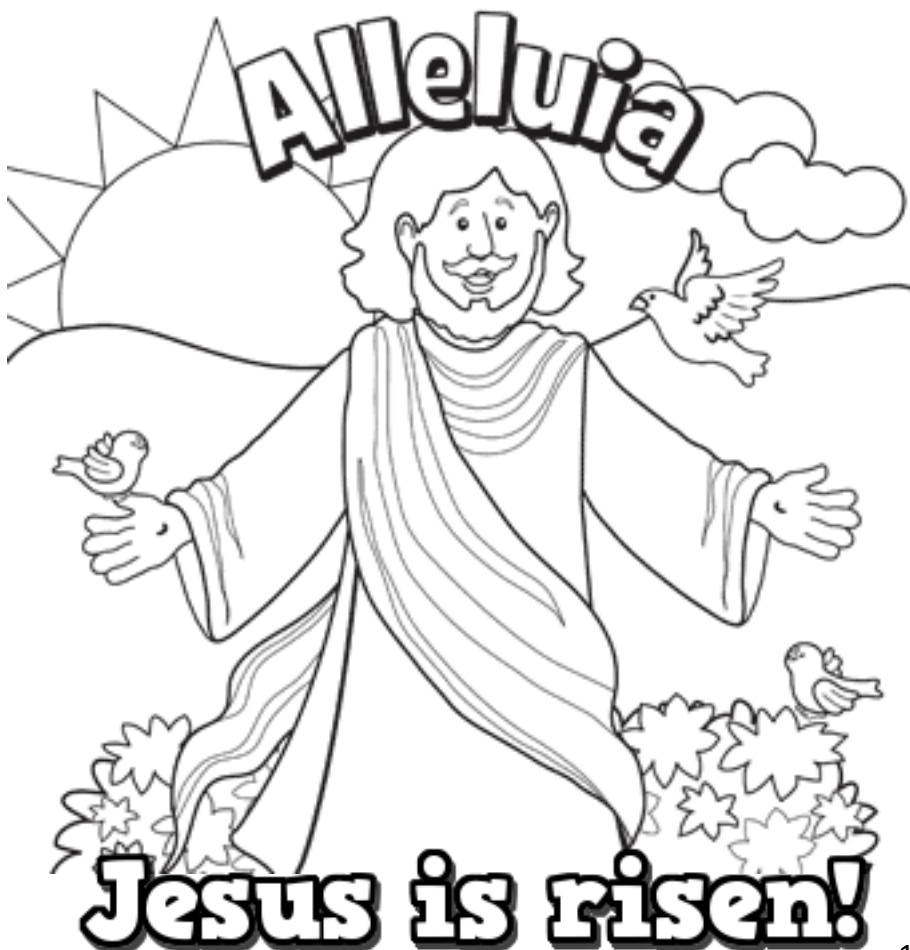
DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light



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