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Glen's Foreword

It was the Greek philosopher Heraclitus who wrote, 'the only thing that is constant is change'; a clever phrase which carries wisdom and speaks into many areas of life. It's an idea which can comfort us when we face difficult seasons in our lives, knowing that this too will pass. Hard times of parenting, work situations, relationship strains and griefs can be tempered by the knowledge that it won't always be this way. That things change in the world is often a key part of keeping us engaged and purposeful. Change is of course not without its challenges – it can be unsettling and involve upheaval, loss and heartache. There are always things in our world today which need to change and must change, such as issues of social justice, the pain and suffering of which is only increased by our own inaction.

Change has a long history in Christian experience. As those from a non-Jewish background came to accept Christ, the largely Jewish church at that point had to think through what it meant to be the people of God now. This involved some debate and this debating about the faith has continued through millennia with questions around doctrine or theology or leadership being the cause of not only controversy, but also schism. This is not to say that division is the inevitable or necessary corollary of change, but it is part and parcel of living in a broken world.

The church, throughout its existence, has had to constantly work at translating and communicating the faith to successive generations. As the world develops and faces an ever changing and evolving sets of questions and pressures, the church must dig deep into the resources of her faith in order to present the single hope for humanity which is the gospel. And the same question has faced the church from the beginning – what needs to change, what can change? And what must be retained, sometimes at all costs?

As you read through the Parish Magazine you might note the theme of change. Nigel's fantastic piece on the addition of the Gathering Area to the church was a change that has had a tangible impact on the life of the church. Yvonne Kennedy's piece chronicles various church building changes to serve the changing worshipping community throughout the years and Rosemary Atkin's numbers article portrays ongoing developments in the make-up of the church. Even the Parish mag has had a name change – something a little more descriptive.

In our corner of the world we are faced with the question – how must we adapt to engage with those we are missing from the life of our community? And what things must we retain that will not only sustain us as disciples of Christ, but are the very things which make the church salt and light to the world? As we work away at this, in the much larger context of ongoing cultural development and change, we value feedback, prayers and support. All of us play a role in being the church, being the body of Christ to a changing world that is looking for hope and truth.

It is interesting that the core message of the gospel is about change. Although we worship a God who does not change, Jesus calls us all to repent and believe – literally to change the way we think. We change to be more like Christ and it is in Christ we are brought together in worship and mission. Though there are issues we will encounter, our faith itself is one that calls for and inspires change. It seems that change is here to stay.

Glen



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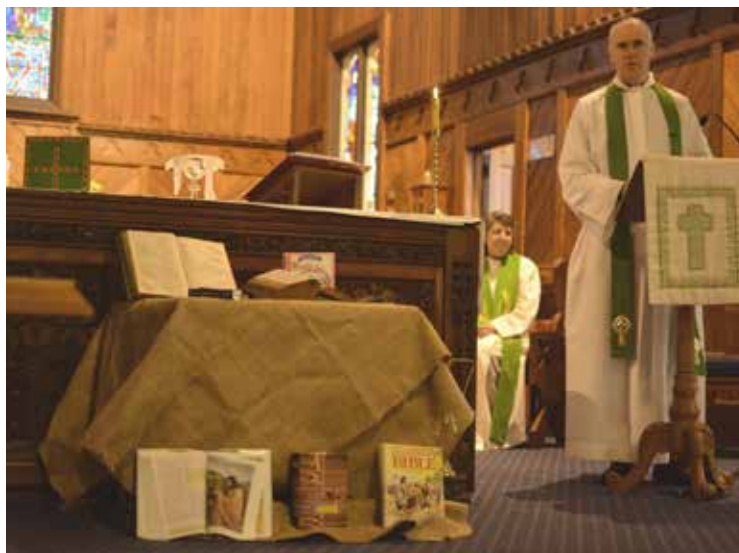
Recent Events



Pentecost - Following the Medieval practice of 'Holy Spirit holes', brightly coloured feathers were released from the rafters to symbolise the God moments in our lives



Movie Night - The next movie night will be on Saturday 31st August at 3pm for primary school ages and preschoolers. Grandparents can bring grandchildren. 5pm pizza and popcorn followed at 6pm by a second G-rated movie,



Bible Sunday display



Volunteering "Thank You" chocolates

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)
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.
Contemplative Prayer	Meets each Wednesday at 9.45am, 276A Victoria Avenue. Contact Anne Priestley.
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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Quiz Night

The Annual St Aidan's Quiz was held on Friday 9th August as a fundraiser for the Auckland City Mission's HomeGround Project.

The theme for the night was '1920's' in honour of the founding date of the Mission.

Many thanks to Quizmaster Ryan Berry, organisers Jenny Haggitt and Barbara Weir, and all who attended and contributed to the silent auction. Over \$3,000 was raised in support of HomeGround. A great effort!

One-off and ongoing contributions can still be made to support the project. Contact the office for a donation form, speak to Barbara Weir about how you can help, or visit www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/homeground



St Aidan's - How Did We Get Here?

Anne Godman

I started my Christian journey when I was eight by committing my life to the Lord at a theatre production of "The Witness" (Some oldies may be familiar with Carol & Jimmy Owens' music). I had grown up in a Christian home, have always attended church, and knew the words for, "To God be the Glory" before I knew how to read.

They say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing the same way over and over again and expecting different results, so around 15 years ago, having tired of banking, I felt my life needed a serious shake-up. I took a long service leave trip in a campervan up the east coast of Australia with my cat, resigning from my job before I came home and trusting that in leaping from the safety of the known that God had a firm hold of my unknown future.

A little over a year later I began working for a newly formed Anglican Parish, what had been three parishes in the Tamar Valley in Tasmania now joined together as one. That began 13 years of happy service to the Lord through the Parish of Riverlinks, before more shake-ups came in the form of redress following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Diocese of Tasmania was expecting a remuneration bill of up to \$8 million and to fund the redress scheme they made the difficult decision to sell around 130 churches, halls and properties. In Riverlinks Parish this meant five of the six churches would go and so would my job.

So I faced a very difficult decision, believing strongly that God did not intend for me to move on to the newly created All Saints Network in Launceston. In a very tight job market I had to wonder what came next and to seriously consider the need to move from my home of 25+ years to somewhere completely new. Where was God leading? Where did I want to go? Through a series of "God-incidences", as my old pastor used to say, I came across the job advertisement for the Administrator's position at St Aidan's. Could God really want me to move not just interstate but overseas???

Thankfully I followed the Lord's leading, applied for, was granted and accepted the job here. The last 10 months have been an amazing learning journey for me. So many new challenges!! As I look back over the last two years of my personal journey I am in turn amazed, tearful, humbled and overjoyed by the changes God has made in my life, and in my journey to St Aidan's.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

Rosie Howell

Rosie Howell left school in 1946 and went to work for a Postage Stamp Wholesaler in Brighton, Sussex, England. She stayed in the same job until retiring in 1999 and came to live permanently in New Zealand to be with family at the end of that year. Early in 2000 she joined the congregation at St Aidan's and was greeted by a warm and caring member, Marie Taylor. She then became an active member of the church. Joining the Tuesday Evening Fellowship has been particularly fun, with much laughter and caring.

Lilian Gnanasunderam

"I will go in the strength of the Lord"

Lilian Gnanasunderam is 99 years of age and will mark her 100th birthday this October. We caught up with her recently at her lovely apartment in Meadowbank and spent some time listening to her reflections on nearly one hundred years spread across two very different parts of the globe.

Lilian reflected that when she entered the world it was 1919 and Sri Lanka was still a British colony, known then as Ceylon. The fifth of seven children, she arrived after the birth of four brothers on which occasion the nurse was to hand her to her father with the words, "this is the daughter you have longed for".

Lilian's father converted from Hinduism prior to marrying her mother and she was raised in a Christian household. Growing up in an Anglican home, baptised and confirmed at St Lukes Anglican Church Ratnapura, Lilian says it was her secondary school years, when she attended a Baptist Missionary School where faith grew in its centrality to her life. "The Principal of the school was a prayerful lady", and Lilian feels she was a role model for her in her journey with the Lord. She enjoyed the hymns, and thinks it was the theology in them, together with scriptures in each assembly, which in her adolescence washed over her in such a way as to leave a lifelong indelible imprint.

Lilian met her husband Gnamam at a Bible in Schools Conference; she was a Home Science teacher at the time. "I wasn't too impressed to begin with" she recalls, but Gnamam asked her parents if he might visit in the weekends and pursued her. Gnamam approached Lilian with the thought he felt called to become a priest, Lilian remembers telling him in no uncertain terms she did not feel her vocation was to such a place beside him, and she won. Gnamam and Lillian were married in 1946, Lilian aged 25.

Together Lilian and Gnanam set about building a life together including “two beautiful children” who were eventually to accompany them to New Zealand and bring her the “joy” of a granddaughter. Lilian describes the years in Ratnapura before the family moved to Colombo as “worldly”. She says, “I wanted to be with the Jones”; there are Jones' to keep up with everywhere it seems, even in Sri Lanka.

They moved to Colombo after a promotion for Gnanam to Superintendent of Prisons for Sri Lanka. Lilian feels life settled down to a simpler existence where the two of them and their children journeyed together in faith in an intentional way. Lilian reflected that during this time how parts of her husband's role at the prison weighed heavy on her heart. As the Superintendent Gnanam was responsible for seeing through and implementing the requirements of the law, which at this time included executions. So when a visiting Methodist Missionary arrived quite unexpectedly and suggested a position was going in New Zealand on the Anglican Board of Missions, Lilian and family were ready to answer the church's call. It cannot be underestimated what it meant for the family to ‘upsticks’ and prayerfully emigrate to New Zealand. Lilian reflects there was no real job description, and the prospects for the role Gnanam and she would fill was uncharted territory. She is thankful through it all God was with them.



After arriving in Aotearoa New Zealand in September 1967, one of Gnanam's first tasks in his role, was to visit every Anglican church between Auckland and Cape Reinga. There was a focus at that time on the Maori church, which prior to 1992 did not operate as a separate tikanga or strand within New Zealand Anglicanism. The family embraced the role and the diversity of activities it entailed.

The story of how Lilian by then aged 50 arrived at the doors of St Aidan's Remuera is one for the ages. Three days after arriving in New Zealand the family were driving along Remuera Road when Gnanam failed to give way at the intersection of Remuera Road and Ascot Ave. Unfortunately, or perhaps providentially a Ministry of Transport vehicle was behind them and with a whirr of sirens they were pulled over. As Lilian rather embarrassingly alighted from the vehicle there it was, St Aidan's Anglican Church Remuera. And fifty years later here she remains, a faithful parishioner, member

of numerous bible studies, community groups and fellowships, and a self-confessed prayer warrior.

On enquiring as to the reception the family received when the following Sunday after the siren incident they entered the church, an all too familiar story unfolded. “No-one spoke to us, not even the vicar,” Lilian reflects. Other family members who eventually joined them in New Zealand found many churches “cold”. Today Lilian proudly declares St Aidan's are her church family “I am so much at home,” she says, and love flows between and out of the community in a beautiful way. The church and New Zealand has come along way since 1969, but its worth reflecting on how we welcome people Sunday by Sunday.

From baptism as a baby to her 100th year in service of the Lord, Lilian has lived long enough to warrant us seeking some advice. When asked what made a difference in her faith journey she did not hesitate. “Nurture a relationship with Jesus,” she said, “He'll never leave you, nor forsake you.” Lilian says the times where she has turned away God has always called her back. She says discipline is important in nurturing that relationship, be it reading scripture, prayer, or making time to be in community with others talking about one's faith. Lilian also suggests we not be surprised by the ways the Holy Spirit can speak and act directly in our lives. Perhaps you could ask her how she has seen God at work and hear a testimony of his gracious love toward her.

How does one write about a journey of nearly 100 years and do anything like justice to the stories and memories? One can't, not in a multi volume set. When Lilian took her final exams as the teenage Head Girl of her school, it was the first time she was able to choose the hymn for the morning assembly. She chose Edward Turney's, 'I will go in the strength of The Lord'. It seems to me she has done so all her life and continues to do so to this day. She is full of energy and life, a ready memory and a steady hand belying her age.

A lesson from our brief chat might be that we, like St Aidan and the many saints gone before us, and as Lilian has too, be prepared to go where we are called and led, knowing God in his strength is with us always.

Compiled by Cameron Pickering

Lillian will celebrate her 100th Birthday with a Service of Thanksgiving at St Aidan's Anglican Church, Remuera on Friday 25th October at 7pm. She would love to see you there.

Tree Planting at Waiata Reserve

On Saturday 28th June a large group of volunteers arrived at Waiata Reserve for the annual tree planting day, organised by Conservation Volunteers NZ and The Ōrākei Local Board to enhance the stream and surrounding areas by planting native species along the stream bank. Native plants, which provide important habitat for birds and insects and help improve water quality in the stream, were supplied with BYO gumboots and spades.

St Aidan's once again had a large contingent of volunteers, 27 in total plus a few dogs. In fact there were so many volunteers we ran out of plants and finished early! The morning ended with a sausage sizzle and lots of smiling faces for a job well done.

Some of the hardworking volunteers and their tools!



Home Groups

Our group have had a good time of fellowship including some sobering and introspective discussions having just completed John Ortberg's DVD series "When the Game is over it all goes back in the Box", a series on living life in the light of eternity. Always a good reminder of how to live life in the here and now!

Recently our home group hosted Margaret Poynton from NZCMS. It was a sobering wake up as to the conditions in Papua New Guinea! She is one brave woman who has honoured the call to do mission work in unbelievably dangerous, uncomfortable and challenging conditions. In Port Moresby it is NOT safe for a woman alone to cross the road to the bank, even men walk in pairs. The mode of transport in Dogura, where she will be stationed is walking. This epitomises the African proverb, "New things lie in front of moving feet."

Margaret will be serving as a Women and Children's worker, to help women to know Christ and make Him known to their children throughout the Diocese. This sounds relatively simplistic but the language barrier alone is a story in itself. The country has 832 languages, NOT dialects, making it the most linguistically diverse place on Earth! The official languages are Tok Pisin, English Hiri Motua and PNG sign language. She said language changes from one village to the next. Imagine if Meadowbank could not talk to Remuera, how challenging would that be for Glen and Louise?! Education is low and girls and woman have to work the fields and keep the pot on the boil. The interesting thing about Dogura is that it is a Matriarchal society. This makes the area "fertile soil" for her work which is directed mainly to women.

So while we keep warm and sink into our easy chairs let us pray for people like Margaret, and if the Lord leads you to send a dollar or two follow the prompting. www.nzcms.org.nz/support/#giving. Should you wish to receive a newsletter, contact details are: margaret.acpng@gmail.com

Back to our own backyard and our Home Groups...

I know that those who gather at the various Home Groups enjoy their time there and commitment comes easily.

If you are not in a Home Group maybe it is time for new beginnings???

Sheryl Swanevelder

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16,17

Tuesday Evening Study Group:

The Tuesday Evening study/friendship group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday in each other's homes. There are twelve members with a regular attendance of ten from the membership of eleven women and one man.

We open our meetings each sharing events of significance for them so we have built up friendship. We then have a Bible study which allows participation, closing with prayer. Water and chocolate almonds are always available for nibblers.

A number of new participants have joined our group and we have tried to make them feel at home in St Aidan's.

Margaret Cooper & Rosemary Atkins- Joint Leaders

Feeling challenged to get into reading the Bible a little more? Why not join a new home group for 8 weeks and give it a try? Two brand new groups are starting soon if there are the numbers - one during the day and one in the evening, led by Louise. Sign up in the GA.



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..... SEPT 7th (9am - 3pm)
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St Aidan's Anglican Church, 5 Ascot Ave, Remuera

Thank you for your support.

This fundraiser supports our church projects, outreach missions and the maintenance of our facilities for community use.

AAW

(Association of Anglican Women)

The Association of Anglican Women Fellowship Group at St Aidan's is being well attended on the first Tuesday of the month commencing with our church service, enjoying listening to a speaker and concluding with fellowship, afternoon tea and supporting the trading table.

Our speakers so far this year have been varied and very interesting. In April, Louise led us in an Easter themed service and she acted out her homily of a woman seeing and being part of Jesus' experiences in the week leading up to what we now know as Easter.

In May, Sarah Padley and Pat from the Diocese Archives gave a very interesting presentation on "Textiles in the Cathedral Archives over 100 years" and we viewed a few of these very valuable vestments. In June, Margaret Toland spoke on "Follow your dreams" which she illustrated with her pastel drawings of dreams she had experienced in her life. In July, Heather Provan gave a wonderful account with photos about her experiences on the Mercy Ship.

Anzac Day was again commemorated by AAW with a basket of flowers being placed at the Memorial Cross after the church service.

AAW in New Zealand is celebrating its 50th Jubilee this year (formed in 1969). The Auckland Diocese is celebrating at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Thursday 3 October commencing at 10am. All are welcome to attend. Sue Williams also has memorabilia available for sale – mugs, tea towels, pens etc.

Our members continue to support various charitable organisations including the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Auckland City Mission whose programmes support many families throughout the Auckland area.

The committee looks forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and if you have any queries, please talk to your committee member who phones you each month. If you are unwell, we hope you feel better soon and those who are overseas, safe travels and looking forward to seeing you all back again.

Please remember also to support the trading table.

Please contact Christine on 0274 882472 for further information.

Christine Kennedy



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday 3rd September – AAW monthly meeting 1.30pm in the church followed by our meeting and afternoon tea.

Speakers: Paul and Shay, social workers for Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

Tuesday 1st October – AAW monthly meeting 1.30pm in the church with meeting and afternoon tea.

AAW's Golden Jubilee: Barbara Dixon, Auckland President and Kaye Hastings, Secretary have been invited to our meeting. If you have any AAW memorabilia, please let me know so that they can be displayed and of course any past memories that can be shared.

Thursday 3rd October – AAW Golden Jubilee celebration to be held at Holy Trinity commencing at 10am. We will carpool for those who wish to attend.

Tuesday 5th November – AAW monthly meeting 1.30pm in the church followed by the AGM and afternoon tea.

Tuesday 3rd December – AAW monthly meeting 1.30pm in the church followed by our Christmas party afternoon tea.

AAW Theme for 2019-2022:

Growth through Gratitude, Grace and Guidance

The Aims of AAW:

To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the Church, and to promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life

WEF

(Women's Evening Fellowship)

St Aidan's Women's Evening Fellowship is a parish group which formed some years ago looking to attract, by their programming, new people to the parish. The reason for the formation of this group was that there are a number of women in paid employment who cannot attend the afternoon AAW fellowship.

Each meeting opens with a prayer especially written for the group. Jan Evans is their leader and works so well with her commitment to it.

They have some innovative speakers and programmes and are always ready to open programmes to the wider congregation when appropriate.

A number of great members in this group are not in any other parish organisation, but are always at the church for fellowship at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

We have really enjoyed the armchair travel theme of the last 3 months.

May: Anne Godman A trip around, and short history of, Tasmania

Tasmania, the smallest state by both size and population, of Australia is where Anne called home her entire life prior to moving to NZ to work for St Aidan's. Anne shared a photo presentation of the history of Tasmania and what makes it unique. She also shared some of her favourite things about the state - wilderness and waterfalls, flora and fauna - and gave Tassie tourism a "plug".

Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake in the Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park.

Approximately 40% of Tasmania is World Heritage protected sites or National Parks



June: Alison Ross Exploring Bulgaria and Romania: How the faith was maintained during years of communist rule, and the Painted Monasteries of Biucovina.

Visiting eastern Europe nowadays after having been pretty much closed to the outside world for forty five years is a revelation. The Orthodox faith is thriving and new churches are being built in major cities, among them a massive new cathedral in Sofia. But the greatest discovery was the painted monasteries of Bucovina in north eastern Romania. These small exquisite chapels, 500 years old, are painted (frescoed) entirely, both inside and outside depicting biblical stories and the lives of the saints. These vivid painted surfaces were the means that peasants passing by could learn of the Christian faith. They were built by King Stephen to celebrate every victory against the Ottomans Turks. No-one travelling to Romanian should miss them.

July: Rosie Howell Postage Stamps around the world

At July's meeting Rosie Howell gave a presentation on Postage Stamps around the World. Speaking about the "Penny Black" and other rare stamps, collecting First Day covers, different themes, and how the collecting of stamps has been in decline with the arrival of the "electronic age". NZ Post very kindly supported the presentation and donated some stamps and souvenir sheets as a gift to each attending member. A chatty and happy time had by one and all.

Jan Evans

All articles printed in the Parish Magazine are at the discretion of the Vicar. Content and size may be edited to fit publication. We welcome your photos. Please email contributions to the office. Deadline for next Parish Magazine is 10th November.

Church Building Changes

Yvonne and Tony Kennedy married in May 1959 and moved to Remuera soon after. Rev O'Sullivan Beere was the Vicar when this young couple arrived, prior to Rev Roy Everall's tenure.

At that time the old Vicarage was a dark, dingy and rather damp two storey building, located closer to Ascot Avenue than the current Vicarage. The Everalls brought up their three children there. However, when Rev Harvey Smith came to St Aidan's with his daughter Nicola, who had cystic fibrosis, he said he couldn't bring his daughter to such a damp place and the old Vicarage was subsequently demolished and the new Vicarage as we know it was built. The Vicarage is now set slightly further back from Ascot Avenue than the previous building, allowing more garden space.

In the church itself the altar was, at that time, immediately against the back wall under the East Window, and the priest would have his back to the congregation for most of the service. Under Rev Roy Everall the altar and rail were brought forward to where the step is now in the middle of the sanctuary area. The next move was to bring the altar quite a way out, and this time the rail was made circular so that there was kneeling room all the way around.

This was again changed, to the layout which we now see with the altar rail in its current position and the floor level tiered. At the same time the church was re-carpeted from mustard coloured carpet to the blue we see now and the squabs replaced along with more comfortable cushions for the Clergy. The old pulpit, now in storage in the hall, was removed during Rev Everall's tenure also.

The Lady Chapel was a later addition. Previously a prayer altar was located at the rear of the church, under the Baptism of Jesus stained glass window. This altar was in memory of Yvonne's mother, Una May Tyler, and although removed when the Lady Chapel was installed there is still a kneeler and floral display in that location.

Another tribute from the Kennedy family is the Aumbrey, installed in 1989 in memory of Yvonne and Tony's daughter Kirsty who died in a plane crash, and the light above the Aumbrey is from Israel.

Stained glass windows on the southern and western sides of the church were installed in 2011, donated by several St Aidan's parishioners.



Prior to the Gathering Area being constructed there were steps leading into the church and a driveway between the church and hall. Later a ramp replaced these steps. Some people were in the habit of bypassing the Ascot Ave/Remuera Road traffic lights by driving through the church property, straight through what is now the GA, from one car park to the other!

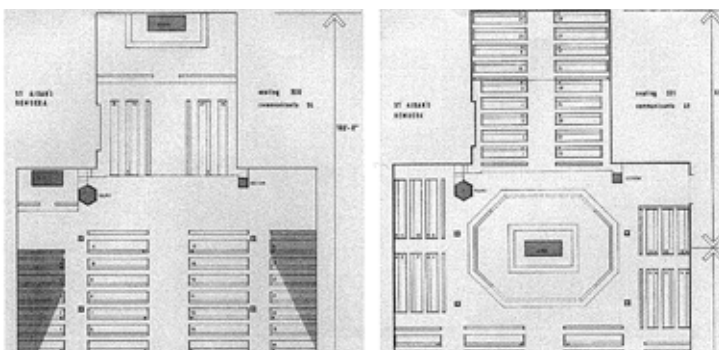
The old hall had to be demolished to provide parking, along with its beautifully sprung floor ideal for dancing. The big hall was built to accommodate the more than 200 Sunday School children attending during the 1960s and '70s. Unfortunately the beautiful trees and garden had to be sacrificed for this building.

The Kenrick Gate (the stone wall and seat by the main entrance gates) was installed to commemorate St Aidan's 75th Anniversary in 1980. The original Lych Gates were stolen and replaced with those currently in place. Yvonne's late husband built a beautiful letterbox, a replica of St Aidan's church, however this also was stolen.

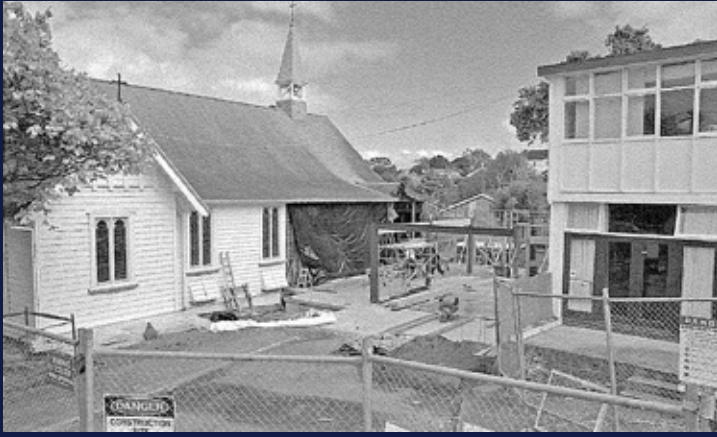
Over the 60 years she has been a member of St Aidan's Yvonne's legacy includes four children confirmed and one married here, and funerals for her parents, daughter Kirsty and husband Tony.

Compiled by Anne Godman

Historical photos reproduced from the book,
"From Royal Mail to e-mail" by Angela Caughey



How The Gathering Area Came To Be



The idea of adding a Gathering Area to the Church complex was first floated way back in 1987 but made little headway until championed by the Rev Michael Smart in 2000. Michael knew how well a gathering area worked in the Church environment and the access to the St Aidan's church doors and entrance vestibule were small & uninviting. To add insult to injury Remuera motorists regularly used the church drive as a short cut when the phasing of the traffic lights on the corner did not suit them! Like all community projects, not all were in favour and the projected cost of \$1m was a suspiciously round number, but the seed had been planted.

Enter the Rev Jo Kelly-Moore who, inspired by the discovery among the church artifacts of the ceremonial trowel used to lay the foundation stone in April 1905, set the project in motion with lots of prayerful enthusiasm & not much money!!

Architect Wayne Houston and engineers Harrison Grierson produced a plan which involved linking the Social Lounge to the Church entrance, removing the old hall to create on site car parking and a major refurbishment of the Church itself. The wooden Church was a fire hazard having no sprinklers or monitored fire alarm and on a frosty winter Sunday morning parishioners huddled together for warmth. On many occasions the ancient wiring left us singing in the dark as Bryce dashed from

the organ (which needed power) to the piano which did not. Subjecting the Bishop of Auckland to this pantomime during one visit did us no harm when obtaining permission from the Diocese to proceed with the project!

Ably led by Keith Simpson with stalwarts Marie Taylor and Anne Mercer very much to the fore, the GA committee contacted everyone on the parish roll seeking support in cash or in kind, while Rev Jo had great success approaching charitable trusts for donations.

Once Skyward Construction started work in April 2005, the progress payments seemed to arrive with frightening speed and regularity, yet despite all indications that the bank account would run dry, somehow the money was always there when payment was due. To Chairman Keith, and me as Treasurer, this was nothing short of a miracle while Margaret Cooper calmly recorded everything in the minutes and Rev Jo showed no surprise at all that our prayers were answered.

Having cut her teeth on the St Aidan's project Dean Jo Kelly-Moore went on to lead the completion and consecration of the Trinity Cathedral, another outstandingly successful project.

The Gathering Area is a marvelous asset creating an attractive and welcoming entrance to our beautiful, safe & warm church, a lasting testimony to what can be achieved by a faithful and committed community.

Nigel Brown



Pins & Needles

Prior to the formation of St Aidan's "Pins & Needles" knitting for charity group, Margaret Pickmere, a long-term parishioner who was a community midwife with Counties-Manukau District Health Board, saw the desperate need for warm knitted baby clothing among the clients she nursed. Margaret formed a wonderful group of St Aidan's "outwork" knitters who for many years provided exquisitely hand-knitted baby clothes to help fill this need.

When Margaret and her family moved to live in Taupo the "Pins & Needles" group was formed to continue their work. Three years later, from small beginnings with eight women, the group now numbers over 40 enthusiastic knitters and sewers who meet monthly to exchange ideas, share patterns, yarn and skills. Meetings are informal with much chatter and laughter over morning tea and coffee, and delicious home-baked refreshments.

Over 4,000 garments have now been made with love and care and distributed, after blessing by our clergy and parishioners, to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Counties-Manukau Community Midwives, and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for premature babies at National Women's Hospital. In winter we also knit warm, cosy scarves and mittens for some of the elderly with Age Concern.

If you would like to learn to knit or refresh your skills we have many willing teachers to help. All are welcome to come along to the Gathering Area on the second Monday of each month at 10am to see what fun we have!!

Marie Taylor



St Aidan's All Member Ministry

I began with a look at the fount of all information, and in Google here is what I found...

"A Parish in the Christian Church is a small administrative district that typically has its own church and a priest or pastor. Parishioners form the congregation, flock, fold, community."

Next came, "The word 'parish' is sometimes confused with the word 'perish'!"

Somehow I don't fear this- for yes we do have two priests, our Vicar Glen and his Associate Louise, and there are more than one or two people who give support! Let's look at some Parish statistics:

To lead or assist in worship, 4* Clergy altogether, and with liturgists and those who take a part in the worship - 104. Paid staff, Conor, Sarah, Anne and Isobell, plus St John College student Cameron - 5*. Vestry - 11.

Those who prepare the church for worship, those cleaning, linen, sacristans, flowers - 48. Welcomers, sidespeople - 46; together with those welcoming newcomers and those who make the tea and coffee - 52. Those who care for the church and its grounds - 37. Music and choir - 12. There are groups for study and AAW - 88. Those who work in the Mission Shop - 27. Assisting with ministries for little people - 30.

A grand total of 464! Yes, many do more than one task, but the Parish is well peopled and that does not count all of those who come Sunday by Sunday to worship, to chatter, and to care for one another afterwards.

Dear God, may this parish never perish, but may it always be ready to serve in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Rosemary Atkins

*Grammatical conventions notwithstanding, numerals were considered more appropriate for this article.



Calling all Parishioners, their families
and friends of St. Aidan's

*Four ways you
can help.*

1 DONATE GOODS

We need lots and lots of good quality, saleable items of all kinds please... plus this year our 'high end' merchandise will be located in the Gathering Area, also the venue for our Friday Pre-Sale Event (see below). So, if you have something 'special' you would like to donate, please be assured that these goods will be properly priced and displayed with care. Ideal donations for this area include furniture, whitewear, antiques, artworks, the family silver, jewellery, the interesting and unique. We may auction some items.

– PLEASE NO BROKEN, INCOMPLETE OR SOILED ITEMS –

2 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 Jenny H: 027 712 9548.**

3 SHOP - *Support 2 stunning events.*

Friday 13th Sept 2019 Evening Pre-Sale Event (6 - 7.30pm)

EXCLUSIVE INVITATION for Parishioners, their families and friends of St. Aidan's.

REFRESHMENTS • NIBBLES • MUSIC • MIX 'N MINGLE

ENTRY \$5 Your opportunity to preview quality goods & high end items in
Children FREE the GA and get in first to make your purchases.

**EFTPOS
AVAILABLE**

Saturday 14th Sept 2019 Garage Sale (Starts 8am)

**EFTPOS
AVAILABLE**

JOIN THE FUN AND GRAB A BARGAIN.

Cakes & Preserves • Books & Media • Household Items • Sausage Sizzle • Sporting Goods.
Furniture • Toys & Kids Stuff • Raffles • High Class Junk • Plants • Clothing & Shoes • Linen
Electrical & Appliances • Jewellery & Bling • Antiques & Art • Coffee and Tea

4 BAKE OR MAKE

- Baking required for sale on the day, morning teas, and helper refreshments.
- 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. **Drop in to the Office.** All donations will be receipted.

DROP OFF DAYS

SATURDAYS.....AUG 24th, 31st (9am - 3pm)
SEPT 7th (9am - 3pm)
MON, TUES, WED ...SEPT 9th, 10th, 11th (9am - 3pm)
THURS, FRIDAYSEPT 12th, 13th (9am - 5pm)
Deliver to Hall

**FOR LARGE ITEM PICK-UP
or ANY QUESTIONS
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email: office@staidans.co.nz**

Community Noticeboard

INSIDE OUT ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of art by prisoners from Kohuora Auckland South Corrections Facility.
Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October at the Community of St Luke, 130 Remuera Road, Remuera.
Times to be confirmed. Entry by Koha.

AUCKLAND MAYORAL CANDIDATES DEBATE

Thursday 12 September, 7pm at Somervell Presbyterian Church, Remuera Road, Remuera.
Hosted by Tim Watkin, Series and Podcasts Executive Producer at Radio NZ, hear from the candidates standing for Mayor of Auckland in the upcoming local body elections. They will discuss the issues you care about.
Doors will open at 6.45pm with tea and coffee available before the debate begins at 7pm.

Patronal Quiz

1. Where was St Aidan born?
2. Who laid the foundation stone for St Aidan's church in 1905?
3. Who was the first Vicar of St Aidan's?
4. How many vicars, including Glen, has St Aidan's church had?
5. Which Vicar has served the longest time at St Aidan's?
6. When was the Church Hall built?
7. How many physical crosses are on the St Aidan's site?
8. What is depicted on the East window of the church, and who donated it?
9. Which birds are shown at the top of the Tarore window in the church? And what is the Maori name for these birds?
10. Where is the 'Vicarage Pew' located in the church building?
11. Who is our oldest parishioner and who is our youngest?
12. Who won the inaugural St Aidan's Day 'Bake Off' in 2017?

Quiz & Puzzle Solutions

Crossword - page 19

Across

- 1 April
- 4 Creep
- 7 Thieves
- 8 Few
- 9 Cube
- 10 Closer
- 13 Jewels
- 14 Eats
- 17 Kid
- 19 Usually
- 20 Sadly
- 21 Large

Down

- 1 Attic
- 2 Rainbow
- 3 Love
- 4 Castle
- 5 Elf
- 6 Power
- 11 Smaller
- 12 Cloudy
- 13 Jokes
- 15 Style
- 16 Bull
- 18 Dad

Word Search - page 19

Z F H P G Z A P N J G B G B C
D I A Y E N I O A X N N X X J
H P N M M E X G D B I U E V M
Y N K A T N P G I R R D V T S
U B H O U E I S A F A T T H B
A G E M V V H C G C E J S H
L C M C X O S R R A N N O Y P
V O O J P L W E R T J E S U S
C M G L G W O M J H S Y O S G
F M F S C S L U X E K J O N S
F U P E A B L E E R O R A T O
S N X I Z S E R V I C E R W Z
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S T B P U I N O Z G S J F X R
P Y L Q L T U N N S O E N X S

From the Registers

April to August 2019

Weddings

Breanna Lane & Brett Randell
Holly Masterson & Samuel Fleming
Allana Smith & Kewei Jiang

Funerals

Jillian Tonks
Jacqueline Fitt
Jacqueline McPhail
Lois Sorrell
Neil Perkins
Ann Ash
Shirley Mann
Warren Fraser
Judith Pope
Peter Worth

Baptisms

Charles Mitchell
Lucy Patterson
Penelope Pomare

Patronal Quiz - this page
1. Ireland
2. Bishop Moore Richard Neiligan
3. Rev'd Arthur Fowler
4. 13
5. Rev'd Roy Everall (1969-1989)
6. 1966
7. 14
8. Jesus blessing the little children,
donated by Mina Horton
9. Fantail or Piwakawaka
10. The very back row - where the
youth sit on Sundays
11. Lillian Gnanasundaram and
Felicity Pomare
12. Di Macaulay

Banana Loaf

Prep Time: 10 minutes | Cook Time: 50 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 to 3 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 75g butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ cups flour
- Pinch salt
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°.
2. Spray a 4 x 8 loaf pan with cooking spray or rub with butter.
3. In a mixing bowl, mash the ripe bananas until smooth.
4. Add the baking soda to the mashed bananas.
5. Melt the butter and then stir it into the mashed bananas.
6. Stir in the sugar, salt, eggs, and pure vanilla extract.
7. Mix in the flour.
8. Pour the batter into the greased loaf pan.



9. Bake on the centre rack for 50 minutes to an hour (or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean). Please watch your banana bread because all ovens are different.
10. Cool completely before slicing. Enjoy!
11. Store in an airtight container.

I adapted this recipe from the website www.mamaknowsglutenfree.com. I made a gluten free version (pictured) using Edmonds Gluten Free Flour and by checking that all my other ingredients were gluten free. I also added thin slices of extra banana to the top to make it look more interesting. You can easily add chocolate chips to make it sweeter, as well.

Isobell Tregoweth

Coming Up

Movie Afternoon & Night Saturday 31st August

3pm for primary school and pre-schoolers
Grandparents can bring grandchildren
5pm popcorn and pizza
6pm all ages G-Rated movie

St Aidan's Bake-Off Sunday 8th September

This year's competition
will be muffins, with
sweet and savoury
divisions



St Francis' Day Pet Service Sunday 6th October



Blue Christmas Service

will be held early in
December



Evening Service

Our once a month evening service developed from a desire to have a worship service with different focuses. This service has now been going for over a year and includes extending sung worship, interaction with the various themes through group discussions and activity and sharing hospitality and fellowship over a meal together.

One of the great outcomes of the service is that it is intergenerational. This has been intentional but it is

great to see the interaction taking place as all ages worship together and think through what it means to follow Jesus in our different contexts.

Good music, great discussion and great food – come along and check it out.

4th Sundays of the month. Begins at 5pm and the last dishes are done around 6:30pm.

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U B H O U E I S A F A I T H B
A G E M V V H H C G C E J S H
L C M C X O S R R A N N O Y P
V O O J P L W E R T J E S U S
C M G L G W O M J H S Y O S G
F M F S C S L U X E K J O N S
F U P E A B L E E R O R A T O
S N X I Z S E R V I C E R W Z
L I N D I S F A R N E F R Z Q
S T B P U I N O Z G S J F X R
P Y L Q L T U N N S O E N X S

AIDAN
BISHOP
CARING
COMMUNION
COMMUNITY
CROSS
ENGAGING
FAITH
FELLOWSHIP
GATHERING

HYMN
JESUS
LINDISFARNE
LOVE
REMUERA
SAINT
SERVICE
SHARING
TARORE
VICAR

Did you know there were
plans to put a restaurant
on the moon?

It has an amazing view,
but no atmosphere!

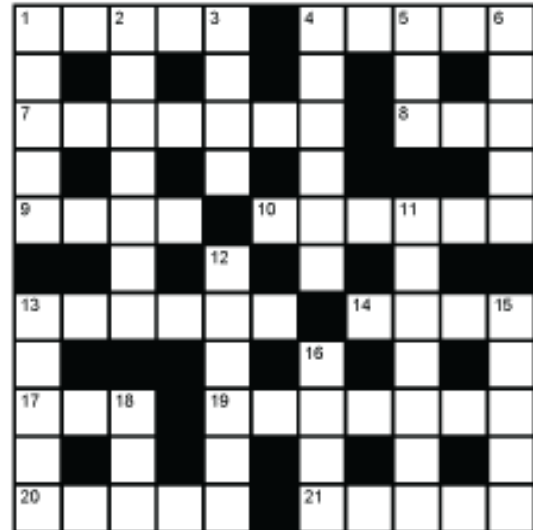
Many thanks to Harold Coop
for the colouring picture

Across

1. The fourth month of the year (5)
4. Move along slowly and secretly (5)
7. Robbers (7)
8. Not many! (3)
9. A square figure like a box (4)
10. Nearer (6)
13. Precious gemstones (6)
14. Consumes food (4)
17. Young goat (3)
19. Normally (7)
20. Unhappily (5)
21. Big, huge (5)

Down

1. Room at the top of a house in the roof
2. An arc of coloured light in the sky (7)
3. Have great affection or liking for (4)
4. A large fortified stone building (6)
5. A mischievous pixie (3)
6. Physical strength (5)
11. Not as large (7)
12. An overcast sky is this (6)
13. Gags or pranks (5)
15. A particular way of wearing somethin
16. Male cow (4)
18. A common word for father (3)



Crossword



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