

THE APOSTLE

EASTER 2020



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Anglican Church

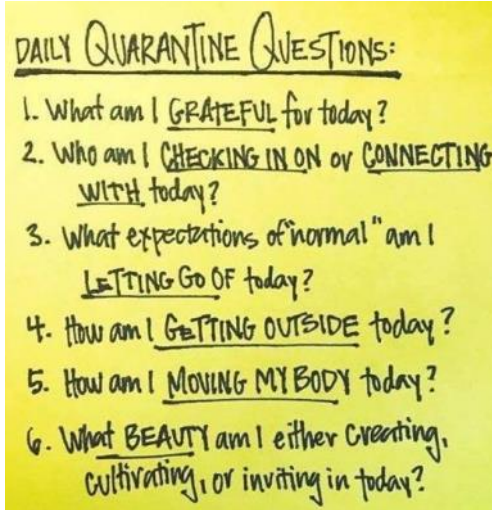
Glen's Foreword

Welcome to our Easter edition of The Apostle, the St Aidan's Community Magazine that is published three times a year – Christmas, Easter and St Aidan's Day (August 31). The Apostle's content, along with regular updates, mostly relates to these seasons but this edition includes some material about the unprecedented circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic. Unprecedented seems to be the word for this time. When the Queen addressing the British public and the world in general on April 6 about the virus, she took the total of her speeches on significant events to four during her 68-year reign. Elizabeth's first ever speech was delivered alongside her sister during the Second World War, but the three given while she was Queen - on the Gulf War, after the death of Princess Diana and after the passing of the Queen Mother. Acknowledging the 'enormous challenges' that Covid-19 presents, Queen Elizabeth encouraged her country that if, 'we remain united and resolute, we will overcome it'. She also had words of hope - while there may still be more to endure, 'better days will return.'

In terms of the church's calendar, we are heading into Easter and the great 3 days of the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These were also unprecedented events – Jesus, who had spent the last 3 years ministering to those in need, is arrested, trialled, beaten and condemned to death without any charges proved against him. All of this he undergoes without protest and even with expressions of compassion and mercy. He is then crucified and on Good Friday the church globally will find ways to engage with the trauma and significance of that event. Then we celebrate his resurrection on the third day and all that that means – Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, overcomes death and offers the world new life. And this is where we pick up those words of Queen Elizabeth – while there is still more to endure, while we continue to experience suffering, loneliness, isolation and fear, we know that better days will return, that in our turning to God, 'times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...' (Acts 3:20).

For many of us, this time will look and potentially feel very different. It is our hope that, although we may not be able to be out and about or meet for worship physically, we can still engage in this season meaningfully and in ways that connect us with God. [See page 13](#) for a list of our online services or check our website for details and more – www.staidans.co.nz. We hope you have a great Easter, one that will be all the more significant in these unprecedented times, one that will fill you with hope and preparedness for the better days to come.

Glen



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Recent Events



Baptism of Danika McNeil and Charlotte Grant



Jigsaw puzzling - a legacy from the Open Door sessions during January



Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes service



Annual Church Family Picnic at Cornwall Park

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 August 2020.

Pins & Needles

Mission Shop

Dear followers and friends of “Pins & Needles”,
What unusual times we live in!

Many of us in our older age groups will remember the threat of bombing and/or invasion during the second world war when people were advised to retreat inland away from cities and harbours if they could, the days of rationing during and after the war, and the school closures during the polio epidemic.

None of us could have imagined a nationwide lockdown such as this.

We do hope you have adequate supplies of yarn to help keep you busy at this time – our garments will be even more needed as winter approaches and we hope to have large supplies to forward when we are able.

Perhaps as we change from summer to winter we could spend our time darning and mending our clothes (do people still do this?) so that they are available, not only for ourselves, but for those in need. Every item will be desperately wanted by various city missions and charitable organisations, and hopefully we can contribute in a different way at this time.

God’s blessing on you all as we obey the rules, stay in isolation, keep well, keep calm and carry on.

Marie Taylor and Gail Hodder



Sales for this year have started off really well with takings up on last year at the same time. It is still hard to tell why some days are better than others, our daily takings so far this year have ranged from \$18 one day to over \$300 on another day.

Our “Pop-up” sale this year, scheduled for April 5, obviously had to be shelved. When we are allowed to reopen will be well on our way to winter and will have to take the summer clothing off the racks and replace them with the winter clothing out of the boxes.

The Charitable Purposes Group have given 2019 Mission Shop profit proceeds to the following: -
NZCMS - supporting our overseas mission partners
Anglican Missions Board
St Saviours Kaitia ‘Feed My Lambs’ program
Habitat For Humanity Curtain Bank
Christian Broadcasting Association
He Korowai Whakapono (Prison Chaplaincy)
Christians Against Poverty
Anglican Trust for Women and Children
Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition
Hospital Chaplaincy

Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of the Mission Shop both last year and this year. When we return we would be very happy to welcome new volunteers to work in the shop, and of course we always need donations and customers!

Jenny Haggitt



Reflection on Home Groups

What do two accountants, a knitter, a 90+ year old, a grandmother who has left her job to look after her grandchildren, a keen runner, a famous baker (famous at St Aidan's), a mother/daughter team, a food technician and a priest all have in common? They are all members of one of the newest home groups (you probably guessed the answer from the title).

Home groups provide an excellent opportunity to join with people who you might only smile and say 'hello' to on a Sunday. When we gathered back in October for the first time although all of this group were regular Sunday attendees, not everyone knew all those present. We started with an introductory round, saying names, the service we attended and a little about ourselves. What a difference time, sharing life's difficulties and praying together makes. When we reconvened in February to begin our Lenten study there was a buzz of chatter as we caught up with one another to find out whether prayers had been answered and how various issues had been resolved.

Home groups forge new bonds despite ages, gender, length of time at St Aidan's and cultural differences. I can see why some groups have been going for 30 years as despite the reluctance to get into a car to head out on a winter's evening to go to homegroup, by midway through the time, you

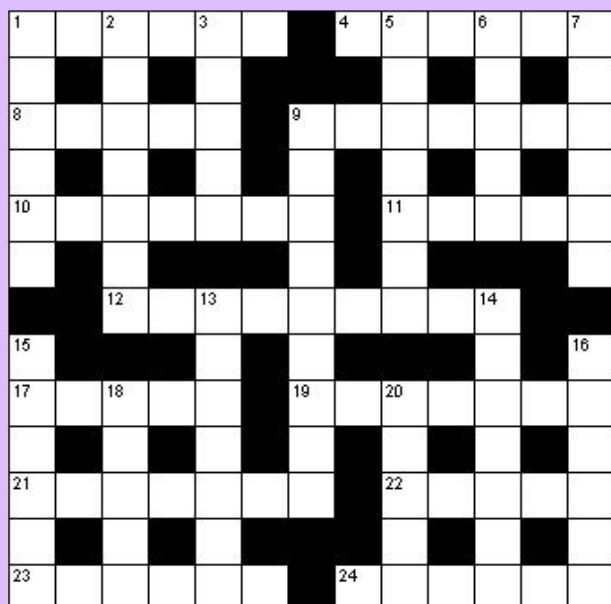
feel really glad you made the effort. The conversation always reveals unexpected twists and turns, the sharing is honest and real, the evidence of God at work and active in lives leaps out of the pages of the Bible and speaks in to our lives in 2020, and of course there is always plenty of laughter!

With the virus amongst us and our daily lives changing as I write this, I am aware that for those people in established homegroups their network of pastoral care are already well established. They have already been ringing and looking out for one another as they have done over many years, that is just part of being in a home group. Whilst in our current climate most of these groups have needed to halt gathering in the one place, I know that they will remain connected in other ways.

When all of this is over, why not consider joining a home group and giving it a go? You might surprise yourself at the strength that such a group can provide and of course the spiritual benefit as we journey together in Christ goes without saying. ☺

Louise Anderson

Cryptic Crossword



Across

- 1 Scattered letters in a press (6)
- 4 Climbed like a fish? (6)
- 8 Scare causing a number to prepare for war (5)
- 9 Caribbean island that could be a danger (7)
- 10 Grief at destruction of warship (7)
- 11 Quickly taking on step (5)
- 12 Weed growing wild under logs! (9)
- 17 Collection I'm backing for little children (5)
- 19 Poison scare in mess (7)
- 21 Transported girl goes to end of road (7)
- 22 Paint roller covers preliminary section (5)
- 23 Swamp in which ghouls wander (6)
- 24 Heads of studs (6)

Down

- 1 Employees on a Scottish island (6)
- 2 A graduate with zest? Incredible! (7)
- 3 American uncle taking bachelor to dance (5)
- 5 Islanders can rest at sea (7)
- 6 Animal found in village centre by mother (5)
- 7 A trader who will give a gambler a hand? (6)
- 9 The Emerald Isle? (9)
- 13 Expulsion got us in trouble (7)
- 14 Medicine was our connection, we hear (7)
- 15 Enthusiastic kisses or corporal punishment (6)
- 16 Rearranging cast or parts for players (6)
- 18 Trunk carried by a motor somewhere (5)
- 20 Empty shell with which I leave port in Ireland (5)

Easter Thoughts

Easter in Greece

Several years ago my late husband, young son and I arrived in Athens on Good Friday and were amazed to hear church bells tolling throughout the day and into the early evening.

On Easter Saturday we flew to Iraklion, Crete, where we were greeted by the hotel maid with the words "Hala Paska" (Holy Easter) and given hard boiled eggs painted in red - red the symbol of Christ's blood shed for us and the egg the symbol of new life in the resurrection.



The Greek Orthodox Church celebrates Easter at midnight and we were able to visit a church in the mountains; at midnight all the lights and candles were extinguished for a few minutes and then the church bells rang out, the lights were switched on and the candles relit. Members of the congregation lit their own candles to take home, the aim then being to get them home still alight so they are blessed with the Light of Christ throughout the year ahead.

Since there were no Anglican churches in Iraklion our family attended Mass in the Roman Catholic Church where the priest decided to say the Mass in Latin as most people could, at that time, still recall the Latin Mass. The Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel were read by members from the congregation in their own language (from memory French, German and English). The sermon was preached in Italian (the priest's native language) and a brief summary given in English; the Lord's Prayer said and well known Easter Hymns sung in the different languages of the congregation.

This Easter Service was, and still is, a memorable one.

Yvonne Kennedy

*Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!*

Luke 24:5,6 NIV

Easter Candle

Harold Coop has once again painted a beautiful Easter Candle for the parish this year.

Recognising our current circum-stances it shows Jesus healing, and below that a modern health worker gowning up for this international pandemic.



Easter Watch

A poem by Joyce Rupp

Look for light piercing the gloom
Receive little joys inside old troubles
Hold on to love in bleakest of times
Keep faith alive when filled with doubt
Accept help from whomever it comes
Pray in spite of strong resistance
Laugh amid the tattered tears

Stand at Easter's emptied tomb
Remember what the message is
Shake off what holds you back
Cast your gaze inside your journey
Meet the Risen One on the road
Let renewed hope enter every step.

Watch how Love surprises you

Observe the Freed One slipping
Inside the story of your life.

A promotional graphic for Barfoot & Thompson. The background is a photograph of a beach with a blue sky and a row of houses on a hill. The right side of the image has a blue overlay with white and yellow text. The text includes the company name 'BARFOOT THOMPSON & CO', the slogan 'Marketing or selling your property?', a message about the changing property market, and contact information for two agents: Keith Simpson and Paula Izzard, including their phone numbers and email addresses. It also mentions 'Combining extensive experience with vibrant energy.' and the website 'barfoot.co.nz'.

Prison Ministry - Testimonies from the Inside

Why do we do Prison Ministry?

I thought I would do a reverse perspective, seeing the situation through the eyes of the Prisoner... from the inside looking out.

Names have been changed and the testimonies are from around the world, but the stories are all true!

A Puerto Rican male

In 1979, at the age of eighteen, I was convicted of first degree murder, and sentenced to forty years in prison, which meant back then that I would have to do twenty straight years behind the wall.

In 1996, I got myself in trouble with the prison authority and was placed on what was called "The Circuit". This meant that every two weeks I was transferred from one prison segregation unit to another.

In isolation and depression, I started to pray to God; something I never thought I would do. I cried out to God to help me out of this situation, to give me guidance and to give me peace of mind. And to my surprise and everlasting gratitude, God heard my prayers. But my faith in God did not extend to Jesus Christ. I saw Jesus as a great prophet, one of many of Gods' prophets or messengers, but that too would change as I learned the word of God. Glory and Praise to Him!

Victory is not always instant...

In 2005, while in prison for the second time in my life for selling cocaine, a time of loss and sorrow, and uncertainty for me, God sent a Christian brother, who with love and patience taught me the truth about Jesus Christ.

This Christian Brother started speaking to me about the power of prayer. We started praying together each day, and with Bible studies.

I thank God for all His blessings and for showing me His purpose and for His word and the salvation He offers me and humanity through the sacrifice of His Beloved Son.

Darren 33 years old

I grew up in a good home. When I was a teenager I started drinking and using drugs.

I finally landed myself into prison in 2007 I started attending Bible study and I did a lot of reading in the Bible. I ended up getting sentenced to five years in prison. This whole time God was with me.

God also led me to "Jesus is the Way" Prison Ministry. I was in prison with nowhere to parole. I asked God one Sunday morning to help me find somewhere to parole. When I went to the church service that morning "Jesus is the Way" Prison Ministry was there. It was a blessing to have a program like that to go to. While I was at the ministry I was in a lot of Bible Studies and other programs that helped me deal with my past and to help me change my anger. It was a great place for me because when I got out of prison I only had the sweatpants and sweatshirt the prison gives you when you get out. The ministry gave me clothes. Not only did they help spiritually they also helped clothe me. Without programs that promote God and godly lifestyles, guys like me would end up paroling to a homeless shelter or parole right back to the place where we came from. Usually that place drags us (me) back into a lifestyle that is destruction to us. My life would have never changed if God didn't do what He did for me.

I am so thankful to God for changing me into the man that I am today. I am now attending church, married with 3 children. I work full time and my wife attends the community college. I can testify that God is good!

A French Pastor's Perspective

It is no exaggeration to say that, for some, the Bible is absolutely essential. Pastor Mas Miangu, the Protestant chaplain for the Paris region who works from de la Santé prison in Paris, shares this view.

"When people arrive in prison, they all face the same challenge: loneliness. They suffer deep within themselves. When you are suffering like that, you look for something to cling on to."

When you're alone in your cell, you face God's Word directly. It touches you, it helps you to live, it nourishes you. But doing this with others is a different experience, it's a communal one.

"The Bible study group is friendly but serious, you don't go there to joke around," says a Prison Chaplain. "The prisoners listen for an hour and a half and I'm always struck by the great respect they show each other during their discussions."

We are called to help those in need, whatever that need may be.

Sheryl Swanevelter

God at Work

Being Christian in the Everyday World

As part of our Lenten “God at Work” series we asked a number of parishioners to contribute responses to the following questions of their experience of being Christian in the Everyday World.

- 1) A short statement saying what activities you are involved in your general Monday to Saturday week. For some this might be saying what your paid employment is.
- 2) What excites you about your job?
- 3) What are some of the challenges you face?
- 4) What difference does being a Christian make?

Shivanti Mather

I am a qualified Lawyer but I work at Kings School in Remuera as a Teacher Aid helping children with learning difficulties. These children come into a different class for the main subjects. This is paid employment. I also do volunteer work on Wednesdays as a Bible in School Teacher at Owairoa Primary school in Howick.

It gives me great joy to help children at Kings School with learning difficulties and see them improve in their studies. I am also delighted to be able to tell little children about Jesus, especially at a very early stage in their lives.

There are moments of frustration which are soon overcome when you see results of improvement in the child's learning.

Being a Christian gives me the patience and the ability to express the love of Christ.

Isobell Tregoweth

I am the Fundraising Coordinator for Parenting Place Charitable Trust as my full-time role, and I also do the social media and website content for St Aidan's. I spend most of my time outside of work hanging with my family and friends!

I get to help raise some of the funds that ensure our parenting and youth programmes are able to be delivered out in the community.

I apply for funding and often don't hear anything about it for months!

I am lucky enough to work in two Christian environments. At Parenting Place we pray weekly, sing waiata during staff meetings and the work that we produce is based on Christian values. And then there is St Aidan's, and well, it's my home. It's my church. I believe that being Christian helps me have empathy and patience for others.

Caroline Shepherd

I am a General Practitioner.

I work in two jobs. One job is as a GP in a health centre in Papatoetoe.

The other work is at Integrated Health Options, a clinic offering intravenous therapies – intravenous Vitamin C and chelation therapy.

I feel privileged to have knowledge of my patients' lives. I'm able to walk beside people as they go through difficult times. Sometimes I can see the benefit, sometimes not. Sometimes I find out much later how it was for people.

I learn much about life from my patients. It becomes easier to see that we all live in a private world we call 'normal' but each person's normal is not the same as the next. I suspend judgement.

At Integrated Health Options, many of the patients have cancer. It is a place of hope. I have seen people benefit and some not. I have learned how much cancer can change lives, the choices that are made. I am impressed by the dignity shown.

The need to limit time offered is always a challenge. Working under time stress without appearing rushed. Working with and understanding when patients' 'normal' is very different from mine. Watching and supporting, but not able to change, difficult circumstances.

As a Christian I am encouraged by knowledge of God's love for all. The workplaces are secular, but if my patient mentions God or prayer I can continue to walk beside.

Celia Finn

I'm the Learning Support Director at Glendowie College. I was teaching Classical Studies, Social Studies and Music up until this year but now am employed full time to support students with learning difficulties and their families.

There is potential to make a real difference for some students who struggle in school and their ability to achieve to their potential in their learning or with their behaviour. It is good to be able to provide advice and support to teachers of these students and support them to engage with and help them be better equipped for dealing with these students. If we can remove barriers to learning and accommodate these students better, then there are potentially massive beneficial outcomes for their future.

Some frustrations are that things take a long time, whether you are applying for funding or outside support, and there can be a lot of red tape around accessing resources. Also, this is all new and we don't know what we don't know! So there is lots of help out there that we need to discover and find out but never enough time to do everything you want to do.

We talk a lot about making a difference in teaching by building relationships with our students and having empathy with them. I think being a Christian helps to strengthen this and gives authenticity to it. Also there are many challenges and frustrations so I think it helps that I can call on God to help get through difficult meetings with parents or other situations and to deal with them with care and sensitivity.

Andrew Maclean

Much of my work and voluntary support activities are in the farming sector. Farming has recently been undergoing the greatest transformation from government regulatory reforms since the removal of subsidies in the 1980's. The second half of

summer/ early autumn has brought widespread drought conditions. And now C-19 comes with a different set of challenges – disrupted trade and supply chains, diminished industry infrastructure and services such as processing plants, sale yards, and access to seasonal workers. All of this at a time when the country needs its primary production industries more than ever to provide the food on our tables,

hundreds of thousands of jobs, and billions of dollars from the export of products and services. The primary sector makes up 75% of our export receipts.

My upbringing and early career was dominated by farming and for me farming life has been one of those passions that has never left me. Farmers are generally easy to work with and by nature generous. It is very motivating to be part of a sector that is so important to the wellbeing of our country.

Farming does not have the trust, reputation, and public support that it used to. Like all countries our population has become more urban and with that we have lost the connections to the county side that previous generations had. This is creating a number of tensions and as a result many farmers do not have the same levels of self-worth that existed in the past. Suicide rates in rural communities are at record high levels.

An underlying value to help those in need is amplified by being part of a Christian community. Having a faith may not be a solution for everyone however now more than ever church communities provide a source of strength, and outstanding outreach services to people needing support.

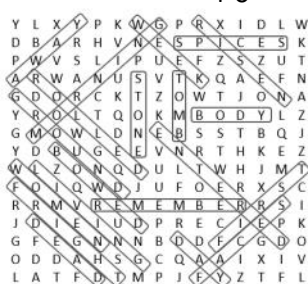


Puzzle Solutions

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Find-A-Word pg 14



Don't forget the great study resources available at the [God at Work](#) and [Theology of Work](#) websites

Lockdown

by Brother Richard

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is
offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours
in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Brother Richard is a Capuchin monk in Ireland.

Thankfulness During Lockdown

A small selection of the contributions which have been sent in this week for the daily live streams. Send in your thankful thoughts, jokes, and ideas for getting through lockdown to: glen@staidansconz

I am thankful for your 'thankfulness session'. Being isolated alone this was a great contact with others, uplifting and humorous. *Dale*

I am thankful that after years in the public service I now, finally, have an office since I am working from home. No more open plan for me! *Mike*

I am thankful that I am still able to get out for a short run. Elsa is thankful to have quality family time. Emily is thankful for relaxed morning time! Ethan is happy to be with sister all day. *Stephen*

I'm thankful that there is food to put on the table, and someone to eat it with! *Anne*

Thankful for my family, for all the amazing podcasts out there and for the St Aidan's community. *Hein*

I'm thankful for the time and motivation to do some baking!! *Isobell*

I am thankful for the rain and thought that Glen's joke the other day was quite good. *Julie*

Thank you for keeping my kids entertained two days in a row. Kerrie sent a video of her kids dancing along to our Mainly Music livestream last week.

Thankful for technology to keep us connected with others. *Celia*

I am thankful to be able to sit in my living room and look out on the expanse of the Hauraki gulf. *Barbara*

Very grateful for Mainly Music yesterday morning. *Laura*



Be kind



Stay home



Wash your hands

Unite
against
COVID-19

Confessions of a St Aidan's Liturgist

My contribution is modest, confined, as it is, to two Sundays a month at 8am when I'm in church anyway.

A good while ago I was asked by Di Woods to read a lesson once a month, something I readily agreed to do. During my working life in schools I had read lessons often enough, as well as spending quite a bit of time preparing inexperienced young readers to face what seemed to many of them to be the ordeal of reading in Sunday Chapel. The advice that most of them most urgently needed was to hold their horses and slow down. Of course, even readers with some experience can find themselves challenged. I once had to read a lesson at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge that was to be broadcast on the radio. The BBC had asked readers to present themselves that morning for a trial run. The chapel at King's is divided by a screen which separates the nave (packed out for such a service) from the chancel reserved for clergy and choir and Fellows of the College – and, yes, readers. The lectern is placed in the middle of the aisle facing the altar at the east end and with the screen just behind it. Dangling aloft in front of the lectern was a battery of microphones. The man from the BBC explained helpfully, as he supposed, that there was no amplification in the chapel itself and that the microphones were there to carry the sound outside to the great wide world. This created doubts in my mind that I never quite resolved: was I supposed to shout for the serried ranks in the nave on the other side of the screen behind me or to whisper for Remuera or Otahuhu, supposing that anyone in those parts was listening. He then asked us to run through our lessons. I rehearsed mine in my customary fashion (it was Luke's version of the birth of Jesus with the "No Room in the Inn" signs put up in Bethlehem) only to be told that I didn't need to read as slowly as that. The chief result of the rehearsal was to leave me in a muddle about volume and velocity alike. I should add that at the start of the service proper we were able to observe for ourselves the fabled moment when the Director of the Choir, facing a semicircle of some six of his top boy trebles, all of them primed, potentially, to

sing the first verse of the opening "Once in Royal David's City," pointed his finger at the one he had selected.

At some subsequent stage Di asked if I would act as liturgist once a month. This I was reluctant to do. One of the greatest blessings of retirement, as I saw it, was being able to sit quietly in a pew. In any case those who were already acting as liturgists at 8am were making a dauntingly good job of it. We compromised: I would undertake a trial run. The crunch came when I was asked to continue. To such spluttered objections as I could muster as I went out of church Di had a quick rejoinder. Yes, her father (a former judge, I think) had also wanted initially to lie low in his pew in retirement. When I protested that I really disliked it she responded (shameless flattery!) that that was why I did it well. To my last throw (something to the effect that in my observation women were better suited to the task than men) she deigned to make no reply at all. My St Aidan's file at home tells me that I first acted as liturgist on 16 February 2014, and I now feel that I have long since prayed for everything in heaven above or in the earth beneath or in the water under the earth!

I am writing this in enforced isolation on Sunday, 22nd March 2020, the first Sunday in my 78 years, I'm pretty sure, on which I have been specifically instructed by both church and state (for my own good and that of others) not to attend – or to act as liturgist! Perhaps I won't be able to do either of those things ever again! Perhaps the psalmist's hope of dwelling in the house of the Lord for ever has, in my case, gone for good!

John Lewis

Puzzle
Solution
Sudoku page 6

2	3	1	7	9	8	5	4	6
5	4	6	1	3	2	8	9	7
8	9	7	6	4	5	2	3	1
4	6	8	5	1	3	9	7	2
3	1	5	2	7	9	4	6	8
9	7	2	8	6	4	3	1	5
6	8	9	4	5	1	7	2	3
7	2	3	9	8	6	1	5	4
1	5	4	3	2	7	6	8	9

Easter Projects

Egg Gift Baskets



Blow up a balloon to the size you would like your basket to be. Mix Aquadhere glue with a small amount of water in a container. Spread the glue mix onto the balloon and start to wrap crochet cotton or yarn around the balloon in random patterns. Smooth more glue mix over as you go to make sure everything is completely covered in glue.

Once you have the desired amount of thread covering the balloon balance it on a drinking glass or bowl and leave to dry for at least 24 hours.

Once dry, pop the balloon and use scissors to cut out a circle in the centre of one side.

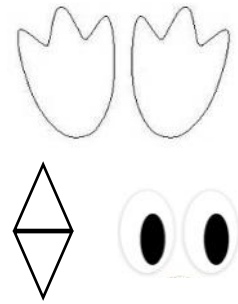
Glue to a jar lid with a hot glue gun, and fill with chocolates or other gifts for someone you love!



Chirpy Chicks

You will need:

Yarn in desired colour
Cardboard
Felt scraps
Wool needle
Googly eyes (optional)
Pipe cleaner (optional)



To make:

Cut two circles of cardboard 4cm (head) and two 5cm (body) in diameter. Cut a 1cm circle in the centre of each circle. Place the two circles for the body together.

Using a long length of yarn thread through the hole and over the edge of the card circle round and round until the centre circle is full. Cut yarn around the outer edge, inserting a point of the scissors between the cards. Ease the circles slightly apart and tie a length of yarn tightly between them leaving long ends. Ease off the card circles and trim any uneven ends. Make the head in the same way. Tie head and body together.



Using the pattern below cut out feet, beak, comb and eye from felt and glue in place. Alternatively glue on googly eyes and use pipe cleaners for legs and shape into feet.

Sudoku

	3		7		8		4	
	4						9	
8		7				2		1
4				1				2
	1		2		9		6	
9				6				5
6		9				7		3
	2						5	
	5		3		7		8	



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Live Stream Schedule

Easter Recipe

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Easter Services

- Maundy Thursday Service – 7pm
- Good Friday – 9:30am
- Easter Sunday – 9:30am

Weekly Services

- Wednesday Mainly Music – 9:30am
- Wednesday Service (based on p730 of the ANZPB) - 11:30am
- 9:30am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri – 'Daily Thoughts - Thankfulness and getting through lockdown'
- Sunday Worship (based on p404 of the ANZPB) – 9:30am
- Bishop Ross Bay leads Night Prayer each Sunday – 7pm on [Bishop Ross'](#) Facebook page

All videos will also be uploaded to the website after the live stream. Visit our website to see what's already available: www.staidans.co.nz/live-streams/

Natural Egg Dyeing

Bring 2 cups water to a rolling boil. Add colouring agent (see colour options below). Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes or longer for the deepest colour. Strain liquid into a large mason jar, and allow to cool to room temperature - 2 to 3 hours. Stir in 2 tablespoons white vinegar and add 3 hard-boiled eggs. Seal the jar, and refrigerate overnight or until the egg is the desired colour. Rub dried eggs with a dab of vegetable oil to give them a shinier finish (optional).

Purple = 1½ cup shredded red beets

Rust = 7 yellow onion skins

Yellow = 3 tablespoons ground turmeric or cumin

Orange = 3 tablespoons chili powder

Sky Blue = 1½ cups shredded red cabbage

Green = 2 cups spinach

No-Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Nests

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups quick-oats or old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup chopped pretzels
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chocolate Easter egg candies
- Note-you can make these gluten-free by using gluten-free oats and pretzels!

Method

In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add milk, sugar, and cocoa and stir to combine while bringing to a boil. Boil for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove pan from heat. Add in peanut butter and vanilla, and stir until smooth. Stir in oats, chopped pretzels, and salt.

Drop mixture by spoonfuls onto waxed paper and form into bird nest shapes. Press down the centre with your thumb so there will be a place for the candies. Let the nests cool completely. Place egg candies in the centre of the nests. Serve.

Note: you can store the nests on in an air-tight container on the counter for up to 4 days. Add the egg candies when you are ready to serve.



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ANZAC Day Commemorations

ANZAC Biscuits

Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup coconut
- 125g (4 oz) butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tablespoon boiling water

Method

Combine oats, sifted flour, sugar and coconut.

Combine butter and golden syrup, stir over gentle heat until melted.

Mix soda with boiling water, add to melted butter mixture, stir into dry ingredients.

Take teaspoonfuls of mixture and place on lightly greased oven trays; allow room for spreading.

Cook in slow oven (150°C or 300°F) for 20 minutes.

Loosen while still warm, then cool on trays.

Makes about 35.



Online Cenotaph

Due to the cancellation of all public Anzac Day services, the Auckland War Memorial Museum will not be able to host its annual programme of free events on Anzac Day.

To contribute to this important day they invite you to visit the [Online Cenotaph](#) to discover more about New Zealand's history and involvement in WWI and WWII and lay a digital poppy in remembrance of a loved one.

Online Cenotaph is a digital social space where enthusiasts, families, and researchers can share and contribute to the records of those who served for Aotearoa New Zealand.

In acknowledgement of this important day, the Museum will be lit up in red lights to mark Anzac Day, from dusk on Friday 24 April until dawn on Sunday 26 April.



All links in this edition of "The Apostle" are live. Wherever you see [this colour](#) click on the words and your browser will open to the relevant website or page.

Make this paper poppy for ANZAC Day

Find the instructions [here](#)



BOLD Mission Trip to Fiji

The Trip to Fiji I undertook with the BOLD team was an experience like no other. The close-knit culture of the locals there was in stark contrast to what I am used to in New Zealand, and everyone there was extremely friendly and supportive of every one of us. The people who we stayed with gave us great hospitality and the food was great in quality and in quantity.

Every day we would go out on a trip to meet some of the villagers and other people around the area who couldn't make it to the church service every Sunday, and we brought the church to them. The services we put on in their homes would consist of testimonies written by the BOLD team members, lots of great and energetic songs, and lastly a passage and a few insightful words about it. We even devised and performed a skit to some of the kids. After the service we would still stick around to talk to the families and learn about their ways of life, or run off and play volleyball with the kids, mostly just being part of the community. On Sundays we helped run the church services by leading in some songs and giving some testimonies. One of the BOLD team members even gave a sermon with a strong message about God never giving up on you.

Overall, the whole experience was very tiring and put me way out of my comfort zone, but I still had one of the best 10 days of my life over there. We are sincerely thankful for all the support we were given from the people at St Aidan's, through your generous donations and through your prayers.

James Mercer



God at Work

For Kids' Church this year, before we were temporarily disbanded, we too were looking at the theme of God at Work. Kids work too, they understand the concept of having jobs to do in order to help out at home and school. We talked about God working when he created our amazing world and how God wants us to help take care of this world. He doesn't tell us what to do though – we are not robots, we are his partners. Amazing! We discussed the difference between robots and people and how God created us to think and to choose to help rather than being told. This photo shows what the kids came up with when we talked about the differences.



Easter Sunrise Surprise Find-A-Word

Based on Luke 24:1-12

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LIVING	TOMB	ROLLED	RISEN	DEAD
WOMEN	FIRST	SPICES	AWAY	BOWED
REMEMBER	STONE	ENTERED	GROUND	FACES
MORNING	WEEK	BODY	FRIGHT	DAY

A Riddle

I weigh nothing, but you can still see me. If you put me in a bucket, I make the bucket lighter.

What am I?

Answer: A hole!

A Joke

What should you do to prepare for all the Easter treats?

Eggs-ercise!

Fun Things To Do

Looking for some cool *FREE* ideas for things to do? Try these sites for fun activities to pass the time:

- ⇒ www.scouts.org.au
- ⇒ www.tepapa.govt.nz
- ⇒ www.biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog
- ⇒ www.penguin.co.nz/articles/activities
- ⇒ Bible Society - the Seriously Surprising Story
- ⇒ Printable Easter Treasure Hunt

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