

Louise's Foreword

Grace and peace to you from God, and from Louise our Priest in Charge.

Kia ora everyone.

What a start to the year! If we thought 2020 was extraordinary because of COVID, 2021 has had its own quirks as well. Unlike the rest of the country we have had further Lockdowns, which from a parish perspective has seen the cancellation of our Ash Wednesday services and the postponement of our parish picnic. Together we have grown in our flexibility and our resilience and I am delighted that this magazine shares some of the stories of celebration and growth which have happened, despite our lack of freedom at times.

In this edition some of the things you can read about are:-

- Teenagers who are helping in the Mission Shop
- Aiddie who has joined the Ashworth family
- The maintenance team's progress report on their current projects
- The high number of St Aidan's youth heading to Easter camp
- The time line for finding a new vicar
- Unexpected blessings during Lockdown

During Lent this year, as part of our focus, we have reflected on desert experiences. I am aware that some of you have been experiencing desert times in your own lives, particularly with ill health. Please don't hesitate



to let us know how and if we can help. An article on pastoral care outlines some of the different ways we offer support to one another. I am always really pleased to hear of parishioners reaching out to one another through phone calls and occasional visits.

A huge thanks to the many people who are 'stepping up' during this time of transition, and doing a little bit extra to help in and around church. My thanks once again to Anne and Isobell who pull all the articles and pictures together for 'The Apostle' Magazine. Without their effort the finished product would never see the light of day.

Please feel free to join us at St Aidan's at one or more of the services during Holy Week. Service times are outlined to the left, or you can pick up a bookmark from the Gathering Area.

Easter blessings to you all, and I hope you find the opportunity to connect in a meaningful way with God this Easter.

Louise



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Recent Events



Preparation of the Ashes for Ash Wednesday services



Mainly Music volunteer team



Blessing of the Backpacks



'Open Door' session during January



Carol Singing in the Community - Remuera Retirement Village



Carol Singing in the Community - Remuera Road apartment building

Regular Events at St Aidan's

Sunday Services 8:00am Holy Communion.

9:30am Family Communion.

5:00pm Evening service (4th Sunday of each month).

Wednesday Service 11:30am Holy Communion without music.

Prayer in the GAThursday mornings at 9am. Come along or join via Zoom online of by phone.

Contemplative Prayer Meets each Wednesday at 9:45am, 276A Victoria Avenue. Contact Anne Priestley.

Youth Ages 11+ at the 9:30am Sunday service and Friday at 7pm. Contact Conor.

Kids' Church All children ages 3-10 during the 9:30am Sunday service. Contact Louise.

Mainly Music Wednesdays during term time at 9:30am. Music and play for families with

pre-school aged children. Contact Louise.

Choir Practice Saturdays at 10am in the Bethel Room. New members welcome. Contact Antoinette.

Home Groups Contact Sheryl Swanevelder or Louise for more information.

AAW A women's afternoon fellowship group. Meets monthly on 1st Tuesday at 1:30pm.

Contact Mary Parkinson.

WEF A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Contact Jan Evans.

Men's Ministry Meets last Thursday of the month. Contact Pete Macaulay.

Pins & Needles Meets monthly on 2nd Monday of the month. Contact Marie Taylor.



A Sneak Peek at some Vestry Projects

Whilst we are aware that the Vestry minutes are placed into the folder in the Gathering Area for the formal business meetings across the year, not everyone wants to sit down and look through a whole lot of pages!!! We thought it might be helpful to pick up just a couple of the projects which are ongoing for vestry and provide a bit of an update. Remember Vestry members are your representatives and have been nominated to work on your behalf and to make decisions about a variety of matters.

Vicarage – Vestry are actively exploring the short term rental of the vicarage as there could potentially be a number of months before a new vicar will be appointed and able to move in. A healthy homes assessment has been done to make sure we are up to code on all issues and once a couple of items have been addressed we hope to have the house available for rent. A real estate company will be employed to oversee this process.

Oak Trees – Early in the year one of the scheduled trees dropped a limb which highlighted a concern for the tree's overall health. An inspection has been carried out and in negotiation with the City Council, work will be carried out on both trees to remove limbs in danger of falling and to carry out important reshaping. Moving forward, resource consents will be required to ensure the necessary regular arboricultural work can be undertaken to ensure our two scheduled trees remain in good health.

Building upgrade – For a while now, parishioners have mentioned the need for work to be done on the hall toilets, the hall kitchen, and disability access into areas that have steps, as well as an upgrade of the social lounge and a number of other areas of concern. Vestry has approached an architect to begin to have a conversation about what might be possible. While some initial plans have been drawn up, this is very much in the draft stage and the desire is to have some workable options identified ahead of opening the project up for wider consultation. It is important to ensure we are thinking in terms of 'big picture' because the changes we need to consider are the ones which will affect the church for the next 20 to 50 years' and even longer. Future proofing is important and the things we offer now might not exist in 15 years' time, so having flexible spaces is paramount.

Camera and system upgrade – A team have been very busy with this over the last few months but the project actually began last year. Recording Sunday services on people's personal phones was never going to be a long term solution and with COVID, more and more families are requesting the ability to livestream significant events such as funerals. Thanks to the team of people who are upgrading our system. Hopefully, very soon we will be operational. A sum of money has been set aside for this purpose for a number of years and it is great to be finally able to bring it to fruition.

Below: Heritage oak tree trimming





Vestry wishes to thank the huge team of people who help to keep St Aidan's running well. Many volunteer hours are quietly offered and much of this goes unseen. Thank you for all that you do.

Summer Stories

Antoinette Pope

Last summer was framed by my downsizing and moving to Selwyn Heights. 2020 was supposed to be a year in which my family collaborated to help me make decisions about Kevin's 'artifacts' but COVID intervened with my eldest daughter now marooned in Melbourne for her Cardiology Fellowship year there, after just escaping from her first Fellowship year in Los Angeles before COVID struck. Still, I continued with the ordered skip at the end of August and spent a fortnight loading it with Kevin's voluminous accumulation since childhood. Downsizing had definitely begun.

A respite came with a rail tour in October enjoying the company of fellow travellers. It highlighted for me how I definitely no longer wanted to live alone in the family sized home. One evening at the kitchen sink after yet another sole dining I told the Lord how I felt and rang the Manager at Selwyn Heights to put my name down on the waiting list. I had already been given the promise that 'God would go before me', but even so, to my surprise, I was told to come in the next day and view some possible available apartments. The next week I had signed up, contacted my Real estate Agent friend and it was 'all go'.

Inside my house was awash with contractors, but my agent's gardening contacts were all busy with Springtime commitments. And I had been ordered to keep my leg elevated as much as possible because of a leg wound which was not healing. That Sunday I told Glen of my problem and a Vestry member, overhearing, offered to help. The following Friday, the day before the first Open Home, Andrew Maclean and his own gardener transformed my wilderness (photo) while Nick Mercer tackled my gardening shed chaos. What an answer to prayer to have such support from fellow parishioners!

There was only one weekend of Open Homes and I had an unconditional offer after just 6 days on the market. The auction was brought forward to the next Friday and my house was sold with settlement at the end of January. I had ample time to finish sorting gear using my cell phone camera to consult the family about individual items they wanted. Being there in person was not needed.

So here I am at Selwyn Heights, loving the same view I had told the Lord on my daily walks that I prized. I look over the airport and Manukau down to Pukekohe where I used to live before Auckland, near some of Kevin's relatives, and beyond. I enjoy being able to see the tranquil Manukau Harbour around Onehunga port. On my bookshelf in easy access are my collection of hymnbooks vital to my playing for church services. My electronic keyboard enables me to readily practise with the volume down so that I am much quieter than the TVs following the sailing which I can hear on my evening walks to Mount Cecilia Park.

My family in Wellington still worry about my isolation during COVID but I am potentially closer to people here than I was previously. And Lockdown has meant time to go online to connect with others, just as it has for everyone, and just as I could when staying with Wellington family during Lockdown last year. The timing of the latest Lockdown isolation also had its advantages of facilitating Lent's natural spiritual reflection.



Jenny & Bryan Haggitt

We look back at Lockdown number four, which provided opportunity to clear cupboard shelves that missed out last year. We put the teddies back in the window, entertained friends to a socially distanced afternoon tea, and had visits from the family in our bubble.

All articles printed in the Parish Magazine are at the discretion of the Priest in Charge. 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 9th August.

We watched Mainly Music with Vicki online and had a cuppa with St Aidan's friends via Zoom on Thursday morning. We watched online our newest grandchild, Amelia, born mid-February, having managed visits with all the grandchildren just before Lockdown. The Mission Shop roster was organised to suit the current Lockdown levels, and kept me in touch with some of our volunteers. Some excitement in the guiet week came on Friday when we were glued to our devices after the Kermadec earthquakes and the tsunami warnings. Thankfully all was well. We are counting our blessings now that we are back to 'normal' and everyone is fine.

Anne Godman

At the start of our Lockdown a year ago one of my cousins in Melbourne, who was also locked down in the Western suburbs, started a project to keep busy and sane, and the, "Stay home quilt block swap," begun amongst relatives and friends. The idea was to make as many 8 inch square blocks of an interpretation of 'home' we liked; in hand or machine quilted, or appliquéd, blocks. We then posted our blocks to her and she mixed them up and sent back out the same number we had sent in, so we would all have a variety of blocks from other quilters to create into our very own 'something'.

As a sporadically enthusiastic amateur I managed to create a couple of hand pieced 'homes' to send in by the due date in June, and she very generously sent me some extras back, a set of six machine appliqué blocks from a friend of hers in USA. These beautifully made items inspired me to get a bit more creative, so I invested in a sewing machine and have since made a number of my own to add to the collection I was sent.

Sooner or later I'll figure out what larger item I want to make from the blocks – perhaps a wall hanging, sofa throw, or maybe even a quilt cover for the bed. In the meantime my collection of 'homes' is gradually growing.

Isobell Tregoweth

I was lucky enough to see some whio during my holidays in Owhango. It was an awesome sight to see on my walk by the Whakapapa River.

Whio are a taonga (treasured) species which Māori have a strong cultural, spiritual, and historic connection with. Whio are a protected species and are classified as endangered.



Above: Set of blocks sent from the swap

Below: Blocks made since





Thank You from the Ashworths



A big thank you to St Aidan's for your generous gift.

We have bought a Sproodle puppy and named her 'Aiddie' in honour of our time at St Aidan's.

We also bought two kayaks which we have all been enjoying.

All moved into the vicarage here and can now accept visitors.

Hope you are all keeping well.

God bless.

Glen, Sarah, Lily, Finn & Daisy





Vicar Appointment Process Update

Early in March our Parish Nominators met with the Diocesan Nominators and Bishop Ross. The Bishop outlined the process and a broad process timeline was agreed. The Parish Nominators are currently working on updating the Parish Profile and aiming to have updates reviewed and completed prior to Easter.

The plan is to advertise the position of Vicar of St Aidan's in the week after Easter with three weeks given for receiving applications.

If you would like to know more details about the process please direct your questions to one of the Nominators: Celia Finn, Juli Mercer or John Priestley.

As Nominators we wish to sincerely thank all those who have so willingly assisted with updating the Parish Profile, thank you!

"A River through the Desert" A Lenten Pilgrimage

During Lent we have been studying, and our preaching series has reflected, the St George's College, Jerusalem, Lenten Pilgrimage series.

Below is an excerpt from "Week one - The Desert."

"The desert has profound significance in the Christian life. We are most readily drawn to think about the desert because of Jesus's temptations there which mark the beginning of his public ministry. But that significant moment evokes the much earlier foundational event of the Exodus of the Hebrew people who escaped the clutches of Pharaoh on a long journey towards the 'Promised Land'.

Most people cannot find a desert to spend time in during Lent but there are other types of wilderness which may be accessible, or perhaps you could find a metaphorical desert of the heart. These might prove to be fruitful places to spend time contemplating the presence of God and God's all-redeeming love. May it be a place where you find a new sense of freedom."

Bible reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Following on from The Desert we have also studied other significant moments in Jesus' life:

The Water Well - John 4:1-42

The Mountain - Matthew 17:1-13

The Sea - Matthew 8:23-27

The Road - Luke 19:28-47

Questions to consider:

- 1. Does the idea of time in some kind of wilderness draw you or concern you? Why?
- 2. Is there an accessible place which could serve as a 'desert' to you? What do you, or could you, gain from spending time there?
- 3. In what ways might Jesus have been changed or strengthened by his testing in the desert?
- 4. Thinking back on your life, consider some moments when the journey was hard. What was it that sustained you?
- 5. As Jesus walked down the Mount of Olives and saw Jerusalem, he wept over it. What do you think Jesus weeps over in our world today, in your city or neighbourhood? What difference does that make to us?



Reflection

When I was twelve – the oldest of four children in our family, my father developed cancer and he died two years later when our youngest brother, Tony, was only five years old. It was a bleak time for our family. Our mother's relations all lived on farms in Maungaturoto so not able to be much help.

Our mother was a woman of faith and we started to attend St Aidan's. Gay and myself attended the Sunday school and when they were a little older, our two brothers also attended. Our mother most certainly said her prayers, which were answered. The first thing she did was to cancel the enrolment for Gay and I at Diocesan School, and the second was to cancel the order for the fridge. She had boarders and turned part of our house into a little flat, and as there were plenty of young men coming home from the Second

World War and no houses had been built for five years there was no shortage of people wishing to be accommodated. The boarders were so welcomed by her that they remained friends for life, and we ultimately did buy a fridge.

In the years we were growing up we remained constant attendees of St Aidan's, which has never changed. One of the parishioners made my confirmation white dress which is what we used to wear in those days. The Mothers' Union were also a great support to this fatherless family. You will remember that there was no family benefit then, but our mother's faith saw us through. Thanks be to God.

Robyn Bridgman

Pastoral Care

We are fortunate in that the greatest part of pastoral care in the Parish is done by the parishioners themselves, but there is a small team, led by Louise, whose work is to co-ordinate or ensure that all facets of care are working smoothly.

Thankfully, the Home Groups, Fellowship Groups, Choir, Pins and Needles Group, the young people, and the numerous other groups that meet as part of church life also undertake to care for each other.

Communion services are held monthly at the retirement homes of 7 St. Vincent and Remuera Gardens; a gathering held for morning tea at Edmund Hillary, and a similar occasion planned for Rawhiti. Home Communion is offered to those who are unwell or confined to home and we try to make sure that we visit or phone the several older parishioners no longer able to attend church. Hospital visiting is undertaken where we know that is welcomed.

Prayer ministry continues to be available during the 9.30am Sunday service and the Prayer Circle is a well-used way of offering confidential prayer at any time. Meals from the freezer are available to deliver when the unexpected happens.

However, there are people who come to church but who are not a part of any regular group. To ensure that someone does not "go missing" un-noticed, and to give an opportunity for all to let us know of any problems, we have the Parish Grapevine. This is a group of 30-40 parishioners who each telephone 5 or 6 people three times a year to ask if all is well,

check their contact details and let them know of future events. In between times we try, as well, to be in touch with any whom we have not seen for a period.

We are a large parish and we are not mind readers! If you know of a parishioner who is unwell or has had an accident and may need help please call the Parish Office or, if urgent, contact Louise directly. Contact details are listed on the back of the weekly newsletter, details are given for Pastoral Care Coordinators, Desré Simpson and Marie Taylor.

The Pastoral Care Team

Sudoku

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ST AIDAN'S REMUERA ANNUAL

GARAGE SALE

8am Saturday 11th September 5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera

ADHERING TO ALL COVID-19 GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

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

Church Library

Tucked in a corner of the Gathering Area, the Church Library offers a wide range of books from general interest to topics for special study. You may be interested with help to expand or explain readings from the Old and New Testaments, or to follow the lives and backgrounds of the people of that time; in accounts of the different ways in which contemporary people have experienced Christian life; stories of people who have gone bravely into the mission field, including early New Zealand church founders; reasoned arguments for belief; biographies, and many more.

If, during Lent you have spent a few minutes of each day in a book designed to offer a short bible reading or reflection, there is a choice of many similar books which could encourage you to continue with this pattern.

Following is a selection of some new titles recently added to the library:

Life of the beloved – Henri Nouwen. Initially written to a Jewish friend, this has long been regarded as a simple and moving testimony to the power and invitation of Christ in today's world.

Joseph of Arimathea – Ken Costa. From a brief footnote in all four gospels, Costa takes 10 of the 16 bible verses on Joseph and uses them to show the difference between an admirer and a follower of Jesus. An admirer stands at a distance, playing it safe, but Joseph admitted to being a follower when he had nothing to gain but everything to lose.

Our precious lives – Steve Morris. A celebration of the value of story telling as a tool to help people feel valued and understood. He emphasizes the need for us to listen, rather than to speak. To hear the stories of the bereaved, the refugee, the outcast, as a way of building a loving church community.



Option B – Sheryl Sandberg & Adam Grant. We all encounter sadness, loss, disappointment or hardship in our lives. This combined authorship offers an honest and practical guide to building the necessary resilience to help us face the future with confidence.

Christianity – a monthly periodical with news, views and opinions about the relevance of Christianity in today's world. Published in the U,K., each issue reflects or is focused on an up-to-date concern of Christians world-wide. Tom Wright is often one of the contributors. Church groups could find this useful for encouraging discussion about a range of topics.

Books can be borrowed for 4 weeks. Please complete the card in the back of the book and leave it as directed and explained in the notice near the display shelving. Book returns are also there. I am happy to help with book selection for any special interests and there is a catalogue available. Any suggestions for future purchases are welcome.

Anne Mercer

Mainly Music First Impressions

Wednesday's mornings are an exciting day in our house. Clare and I started coming to Mainly Music

at the end of 2020 because the 9:30am time worked really well for naps! But now we sing the "Driving song" and "5 little ducks" everywhere, and Clare regularly and



randomly declares she "wants Mainly Music".

It's been so good coming back to St Aidan's. It can be daunting starting a new group but everyone was so welcoming, and there has been the added bonus of having the familiar face of my lovely youth group leader Celia and her sweet Jos. The new presenters are doing a great job and we are so thankful for such a lovely community.

Suzy Donovan

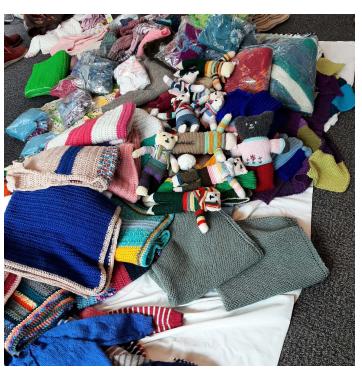


Pins & Needles

Greetings and good wishes to all our faithful and wonderful knitters, crocheters, and sewers! Where would be with out you?!

What a year it has been already with all its ups and downs, highs and lows!

At last we were able to meet in person during March to share our activities since last year and to present and show the remarkable baby and children's wear produced over summer and during many levels of Lockdown. Our regular attenders and our many outworkers have been amazing and we know how much these gifts will be appreciated over the coming winter months.





There was much laughter and chatter as we all enjoyed each others' company again!

We trust our next meeting will be in person but meanwhile do get in touch with us if you have any queries or require further supplies of yarn, buttons, or patterns.

May God's blessing be on you, your families, your endeavours, and the families we support.

Keep well, keep safe, and be kind!!

Marie Taylor and Gail Hodder





Easter Crafts and Treats

Rainbow Silhouette Cross

What you'll need:

- White card
- Scissors
- Black card
- Glue
- Green card
- Paints and/or colouring pencils

Instructions:

Create the backdrop on the white card using your paints and/or colouring pencils in rainbow colours.

Cut out a cross shape from the black card.

Cut out a half circle shape from the brown card.

Glue the half circle to the bottom of the page and then glue the cross on top.

Easter Chocolate Bark

What you'll need:

- 300g approx. milk chocolate, melted
- 300g approx. white chocolate, melted
- Speckled eggs/Candy eggs
- Crushed Easter eggs
- Sprinkles of your choice
- Mini marshmallows

Instructions:

In a baking paper-lined tray/dish, swirl the two chocolates together.

Sprinkle over all your toppings.

Place in the fridge and set until firm.

Break into pieces and serve.

Store in an air-tight container in the fridge.

Bunny Tails

What you'll need:

- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut

Instructions:

Carefully melt the white chocolate in the microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring in between each time, until it is melted and smooth.

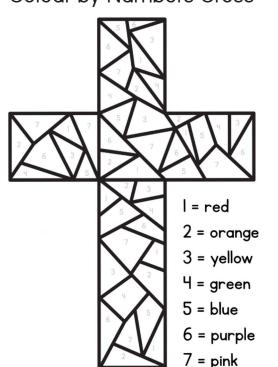
Drop melted chocolate by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper or parchment.

Sprinkle each generously with flaked coconut, and let stand until hard.





Colour by Numbers Cross



WFF

Women's Evening Fellowship was finally able to meet in March. We had a fascinating talk by Jane Walters, Penny Raybould's cousin. Jane was a physiotherapist working at Middlemore Hospital and was offered a job in Saudi Arabia. She wore her hijab to set the scene for the evening, and gave us a picture of what life was like for western women working and living there.

Jane lived in a compound for ex-pats, which made life easy, but she enjoyed getting out, being able to walk in the desert and go shopping in the city. There was also the opportunity for great holidays to other countries in proximity to Saudi Arabia.

At times she worked with members of the Royal family; however that was not as glamorous as it sounds!

It was a most informative and enjoyable evening to hear all the stories Jane shared with us. She brought some beautiful hand woven scarves, silver, basket ware, delightful perfume, and some jewellery for us to appreciate and see how Saudi women live.

Over supper and a cup of tea we continued to learn of the very different life lived in the Middle East.

Jan Evans

Mission Shop

Just as we opened the Mission Shop and had such a great first month, Lockdown reared its ugly, but very necessary, head again.

For the three weeks we were open, we made more than for the same time last year, so that was very heartening.

After some uncertainty we decided to stay shut during Level 2, the virus being so unpredictable that it was decided it would be good to have that extra time to make sure we all stayed safe.

Now that we are back in Level 1 we are thrilled to welcome Robyn's granddaughter Sienna and neighbours Genevieve (Gen) and Arya to the team, who are fulfilling community work hours for school projects. I'm sure they will enjoy dressing the models, sorting through the racks and boxes, helping with donations, and generally helping to keep the shop in order.

We started the year really well, so hopefully the momentum will pick up and continue.

Jenny Haggitt

www.facebook.com/staidansmissionshop



Maintenance Report

Maintenance issues in and around St Aidans have kept the team as busy as always.

First and foremost, with the recent introduction of updated Healthy Homes legislation as well as the passage of time, a number of issues require attention at the vicarage and priest's houses.

One of these jobs has been replacement of the priest's carport roof.

In these articles it is not intended to give the names of those who have taken on specific jobs but in this instance that would be unreasonable as Simon Lee has gone above and beyond the call of duty to replace the carport roof entirely by himself, saving St Aidan's a 4-figure sum while parishioners can also be assured the job has been done to the very highest standard.

The nature of this job was brought home in a dramatic manner while lights were being replaced in the vicarage. At the time the sun was boiling down and upstairs in the vicarage the conditions were stifling. While that was going on, Simon was removing the old rusted iron and cutting to size and installing new sheets of roofing. The noise of cutting sheet-metal was indescribable and it can barely be imagined what it was like up on that iron roof with the sun beating down relentlessly out of a cloudless sky. A cat on a hot tin roof doesn't even start to describe

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detail here. Briefly, these include artificial ventilation in bathrooms and kitchens, heating and insulation.

Some months ago now someone must have spotted the stormwater grille near the Gathering Area rear

article is rather lengthy, these won't be described in

Some months ago now someone must have spotted the stormwater grille near the Gathering Area rear entrance and decided they needed it more than St Aidan's did. That it was cast iron and quite heavy obviously wasn't a deterrent as they made off with it and had few qualms about the resulting large hole in the driveway, ready for anyone to inadvertently step into at any hour of the day or night. Efforts were made to procure another grill at a free/cheap/reasonable price but nothing appeared to be available so the decision was made to purchase a new one. This new grille dropped easily into place which was a relief in itself. To deter future opportunists a short length of heavy chain was secured to the concrete inside the

drain, looped up through the grille and ends secured with a heavy nut & bolt which were highly tightened and then a special compound applied which will make unscrewing the bolt an arduous operation.

To date the grille is still in place and hopefully will remain so for a very long time.

The western carpark security lights have caused a fair amount of head-scratching. Several times now the circuit-breaker supplying these lights has been found in the tripped (i.e. OFF) position. The breaker can be reset but on one occasion it clicked out again

a few seconds later. Thinking the light must be faulty, it was removed and tested at home. No fault was evident so after some maintenance was re-installed. Sure enough, on the next check the breaker was found tripped again. As this light is the only load on this circuit the fault is probably in the wiring and will be very difficult to locate.

And then there's our dear friend the hot water boiler in the hall kitchen! This item is not very old but is giving a lot of trouble. To date so many hours have been put into trying to rectify leaks and its overall design deficiencies that it was decided with the hours that have now been put into it, it would have been more cost-effective to just buy a new one. Unfortunately



Simon: a huge shout out to you from all of us for volunteering to take on that job.

Then there's the lighting in the vicarage where multiple lights don't work. New lights have been procured and a day was set aside for installation. As was expected, other factors came into play as regards the existing wiring which slowed the job down considerably. Right now the bedside reading lights are installed and ready for testing. The hall down-lights are yet to be installed thanks to the recent Lockdown.

There are also multiple other tasks in the vicarage in particular which require attention to meet both maintenance and legislative requirements but as this this is where the problem lies: sadly, the older units are better made and more repairable than later models. Thus a watchful eye was maintained on Trademe for a suitable older unit. Patience was recently rewarded when a unit appeared. Happily there was minimal interest from other bidders and it was secured for a single digit sum. The seller was glad to see it go, said it hadn't been used for around 10 years and he had almost dumped it into the company's waste skip before deciding to advertise it.

On getting it home the unit was opened up and found to be in excellent condition all round. Due to the latest Lockdown it is yet to be installed but it is hoped this maintenance issue is now finally behind us.

Any more? Ah yes, the alarm system. This has given a lot of trouble lately with a flat battery, not keeping date and time and in particular, false alarms. As is the way with alarm systems, false alarms were occurring at any hour. Details of trying to identify and remedy these faults won't be described here but the end point came when one alarmed area was reconfigured slightly. Only a few hours later a call came through from the alarm monitoring company to say that an alarm had activated. And that was that: there could only be a hardware fault. Given the insurance situation regarding repairs, that the alarm is an older model and the time that has been put into it so far, the system has been stabilised for now but it was decided to have a new alarm installed. Again, with the Lockdown situation this is a work in progress but those on the alarm call list look forward to not receiving callouts.

What's next... surely there's nothing else? Well yes, there's the hot water cylinder supplying kitchen and ladies & gents showers. This is an unusual arrangement with five (yes five!) elements in the cylinder. The cylinder is very old but still serviceable. Lately some circuit breakers supplying these elements started tripping which indicated failing elements. In theory it's possible with a special tool to unscrew and withdraw a faulty element. No chance! Due to the risk of damaging the cylinder along with the impossible access to cylinder, there was no other option but to abandon the attempt and to operate on a reduced number of elements. Given that the cylinder cannot be removed from the cupboard (it must have been built around the cylinder) it will have to remain in place for now pending the hall refurbishment project.

Is that the lot? No, indeed not. The failure of flood-lights in St Aidan's church sanctuary is an ongoing task. Two of these lights have failed in a dramatic manner and it is unwise to operate the remaining lights. It would also look rather strange and unbalanced during a service.

These lights are to be replaced by modern LED floodlights but an issue has arisen in that the most common colour output of LED flood-lights is quite unsuitable for this application. Attempts are underway to procure suitable lights but such types are few and far between locally. Overseas suppliers have been contacted but a reply is rarely forthcoming. Attempts are continuing to source suitable light fittings.

There is also a separate project around the AV system to enable a service to be live-streamed to the internet but a separate team is looking after that project. However it is understood the project has gone well and will soon be ready for use.

The team hopes that parishioners understand that the above list is not complete and there are many other smaller and ongoing jobs requiring attention. Further, most of the team members are in employment and can only donate their time in weekends and after hours.

Obviously the above maintenance is not at the forefront of St Aidan's Worship - Caring - Mission. However, everyone in the team gains considerable satisfaction from using the skills with which each has been blessed, in saving St Aidan's considerable expenditure and best of all, to enable these savings to instead be re-directed to our various Mission causes.

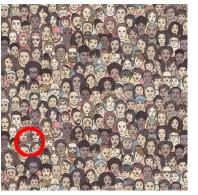
The Maintenance Team

Puzzle Solutions

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

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F-Fest 2021

Easter camp is a great time where youth groups from across Auckland gather together and journey through the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Eight of our youth have signed up to attend E-fest with Conor assisting in the organization of the event. This year both Cameron and James will be junior leaders. This is sure to utilise their leadership skills which were enhanced during the BOLD programme.

The advertising says there will be crazy tribal games, a great worship band, a space to be creative and amazing food. The speaker for the weekend is Keri-Ann Hokianga, an evangelist with Te Tai Tokerau in Te Takiwā o Manukau (South Auckland).

Please pray for Ethan, Asher, Hamish, Vaughan, Nic, James, Cameron, Brandon and Conor as they attend this event. We look forward to hearing more about this on their return.



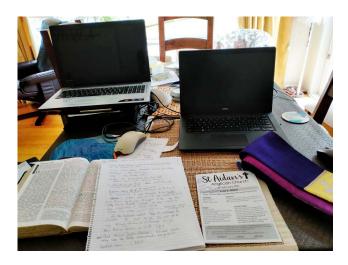
Kids' Church

A fun activity completed during church recently. Ask the Maclean family if you would like to know how to make them!



E S I R P Y A E B M A L

Home Office



Ever wondered what the other side of the 'camera' looks like?

During 'filming' in our recent Level 3 Lockdown I thought I would take the opportunity to take a photo looking the other way. On the table are a plethora of leads, two computers (one of which is sitting on a large dictionary to obtain a better height), Bible, sermon notes, stole, prayer book and behind all of that still out of sight are mini speakers and a CD player.

It's certainly easier leading a service in the building where a team of people help it all run smoothly!!!

A huge thanks to all those who have contributed to our online services and to Anne who has learnt how to stitch the contributions together, so we don't have to record 'live' quite so often.

ABUSE & HARASSMENT ARENTESSE OK THE ANGLICAN CHURCH HAS A CONFIDENTIAL PROCEDURE TO HANDLE CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEOPLE IN MINISTRY. The Anglican Bishops of New Zealand have stated clearly that all such complaints will be taken seriously. Further they state that any form of harassment or abuse is unacceptable to the Church. If you have questions about this, please telephone the Diocese on (09) 302 7201 and a local contact person will be in touch with you.

Position Vacant

Children's Ministry Leader

We are looking for a Children's Ministry Leader to facilitate the Kids' Church programme at St Aidan's, working with families and the wider church team to continue to develop this vital ministry. The start date would be negotiated.



This is a paid, part time position during the school terms. The role is:

- 5 hours per week (including prep time) to facilitate Sunday Kids' Church (1 hour each Sunday service), and covers 3-11 year old age range; or
- 10 hours per week (including prep time) to do the above and if you wish to also coordinate our Mainly Music programme (currently 1.5 hours on Wednesday mornings).

For a full job description, email Rev'd Louise Anderson (our Priest in Charge) at louise@staidans.co.nz or call Louise on 0274 484 467 for a chat.

For more info on St Aidan's (including our Kids' Church and Mainly Music programmes), find us at www.staidans.co.nz or check us out on Facebook www.facebook.com/ StAidansRemuera





Guiding our families with care and compassion for over 100 years



Monday 29th March - Sunday 4th April

Reflective Services, Mon - Wed ½ hour service, starting 7pm

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday Service

9:30am Reflective Service
12 noon - 3pm Church open
for prayer and reflection

Easter Sunday Service

8am Traditional Service
with Communion
9:30am Family Service
with Communion



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Community Noticeboard

Notice of works

You'll be pleased to learn that work is set to begin at the end of this month on 'future proofing' our beloved Remuera Library. Despite its stunning street-side vista the 1926 building is in need of remedial work, notably on the (32) windows, toilets and roofing. All works will be undertaken without closing the facility.

Ōrākei Local Board



From the Registers November 2020 to March 2021

Funerals

Patricia Collins Sibyl Canning

Weddings

Chin Tang (Vincent) Yu & Chin Wei (Shireen) Chang

> Jerome Amerasinghe & Ruwani Ranaweera

<u>Baptisms</u>

Eliza Smalberger

The Community of St Luke
Remuera-Newmarket Community Centre



Chlöe Swarbrick

Climate Change, Environment and the Wealth Gap

Thursday 22nd April at 7.30pm



Chlöe Swarbrick talks about three crucial issues that are impacting New Zealand today and the three keys to making change. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session.

Cost: \$20 to cover costs and offer a koha to our speaker

Registration: stlukes.org.nz/events | pamela@stlukes.org.nz | 09 520 0740

Alternative
Easter service times
at
Holy Trinity Cathedral
Parnell



Good Friday 3pm

Easter Saturday 8pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 5pm Festal Choral Evensong

8pm Taizé Prayer



ANZAC Day Parades & Services 25th April

Starting from 5:30am, a full list of times and locations is available on the Auckland Council website: www.ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Upcoming Events at St Aidan's

Men's Breakfasts

Men's Ministry continues to meet for breakfast at Brown's Café, 7:30am on the last Thursday of each month.

Next on Thursday 29th April, 7:30am. Contact Pete Macaulay to have your name added to the email list for reminders and information.



Mango Salsa Recipe

1 fresh mango or a 425g can of mango, drained Bunch of fresh coriander (approx. 2 Tbsp when chopped)

1/2 a red onion

2 Tbsp lemon juice

1 Tbsp olive oil

Chop mango into one centimetre square cubes.

Finely chop the red onion and coriander.

Place all ingredients together in a bowl and mix to combine.

Tastes great served on top of steak or grilled chicken breast.

Alternatively chop the mango into smaller chunks and mix one tablespoon of salsa with two or three tablespoons of natural yoghurt to make a yummy dip.



Easter and Holy Week services

Monday 29th March to Sunday 4th April as listed on page 19.

Newcomer's Lunch Sunday 11th April

We have quite a few new faces at St Aidan's and this is a chance to find out some more about us and to offer hospitality. If you are "new-ish" to the Parish please keep this date free as we would love to have you come along, from 11am in the Social Lounge.

Church Family Picnic Sunday 18th April

We have rescheduled our picnic following cancellation due to the recent Lockdown. It will follow the 9:30am service at approx. 11am in Cornwall Park. Maps and car pooling will be available.

ANZAC Day Sunday 25th April

8am - Traditional Communion service.

9:30am - Communion service with an ANZAC theme, followed by laying of wreaths at the Memorial Cross.

Barn Dance Saturday 15th May

This was one of our social events planned for last year which had to be put on the back-burner, a fun evening for all ages. Watch out for more information closer to the date.

"Easter One"

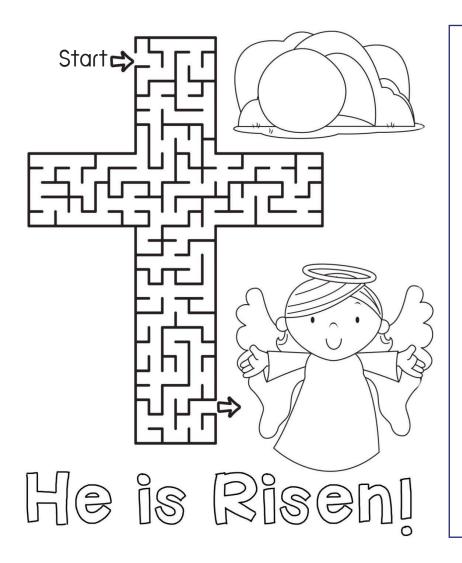
Back cover: This sculpture, "Easter One" by John Ewing, is located in a corner of the Gathering Area, often partially hidden by the side entrance door to the church.

If you have never noticed it there before why not have a closer look?



Easter One is an attempt to come to grips with the dynamics of getting a badly beaten, tortured, and lifeless corpse down from an awkward structure. The two men, considering their relationship to the One they were handling, would have been as tender as possible, but how would they have gone about the task?

Kids' Zone



Just for Laughs

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?

It might crack up!

How many chocolate eggs can you put into an empty Easter basket?

Only one because after that, it's not empty!

How can you tell which rabbits are the oldest in a group?

Just look for the gray hares.

What kind of jewellery do rabbits wear?

18 carrot gold.

Find the cat amongst the people's faces

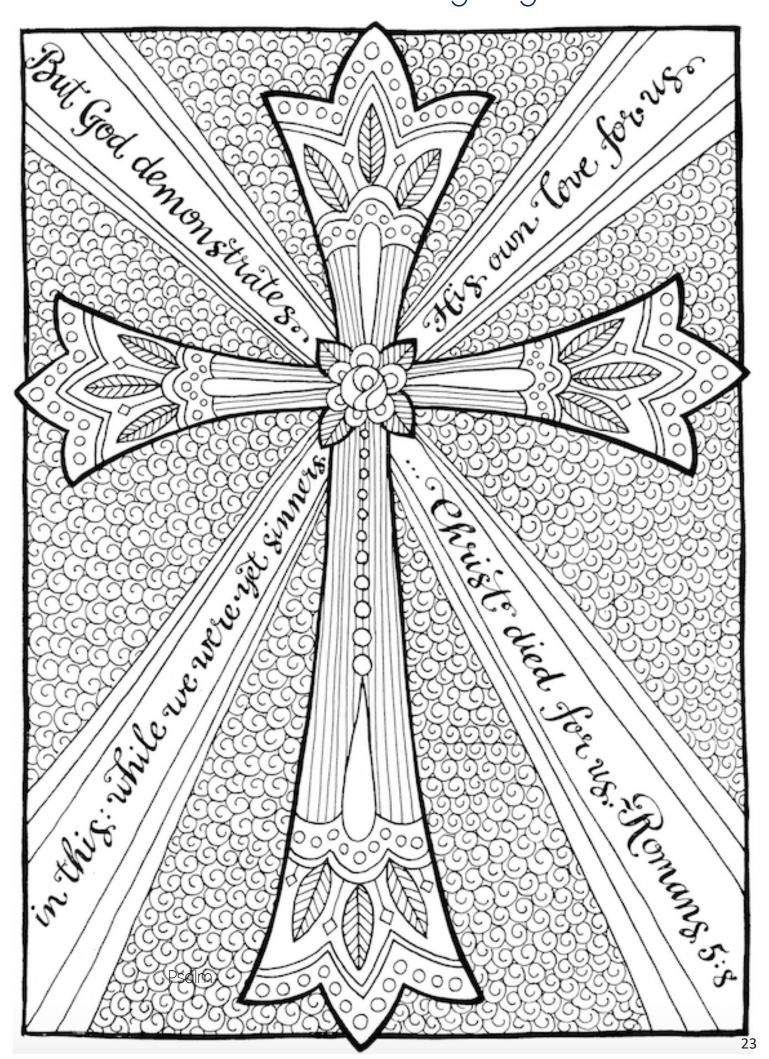


Easter Wordsearch

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APOSTLES BETRAYAL CAVE CHURCH CROSS CROWN CRUCIFIXION DISCIPLES FAITH GOOD FRIDAY JESUS CHRIST JUDAS LAMB LENT MARK MIRACLE PASSOVER PRAYER REJOICE RISEN SON TOMB

Easter Colouring Page



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