

THE APOSTLE

St Aidan's Day 2021



Louise's Foreword

Grace and peace to you from God, and from Louise our Vicar.

And so we begin a new chapter in St Aidan's story. Those who have been here for many years will have seen Vicars and Assistant clergy come and go and will be aware of the changing faces that bring different 'flavours' to the parish. As Vicar I am not starting with a blank piece of paper. When I have had the privilege of working alongside some of you on a project, in ministry or on a garage sale stall, or journeyed with you during a pastoral crisis, then I have glimpsed a little more of who you are beyond the name on the nametag. However for many in this large parish, the brief friendly smile at the door on a Sunday and the odd word as you exit at the end of the service is sadly the only fleeting opportunity we have had to connect so far. Whilst some people aren't able to attend a worship service regularly each week know that you are still a committed member of our church whānau. My plan is to create more opportunities to talk and meet in an informal way as I would like to gain a better insight of how you are finding things and where things are 'at' and I can only do that by listening to more people. Watch out for these drop-in times when they come up, or be proactive and get in touch to have a chat.

Meanwhile, progress is being made in many areas: the new hall lights are in, painters are painting everything inside and out, new staff have been employed (read on to discover more), refresher training has begun across many ministry areas with new liturgists, readers and chalice assistants being added to the existing teams, St Aidan's Day celebrations are almost here and we are gearing up again for our annual Garage Sale. Thank you to everyone involved in these areas. It is exciting to be part of such a busy, active parish.

Huge thanks once again to the editorial team for all their hard work on this publication. I do hope you enjoy reading the contributions and if you haven't done any writing before, why not consider sending something in next time for the November edition?



Louise



Louise was ordained, with 3 others, in the Cathedral, on November 26th. About twenty five parishioners travelled to join in with the celebration. Left we have Sally congratulating Louise after the ceremony.



Left, Louise, after the service with her ordained colleagues.



Then on Sunday, following, at 9.30 Louise was presented with a huge bouquet of flowers by Heather.

Extract from the Papakura Anglican Church newsletter 2017

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Recent Events



Placing a wreath at the ANZAC Day service



Social Hour drinks, nibbles and movie night



Tree Planting Day at Waiata Reserve



The Annual Parish Family Picnic was held in the Hall due to the wild weather



Anna's baptism at the 8am service



Pentecost Choir

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.
Prayer in the GA	Thursday mornings at 9am. Come along or join via Zoom online or by phone.
Contemplative Prayer	Meets each Wednesday at 9:45am, 276A Victoria Avenue. Contact Anne Priestley.
Kids' Church	All children ages 3-10 during the 9:30am Sunday service. Contact Izzi Hoskyn.
Mainly Music	Wednesdays during term time at 9:30am. Music and play for families with pre-school aged children. Contact Vicki White or the Office.
Youth	Ages 11+ at the 9:30am Sunday service and Friday at 7pm. Contact Nic Mercer.
Young Adults	Meets every 2 nd Monday at 7pm plus occasional social events. Contact Isobell.
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 1 st Tuesday at 1:30pm. Contact Mary Parkinson.
WEF	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3 rd Tuesday at 7:30pm. Contact Jan Evans.
Men's Ministry	Meets last Thursday of the month. Contact Pete Macaulay.
Pins & Needles	Meets monthly on 2 nd Monday of the month. Contact Marie Taylor.



St Francis Day Pet Service

Sunday 3rd October, 4pm in the Gathering Area

Donations of pet food, blankets, towels, etc. for the SPCA will be accepted on the 3rd and for the two preceding Sundays

Introducing Our New Staff

Nic Mercer

Hi there, my name is Nic Mercer and I am the new youth leader. I am 24 years old, enjoy playing a wide range of sports, and was once in a TV ad for the Rugby World Cup which New Zealand hosted in 2011.

I have grown up in the St Aidan's community since I was born in 1997 with my family being regular attendees for many years.

Outside of the youth space, I am involved in helping to organise the Garage Sale, regularly serve as a Verger at weddings and funerals, and am a current member of Vestry.

I am looking forward to working with our youth, to help them grow, and to be able to encourage and support them in their faith.

Vicki White

I have lived in Remuera most of my life. I have two beautiful dogs Maisey, a border collie/golden retriever, and Meggie, a small dog breed unknown/ more like a cat!

I was previously a primary school teacher for 15 years and now I am enjoying a more varied career. I have a passion for teaching yoga to children and adults as well as printmaking and fine arts. My favourite quote is, "Do unto others".

My family has a long history with St Aidan's (my great aunt was the first baby to be baptised at St Aidan's!) and I'm delighted to become involved with mainly music.

Below: Vicki

Below Right: Nic

Right: Izzi



Isabelle "Izzi" Hoskyn

I grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland and moved to New Zealand in August 2018 to live with my grandmother and attend university. I am currently completing a Bachelor of Arts in Screen Production and a Bachelor of Commerce in Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Auckland. I enjoy reading, knitting, and working on short films and theatre productions in my spare time. After growing up as an avid animal lover and missing having a pet after moving here, I adopted a cat late last year named P. Nutt. One of my favourite songs at the moment is Walden Park by Atta Boy.

I first got involved at St Aidan's when I moved to Auckland while looking to join the new local community. Since then, I have become a member of the Young Adults group and the Worship Band at church. What excites me most about being the new Children's Ministry Coordinator is creating opportunities for children to create fun memories of their time in Kids' Church and to help foster the children's spiritual growth.



St Aidan's Quiz Night

The Annual Quiz Night was held on Friday 6th August, with 11 teams battling it out for the title. This year's theme was the Olympics with everyone getting into the spirit of friendly competition. A tough eight rounds of questions kept the scores close with eventual winners, Remuera Rotary, triumphing on 44 points.

Once again there was a great range of items up for grabs on the silent auction table and a yummy supper on offer. A big thank you to Sue, Fiona and Margaret serving in the kitchen, quiz master Rev'd Bryan Haggitt, everyone who donated silent auction items and food for supper, and especially Jenny Haggitt who put so much work into organising the event. The total raised, which will all go to support Auckland City Mission's HomeGround Project, was over \$3,800.

The best dressed team award went to the Scottish Archery team, and best dressed table winners were St Aidan's Reserves, aka the New Zealand Equestrian team.





Louise's Induction as Vicar of St Aidan's

The induction of Rev'd Louise Anderson as Vicar of St Aidan's took place on Sunday, 20th June 2021. After an introit from the choir and to the strains of "Lift high the cross", Bishop Ross Bay and Archdeacon Carol Hughes led Louise and numbers of clergy from the local area into the church. They were greeted by a large congregation who readily gave affirmation to the appointment of Louise as Vicar, and gave praise and thanks to God for the exhaustive and patient work of the nominators – Archdeacon Carol Hughes for the diocese and Celia Finn, Juli Mercer and John Priestley for the Parish.

Louise, assisted by the wardens, James Parkinson and Juli Mercer, received presentations from parishioners, symbolic of the worship, work and life of the parish, and gave her the opportunity to commit to the future health and welfare of the parish and beyond in all its wide diversity. A token of affection and support was made to Louise with the presentation of a votive candle for her own personal use.



In his address, Bishop Ross reminded us that we are all responsible for the needs of the Parish and the wider community; the work is not for the vicar alone. With reference to the day's Bible reading from Romans 12:20, "If your enemy hungers, feed him, if he thirsts, give him drink", he related the story of Henare Taratoa, a Christian leader who was involved in the Maori victory over the British forces at Gate Pa near Tauranga. He carried the "Orders of the day" outlining the agreed conduct from both sides in battle, which also included the biblical words quoted above. His compatriot, a young woman, Heni Karamu, was inspired by his words and, at great risk to her own life, carried water to the British wounded lying on the battlefield.

The service concluded with prayers and a beautiful response in te reo sung by Celia Finn and repeated by the congregation, and a final hymn, "Christ be our light".

Those present were invited to stay for afternoon tea and an opportunity to further celebrate the occasion.

Anne Mercer



New BOLD Candidates Brandon & Asher



We congratulate Brandon Wise and Asher Stonehouse on their selection to the Building Outstanding Leaders and Disciples (BOLD) programme.

We look forward to praying for and supporting Brandon and Asher on their leadership training journey.

In the coming weeks as part of their fundraising Asher and Brandon will be selling chocolates for \$2 per bar. These will be available on Sundays or from the office during the week.

Look out for updates of their journey in the newsletter.

Maintenance Update

The Maintenance Team has been busy as always.

ANZAC weekend saw most of the three days spent on site working to clear the hall ceiling of old heating gear, and upgrading the floodlighting in the Church.

In the last few weeks new lights have been installed in the hall. The previous set of lights proved highly disappointing. Over only five years, 9 out of 15 failed completely. For some time now the hall has been limping along with the remaining four lights. Prior to their removal some light intensity readings were taken and light levels in the darker areas of the hall floor were not much more than a clear night with a full moon! Due to work commitments some of the team could not be present, but a technically-minded family member who enjoys this sort of work kindly stepped in. This was all the more commendable as this relative isn't a St Aidan's parishioner.

The job of taking down old lights and putting up new ones took two full days. That was stage one done.

Stage two concerned installing the dimming circuit which involved getting up into the ceiling, running wires out over the full length of the ceiling and connecting the lights into the dimmer circuit. The dust and cobwebs won't be described here but were completely as expected after 55 years!

Finally, late on that Sunday afternoon, the dimmer unit was installed to the left of the hall main entrance doors and the moment came to turn the power on. It was pleasing beyond words to operate the dimmer and see every light go up and down in brightness according to which button was pressed.

And then it was tidy up, round up tools, clear floor of wire & insulation scraps and head home for a well earned cuppa. The Team sincerely hopes that this set of lights last considerably longer than the previous set.

What else is there? Well, the hot water boiler in the hall kitchen tried our patience once too often. After failing for the umpteenth time, we had HAD ENOUGH. Earlier in the year an eye was kept on Trademe for a suitable replacement and eventually one was advertised. Our bid was successful and a trip made to Albany to pick it up. Being an older model, it was much better made and can be repaired if required. The current boiler in the hall kitchen was removed with little trouble and the "new" one installed. As expected, the water pipes didn't match up but a rummage through a box at home turned up suitable braided flexible replacements.

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Annual Bake-Off

The Great Bake Off Competition: Know how to bake cookies? Get compliments all the time on how tasty they are? **CANCELLED** Join us to see the Sunday 5th September to go up against this year's winners. Judging will take place after the 9.30am service.

After judging we will be selling the rest of the cookies for \$1 each. Plus lots of jam jars are available from the office for anyone making jams or preserves.

Cookie and jam sales will be added to the Garage Sale fundraising tally.

Calling all bakers,
jam & preserve makers

Your contributions will be gratefully accepted for the cake stall at the Garage Sale. Cake boxes are ready for pick up from the Catering Area. Come with your amazing baked treats. Drop them in from Friday 10th September, or first thing Saturday 11th September. **TO BE ADVISED**



**ST AIDAN'S REMUERA
FAMOUS ANNUAL**

GARAGE SALE

SALEABLE
ITEMS
GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED

SEP 11th SEPT
5.30-1.00 AVE REMUERA

**STARTS
8am**

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



Women's Evening Fellowship (WEF)

For our July meeting we invited all members of the parish, men, women and friends, to join us to hear an update of the City Mission HomeGround Project from retired Honourable Justice Lyn Stevens and Deb Ward. Lyn has been a leader in the fundraising.

It was almost two and half years since Lyn had spoken to us when the project first started.

How wonderful it was to hear the target of \$110 million dollars had almost been reached and that by the end of the year it will be open and welcoming its first residents.

The thought and planning of the apartments, dining room, lounge, medical and dental centre, is a credit to all involved.

We were shown photos of the wonderful architecture of the wooden building and the finished interiors.

Lyn explained that the wooden beams were more fire-resistant than the usual steel ones. WEF made a donation to the project of \$340 from the year's koha and the evening's trading table. It was suggested this may be used to help purchase equipment for the kitchen.

Jan, Alison, Elisabeth, Penny and Terrie.



Parting Words from Conor

What changes have you seen in the Youth Group over the last five years with St Aidan's?

St Aidan's has become more of a community. We have grown in size with families joining the church. We have also connected more into the congregation and getting involved with the running of the service and helping out. The past five years has basically been focussed on discipleship and community in which the young boys who I started with are now older and ready to disciple the younger ones.

What would be the highlight or most inspiring moment(s) from your time here?

Very hard question. I guess the highlight for me was when we got to baptise Cameron and Brandon at the beach, that was really special, as well as doing the BOLD programme with Cameron and James, and then now Brandon and Asher doing it as well is really cool. Painting the bunker and getting everyone involved, that was a really cool moment as a group, and getting married at St Aidan's is also very special for me.

What's the best thing about being a Youth Pastor, and what's the hardest thing?

Best thing about being a Youth Pastor is being able to walk alongside our young people and just really getting to know them, getting to know their lives, and being allowed into that space is quite special. The hardest thing - I don't know, probably admin! Lol.

Are there parting words, or a two sentence sermon you would like to leave with the Parish?

Always humble yourself and be prepared to look from another person's perspective. I think we often have ideas about how young people or other people should be or act, but often when we look through their eyes it's the complete opposite to ideas we have.

What would you love to see happen here in the next five years?

I'd love to see the young people still here, I'd love to see them still in church and just being in that community that they've grown up in, I hope they stay as connected and this place is still a home for them.



Pins & Needles

Climate – *cold*
Covid – *cautious*
Lockdowns – *low*
Olympics – *outstanding*
Winter – *wet*

What a combination of events leading to hours spent inside for our wonderful Pins and Needles knitters, crocheters and sewers!! What an inspiration our wonderful Olympians have been as we celebrate their dedication and commitment and their success on the world scene.



The gatherings we have held over recent months have been amazing as our members have been able to 'show and tell' us about their recent endeavours. We have been delighted to deliver these beautiful gifts to Counties/Manukau Community Midwives and to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

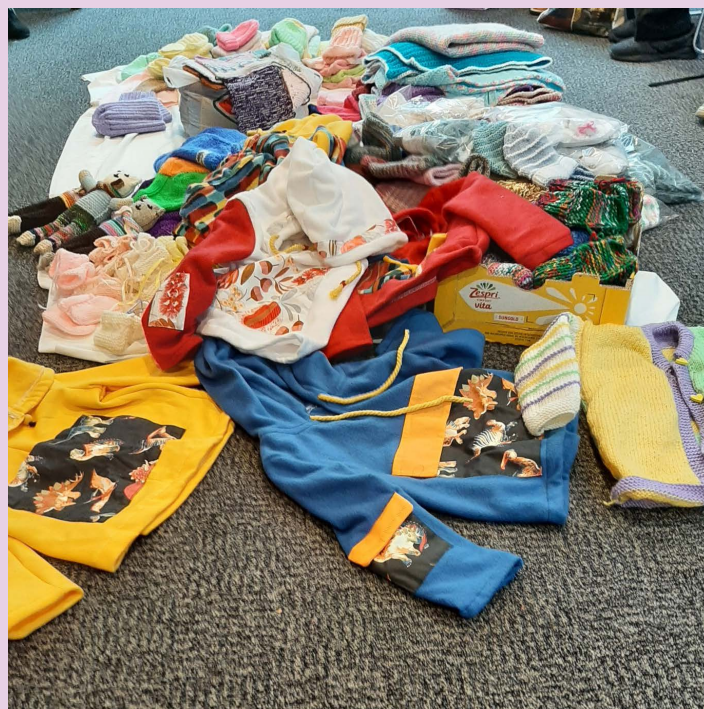
I quote extracts from Judy Matai'a, Chief Executive of the ATWC, in her recent letter:

"A big thank you for the wonderful donation of beautifully handmade baby and children's jumpers, cardigans, beanies, pretty blankets and lovely soft toys you very kindly gifted. Your generosity and thoughtfulness to ATWC helps us in assisting whānau and tamariki.

Thank you for understanding the needs of our vulnerable families and choosing to make a real difference in their lives. We are blessed to have your big-hearted support for our work."

We wish God's blessing, care and joy on all our donors, helpers, supporters, outworkers and members as they continue to show God's love to those around us.

Marie Taylor and Gail Hodder



All articles printed in the Parish Magazine are at the discretion of the editor. 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 1st November.

Season of Creation

Amid crises which have shaken our world, the global Christian family was awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other during the ecumenical Season of Creation.

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September through 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will get together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation.

More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home.

At St Aidan's our services will be focusing on the Season of Creation on Sunday 19th and 26th September.

While Covid-19 has shaken the world, there is another major threat which has been threatening for decades and is becoming worse – Global Warming. The devastating news we hear from around the world such as deadly floods in Europe and China, raging wildfires in Australia, Canada, California, Turkey and Greece in the last 12 months are all very well related to Climate change.

UN declared “Code Red for Humanity”. We are in a crucial place to protect the world from this danger. The terms like fossil fuel, greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation make us think that this is not caused by

us. We try to put the blame on big corporations and try to wash our hands of this. The reality is we are part of this.

Every extra dress in our wardrobes, every extra vehicle we really don't need, that wasted food, that extra mileage we drive and our every want has something to do with this. Is it time to live better with less? It's time to educate ourselves more about Climate Change and take action.

As a Church, we care for God's creation. Our Mission shop is redirecting masses of clothing and is doing a noteworthy job making sure they are reused. Our popular garage sales promote reuse. Our parishioners take part in tree planting events. We use glass communion cups and we do a lot more. We are doing well however we need to do more.

If you want to be part of the Diocesan Zero Carbon Plan, please contact the Office.

Emily Paul
Sustainability Champion



SEASON OF CREATION

Maintenance Update continued...

These were hooked up, some electrical safety checks done and it was time to power it up. It was highly satisfying to hear water run into boiler and the element start to rumble as the water warmed up.

Anything else? Well yes, quite a number of jobs could be mentioned but only one more will be discussed for this issue of the magazine.

With the church exterior being painted recently, it was necessary to remove the clear protective covers over the stained glass windows. A month ago the Team turned up on a brisk Saturday morning to start up the scissor lift the painting company had kindly left an extra day for us to access the window covers.

Except... it was not on site. A miscommunication meant that it had been taken to another job and we had to use a ladder to reach the windows. To say this was inconvenient is a huge understatement.

However there was no alternative as the painting team were starting on the church exterior in the next few days so it was out with the ladder and start removing the screws holding covers in place.

We reinstated the covers on 7th August. This time around the scissor lift was on site and ready to use. Or so we thought. In fact we couldn't get it started. We tried this and that, turned that switch, pressed this button but no good. What on earth was wrong – flat battery? The answer was trivial: a key-switch had to be turned backwards to enable the machine controls. Ha! Obvious, really. With that sorted we were underway.

Any other jobs? Yes, of course. But due to the length of this article, details will be left for the next issue of this magazine.

St Aidan's Maintenance Team
Andrew, David, John, Simon

Charitable Purposes Group

Every year the takings from the Mission Shop are donated to various charitable causes.

The agencies which received grants for the 2021 year are listed below together with an outline of the work that they do.

NZ Church Missionary Society: an independent, evangelical mission organization seeking to mobilise the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand to extend Christ's Kingdom throughout the world, especially in the Asia Pacific region.

Anglican Missions: represents the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, and works to enable the three tikanga Māori, Pākehā, Pasifika Church to pursue and share in overseas mission activities.

Auckland City Mission: provides support, housing, medical, counselling and social services to marginalized Aucklanders including families and individuals in crisis and in desperate need.

Anglican Trust for Women and Children: through its family, early education and social work services, the Trust is committed to investing in Auckland's children and helping mothers to build happy, healthy futures for their families.

Habitat for Humanity Curtain Bank: Habitat for Humanity holds a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. The Curtain Bank gives low-income Auckland families free, double-lined, full-length curtains as a way of keeping a home warm and healthy and greatly reducing energy bills.

Christian Broadcasting Association: uses top rating, secular, commercial radio to communicate the essentials of the Christian Faith, aiming to reach audiences who might never set foot inside a church.

Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy: offers spiritual care to all within Aotearoa New Zealand healthcare, showing a compassion that fuels hope and peace amid suffering. There are 9 partner churches working in co-operation with the Ministry of Health and the District Health Boards. 47 hospitals are covered by 91 chaplains and 300 volunteer chaplaincy assistants.

People at Risk Solutions: formerly known as the Prisoner Aid & Rehabilitation Society, PARS works with people who are at risk of, or are already engaging with the Justice System. This includes people who are about to be, or have been released from prison, deportees, youth at risk and their families. PARS provides a range of housing, employment, wellbeing, education, cultural

identity and mentoring services at a critical time in the transition back to society. These services are delivered to 5 prisons in the Northern Region.

Christians against Poverty: works with local churches to release New Zealanders from debt and poverty. The organization aims to help people budget, save and prevent debt by teaching wise money management and by giving them the tools to take control of their finances.

Prison Chaplaincy Services: a charitable trust responsible for the management of prison chaplains who provide religious and spiritual services to prisoners in New Zealand prisons. PCSANZ is governed by a Board, under contract to the Department of Corrections, and comprising 8 different Church denominations. Bishop Richard Wallace is the board member representing the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Barbara Weir



Mission Shop

As we enter into the second half of the year we can report excellent sales totals. We have lost only two weeks this year due to the early lockdowns, and now with the idea of recycling really catching on, our sales have increased. We have also increased our advertising and are now on some online sites. I notice that one site has us selling used cars – not sure where that came from!

During the autumn months we enjoyed having students from Baradene and Diocesan School helping out in the Mission Shop while completing community service. Hopefully this will continue with other Colleges, especially around Garage Sale time.

We are also very well served by volunteers at the moment, mostly women from the parish but also some of our customers are volunteering as well. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers, so if you are available to help out for a couple of hours each month please don't be shy and get in touch.

Jenny Haggitt

Celebrations



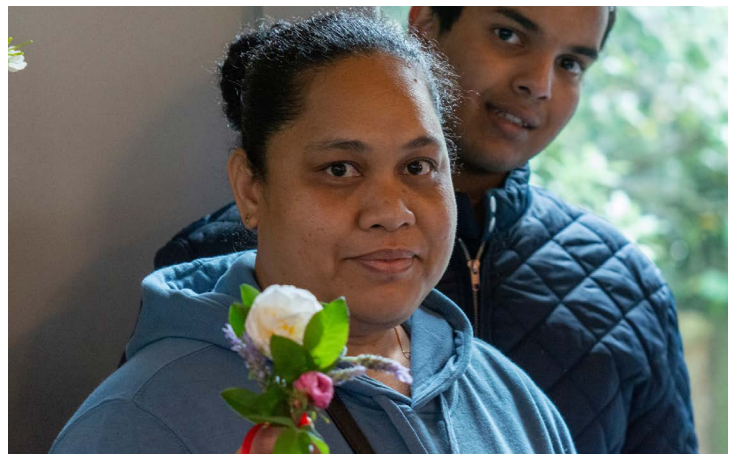
Yvonne Kennedy receives her Lay Ministry Licence



Induction of Rev'd Louise Anderson as Vicar



St Aidan's contingent at the Clan Cameron dinner



Mother's Day

Past Vicars Remembered

I can go back to 1983 when our family first came to St Aidan's and Roy Everall was Vicar. Roy and Briar were a lovely family couple who lived in our old Vicarage and Roy was a very humble man. They led the Bethel series which taught me how God leads and guides us through life. Moses' life and faith in God is a wonderful example in difficult circumstances.

Vicar number 2: Soon after Roy Everall came Harvey and Christine Smith. They had a lovely daughter Nicola who unfortunately suffered with cystic fibrosis. We as a Parish learnt a lot about this nasty lung disease. I remember her carrying an oxygen cylinder into Church to help her breathing. Nicola was so full of life and shared her faith with many she met in her regular trips to youth group and hospital. By this stage our new vicarage was built and that's where Nicola died at around 20 years of age. We all shared her family's grief.

Vicar number 3: Michael and Janine Smart. Originally Michael was from the south island and was known for his teaching. He gave us very good sermons and he and Janine worked as a great team. He helped me in a

difficult time in my life as he was a trained Counsellor. While Michael and Janine were at St Aidan's, Jo Kelly-Moore was studying at St Johns College and came to St Aidan's to begin as a Curate. She eventually became our next Vicar with her husband Paul, and two boys Adam and Nathan. They were a very popular family as Paul helped with Pastoral Care. Jo then went on to become Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral Auckland and, as most know now, she is Archdeacon of Canterbury and a canon residentiary of Canterbury Cathedral in the United Kingdom.

Di Woods followed on as Vicar after Jo. Di had a background in Army and Airforce also as Vicar in Taradale. She has great energy and enthusiasm for life. Di encouraged us to get involved in various aspects of Church life. In particular the Alpha Course, Homegroups, Prayer Groups, Home Communion whatever suited our gifts. I am very grateful for her encouragement.

Most of us know Glen Ashworth for ourselves so I won't go on!!

Jenny Walters

AAW

Since we have been able to meet together, from April this year, we've had some wonderful meetings with a very enthusiastic group of women from the parish and surrounds coming along to share in our short service in church and then being well informed by a variety of speakers. Every second month Louise has led us in our service using the AAW Service Book and on the alternate months one of our members has done the same. We are very fortunate to have Antoinette play the organ for us during these services.

AAW (Association of Anglican Women) is active in Overseas and Outreach and Social Concerns and our group regularly fundraises (through our trading table ably led by Terrie and Ruth) and also donates items to various groups within the Diocese of Auckland and beyond.

Traditionally, our group has given a gift to each new vicar at St Aidan's and we took the opportunity at the August meeting to honour Louise on her appointment and present her with a bouquet of flowers.

We always love to welcome more women of the parish and their friends to join us on the first Tuesday of each month for prayer, learning, fellowship and a wonderful afternoon tea.



Vaughan Park

St Aidan's has many connections with Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat & Conference Centre.

At the August AAW meeting, Lesley Snyman, Director of Vaughan Park for the last two years, was the speaker. With prior marketing and fundraising experience as an airline loyalty programme organiser in South Africa, Lesley works at fundraising, encouraging supporter memberships and was keen to promote what she described as one of Auckland's best kept secrets – Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat & Conference Centre.

I first heard of it when as a new parishioner Rev'd Michael Smart was encouraging everyone to join in the annual church picnic, that year to be held at Long Bay. Vaughan Park adjoins the Long Bay Regional Park. I was intrigued to know that St Aidan's has many historical connections with Vaughan Park, aside from several of our vicars participating in retreats there at various stages of their faith journey. Di Woods had one of our Alpha Weekends there. Justice John Priestley was Chair of the Board, 2002 to 2011 and has a meeting room there named after him. Lynne Trenwith was Chair of the Bi-Cultural Trust Board working closely with the Director for over four years halfway through her ten year stint on the Diocesan Board. Rev'd Anne Priestley stayed there for courses many times during her training. Preordination training days are held there too. I am sure there are many others of us with stories to tell about their connections with Vaughan Park.

Vaughan Park has developed into a multi-purpose venue with chapel, conference and hospitality facilities. With 39 beds, four meeting rooms, and two full time chefs it can cater for up to 120 visitors per day, and Rev'd Anne Priestley later told me she had experienced more when conferencing Marae style as the venue is a partnership resource of the Diocese of Auckland and Te Pihopatana o Te Tai Tokerau. An annual scholarship aiming at developing creativity is also supported. The University commonly books it for post graduate workshops in writing theses. Most clergy will have also experienced time there. The Vaughan Park Mission and Vision is 'to portray our Faith in all we do'. Daily office is offered three times to all by the only on-site resident worker, Reverend Sapati Tima, who lives there with his wife and three children.

Last year, with COVID, Vaughan Park operated at a huge loss, but thankfully they were able to retain all nine of their full-time staff.

If you are looking for a quick holiday break close to Auckland, Vaughan Park is just a short drive over the Harbour Bridge then follow signs to Long Bay Regional

Park. Perfect for singles, couples or families – see their website for bookings: www.vaughanpark.nz.

Christine thanked Lesley at the end of her talk, and Lesley in turn thanked the meeting for their generous donation. Recently some trees have fallen down and our welcome offering would be used to replace them.

Antoinette Pope



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

PLEASE NO BROKEN, INCOMPLETE OR SOILED ITEMS

NO TV'S, DESKS, COMPUTER SCREENS OR BEDS

We are seeking quality saleable items of:

Seasonal items • Furniture • Jumble • Tools • Toys

Handbags • Jewellery • Kitchenware • Bling

Children's goods • Books • Media • High End

Bric-a-brac • Linen • Outdoor

- DROP ITEMS OFF AT THE BUNKER LOCATED
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ASCOT AVE CAR PARK -

SATURDAY, SUNDAY	AUGUST 21 st , 22 nd , 28 th , 29 th (10am - 1pm) SEPTEMBER 4 th , 5 th (10am - 1pm)
TUESDAY, THURSDAY	AUGUST 24 th , 26 th , 31 st (4pm - 6pm) SEPTEMBER 2 nd (4pm - 6pm)
DELIVER TO HALL	SEPTEMBER 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th (9am - 5pm)

For large item pick up or any questions, please call our Parish Office
on 09 929 4670 or email office@staidans.co.nz

St Aidan's Anglican Church, 5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera 1050

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Community Noticeboard

Ellerslie Fairy Festival & Pirate Party

Sunday 12th September from 10:30am-12.30pm on the closed off main street in Ellerslie. This is a fun free community event that will delight, surprise and entertain young families.

Kicking off at 10:30am with the welcoming parade up the main street, you will then be entertained by fairies, pirates, princesses, superheroes, unicorns and more – there is something for everyone.

www.ellerslievillage.co.nz/blog/post/21038/Ellerslie-Fairy-Festival-Pirate-Party/



From the Registers

March to August 2021

Funerals

Roger Maclean

Grace Rawson

Keith Wilson

Margaret Johnson

Jan Leary

Lily Khouri

Weddings

Elis Anderson & Matthew Büdler

Baptisms

Hugo Marshall-Webb

Rose Rogan

Anna Pomare

In Your Neighbourhood: Pieces of Eight

Tuesday 21st September, 6:30pm at Somervell Church, 497 Remuera Road, Remuera.

Featuring Bede Hanley, APO Principal Oboe
Beethoven Rondino
Bozza Octanphonie
Mozart Serenade No.12

In Your Neighbourhood gives APO musicians the chance to bring the joy of music a little closer to your home. Join APO Principal Oboe Bede Hanley and friends from the APO for special, intimate, early-evening concerts in Takapuna and Remuera.

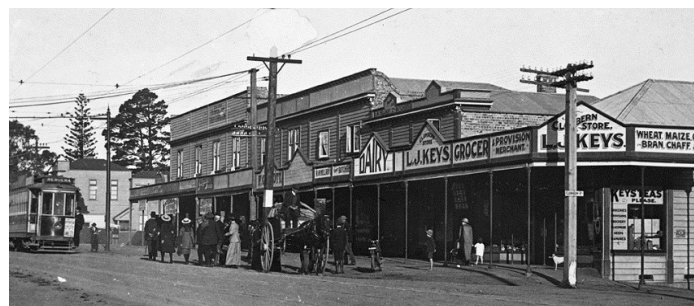
Cost: Adult/Senior \$28, Child/Student \$15

Bookings: www.apo.co.nz/concerts-events/pieces-of-eight/tuesday-21-september/ or 09 623 1052

AYM Junior Camp

7:00pm Friday 1 October - 2:00pm Sunday 3rd October at Kiwanis Camp, 1331 Huia Road, Huia, Manukau Harbor. info@aym.org.nz or ph. 302 7261.

Junior Youth Camp is for those in year 6-9 at school. It's a chance to learn more about Jesus while having having fun with other young people from across Auckland! It's also designed to help your young people transition from primary school to intermediate and intermediate to high school.



Remuera Heritage Walk

Did you know you can do a self guided tour of the history and heritage of Remuera? Remuera is one of the older suburbs of Auckland, and the commercial district dates back to the early 1900's.

Collect a Heritage Walk brochure from Remuera Library, a heritage building itself, or download a copy from: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/arts-culture-heritage/heritage-walks-places/Documents/remuera-heritage-walk.pdf

Ordinary Saints

Ordinary Saints is a community of Anglicans in their 20s and 30s in the Diocese of Auckland who embrace the contemplative and sacramental rhythms of faith in order to inform our way of being in the world.

Check out their Facebook for their updated 2021 calendar www.facebook.com/ordinarysaints.ak

Flourless Peanut Butter & Choc Chip Cookies



Ingredients

- 1 cup (269g) smooth peanut butter
- 3/4 cup (161g) brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- pinch of salt
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup (85g) chocolate chips or mini chips

Method

Preheat your oven to 180°C / 350°F.

Beat the peanut butter, sugar, baking soda, and salt at medium speed of your mixer, until well-blended. Add the egg and vanilla, and blend on low-medium speed until incorporated. Stir in the chocolate chips.

Scoop the dough by the tablespoonful onto a lined baking tray and push the dough to flatten slightly.

Bake the cookies for approx. 8 to 10 minutes, removing them from the oven before they begin to brown on the edges.

Cool on the tray.

Upcoming Events

St Aidan's Day Celebration Service & Lunch

~~Sunday 29th August.~~

We will celebrate our day with a shared lunch in the Gathering Area at 9:30am service. Please bring a plate of finger food to share and join us for this special occasion.

CANCELLED

Annual Bake-Off

~~Sunday 5th September~~

Bring along a plate of your best chocolate chip cookies. Judging will be held at 9:30am service, and then cookies will be sold for \$1 each with funds added to the Garage Sale tally.

CANCELLED

St Aidan's Famous Annual Garage Sale

~~Saturday 11th September~~

We're back to the Garage Sale that included FAB Sale last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic for some fantastic deals and delicious food.

POSTPONED

If you can help out on the day or the week prior, please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the Gathering Area.

Donations will be accepted from 21st August. Please see page 19 for a full list of drop-off dates and contact the office for oversized items.

Season of Creation

Sunday 19th & 26th September

From 1st September to 4th October the worldwide Christian church celebrates the good gift of creation.

This year the theme is, "A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God". May we be the champions to renew life, the servant leaders of all life in the Beloved Community, the oikos (*family and house*) of God.

St Francis Day Pet Service

Sunday 3rd October.

All pets welcome to attend for a blessing at this celebratory service 4pm in the Gathering Area. Teddies and photos of the pet family welcome to bring along to receive a blessing.

TO BE ADVISED

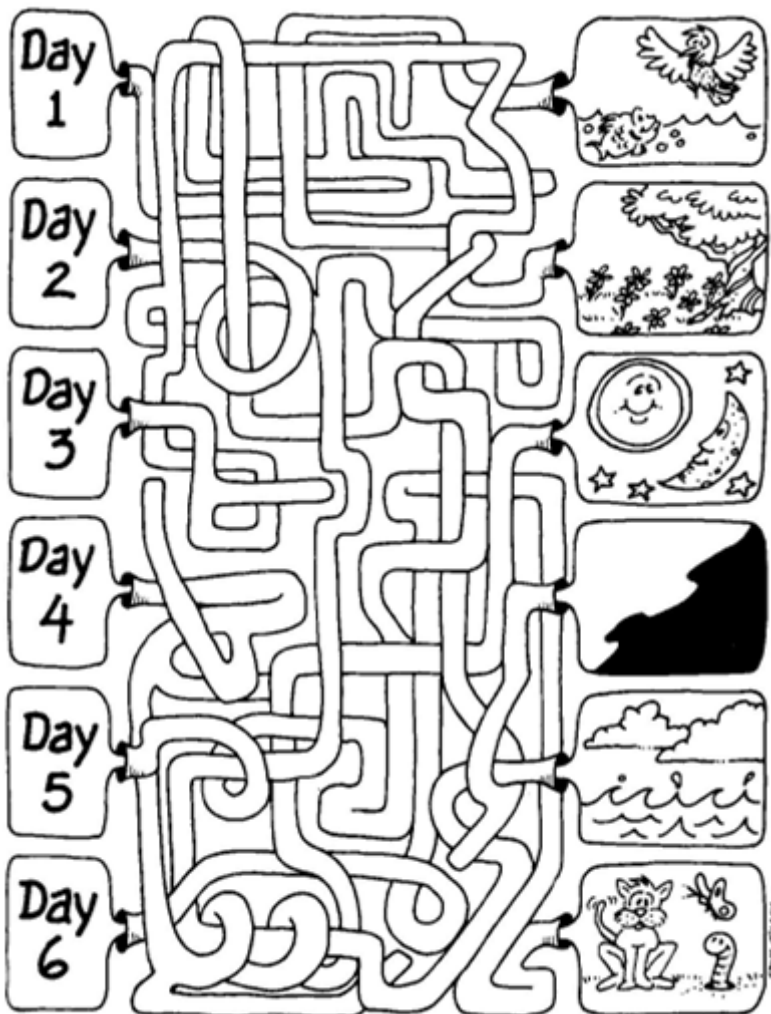
Youth Service

Sunday 31st October.

Hamish Maclean will be speaking at the next service held by our Youth, 9:30am on Sunday 31st October.

Kids' Zone

Read Genesis 1:1 - 2:3. Starting with Day 1 find the correct path through the maze to the things God created on that day



Just for Laughs

What time of day was Adam created?
A little before Eve.

Who was the fastest ever runner?
Adam, because he was first in the human race.

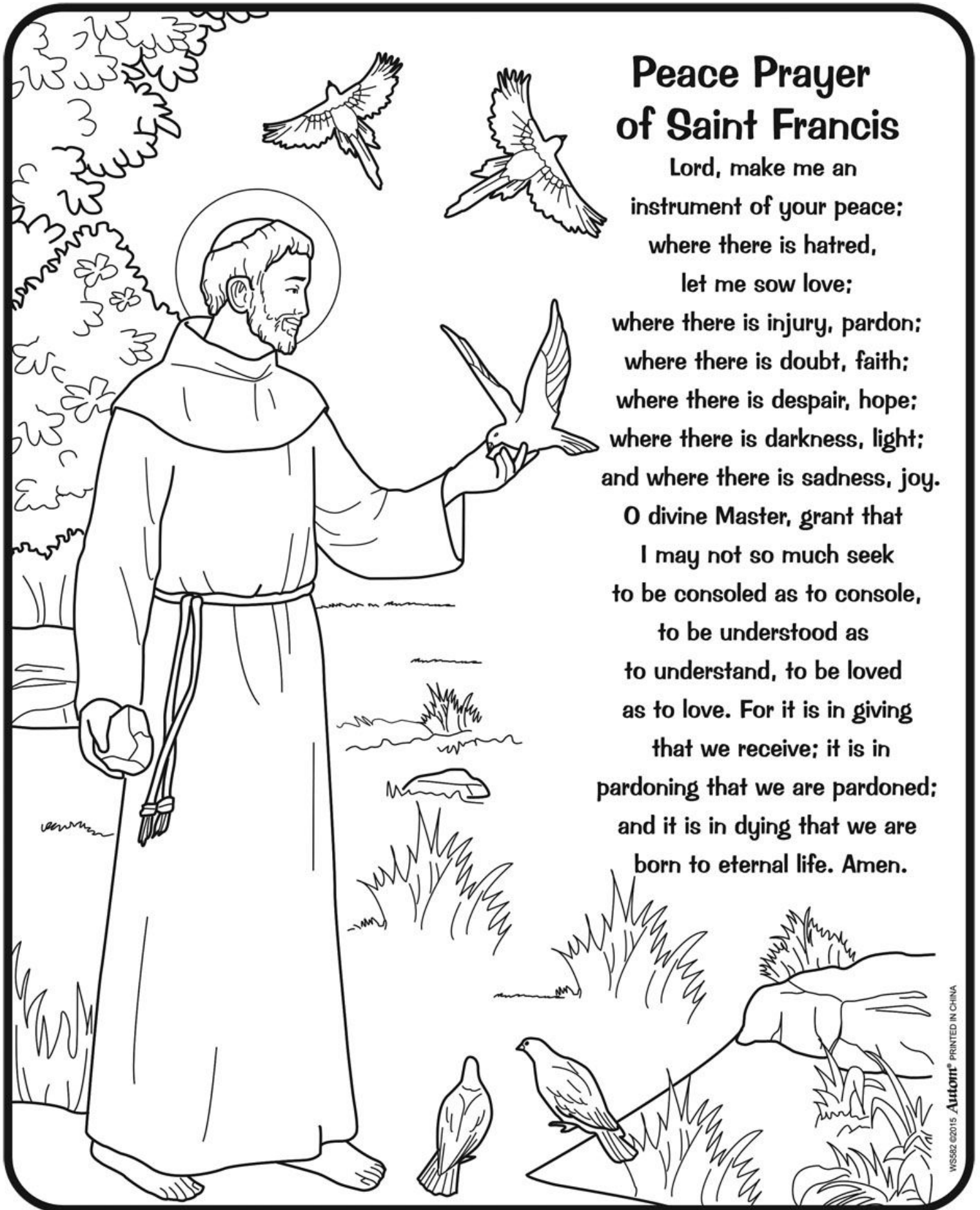
What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
Your mother ate us out of house and home..

Why is it never worth getting into an argument about creationism versus evolution?
You're just comparing apples and origins.

Wordsearch

ANIMALS
BEGINNING
CREATION
EARTH
GARDEN
GOD
HEAVENS
LIGHT
MAN
PLANTS
SEA
STARS
WOMAN





Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an
instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as
to understand, to be loved
as to love. For it is in giving
that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life. Amen.

St Francis Day Pet Service - Sunday 3rd October, 4pm in the Gathering Area.
All pets welcome to come for a blessing, and bring their owners too!

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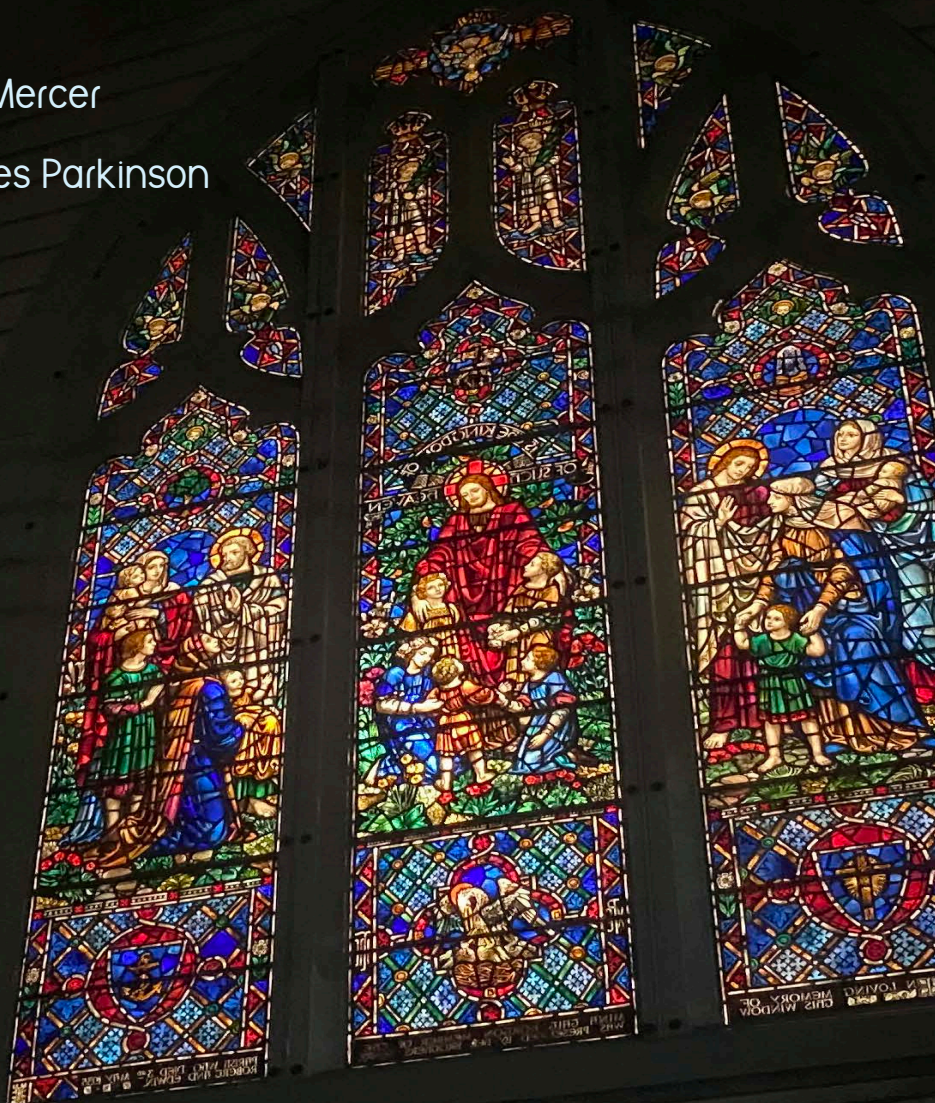
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