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Vicar's Foreword

One of the frequent contributors to our magazine was Bishop Peter Atkins. It seems therefore only fitting that inside this edition, the first since his passing, that we offer a small tribute to his ministry through personal reflections and memories. We continue to thank God for the blessing he has been to so many and the privilege we have felt having him serve in our midst.

After a couple of years in what has felt like a holding pattern due to Covid it is great to feel there is a sense of things bursting into life. It's like capturing sight of that daffodil bulb bursting through the earth as a sign of spring after a long winter. As I write this I acknowledge that everyone's life's journey is different, and you personally may feel you are in the depths of a dark winter, however may the signs of growth which are in the parish and reported in this spring magazine serve to lift your spirits, even for a little while.

It is wonderful to have a number of new faces join our parish community. Whilst many couldn't make our newcomer's lunch, do read the article to hear some comments about what they have appreciated about St Aidan's since their arrival. Our funding application to the Diocese has been successful and our Pātaka Kai (community pantry) which was explained in our last edition, will soon be up running. Thanks, Isobell, for your energy and enthusiasm in getting this new project underway. We have a large group of confirmation candidates who will shortly be meeting regularly with Kerry in preparation for our confirmation

service in October. Read further about the meaning of confirmation and to see if this is for you later in our magazine. For anyone who has felt that any upgrading of our building has stalled, the proposed kitchen plans can be found on page 19. There is even a partial sketch to give you a bit of a taster before the full plans are ready for parish consultation. We have a number of new groups that regularly hire our facilities and the editorial team thought it was a great opportunity to provide a small snapshot of the range of groups that come through our doors, see these on page 8.

A very successful quiz night was held in early August, raising over \$3,000 for Habitat for Humanity. It was wonderful to see people masked and unmasked, joining socially in ways that they felt comfortable. Photos (see page 23) captured on the night share a glimpse of the fun that was had, and a huge thanks goes to the team who put on this event. On that note, a social activities group is planned to create a more cohesive approach. Read more about this on page 8. I have also heard murmurings about the creation of a writing group that will provide a deliberate space to engage with the issues of the world.

As we continue to partner with God in the mission and ministry in our community there is plenty of evidence of God at work, stirring the hearts of the people. I am excited to see how these ideas will grow as we, the people of St Aidan's, work together and move into this next season. †

Blessings,
Louise

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Welcome to our Newcomers

St Aidan's recently held a newcomer's lunch, to officially welcome as many of our new or returning faces to the parish as were able to attend. This allows newcomers to meet key ministry leaders and let them know more about our ministries and outreach.

We have usually held these lunches twice a year, however with COVID lockdowns and restrictions our last one was in April 2021.

Kerry asked them these two questions:

What drew you to St Aidan's?

What is most pleasing to you about St Aidan's?

Here are some of the comments from those who were there on what drew them to St Aidan's and what they find most pleasing about the parish and its people:

I felt God drawing me towards this church.

" I had attended Christmas and Easter services at St Aidan's with some of my family and even on these quick visits the parishioners were very welcoming.

On searching around for a new church in the Eastern suburbs, I visited a number of different denominations, and after some time I arrived at St Aidan's where I found a very active scene, both inside the church and within the local and wider community.

My new wife has been a parishioner since 2009, and accompanying her to St Aidan's was the perfect occasion for me to refresh my beliefs within the Christian Church.

The inclusivity shown by both members of the congregation and the clergy. Most pleasing to me about St Aidan's is the beautiful interior - the warmth of the whole wooden structure providing such a welcoming gleam.

" Love the friendly atmosphere and the amazing number of ministries going on. Lots of faithful people working to spread God's love to the community.

Since attending more frequently I have been able to get to know some of the parishioners and I feel very comfortable attending services on my own. I have enjoyed helping-out a little with some of the church activities.

What resonates with us about St Aidan's is the warm and welcoming spirit extended to new faces. It is exceptional!

" It's a pleasure to meet and discuss various topics with the most welcoming, friendly, and so very helpful, parishioners within the congregation.

A traditional Anglican Church worship based on New Zealand prayer book. A welcoming and friendly Parish.

Attending services here are like getting together with family. I LOVE my St Aidan's Church.

The Priests here are very approachable and I felt at ease when welcomed into the Parish.



REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Services	8:00am Holy Communion. 9:30am Family Communion.
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 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.
Small 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 Gail Hodder.



ST FRANCIS DAY PET SERVICE

**SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER
4PM IN THE GATHERING AREA**

All are welcome



Staff Retreat Reflection by Anne

As part of our Retreat, one of the quiet, reflective options Louise prepared for us was, "Praying with Art", featuring several depictions of Jesus' calming of the sea of Galilee. Rembrandt's painting, "The Storm on the Sea of Galilee", drew me in. Due to the soft filter and low resolution of the graphic used, it was not immediately clear which of those in the boat was Jesus.

I pondered the questions - What was God saying to me through this scene? If I put myself in the scene which character or object would I be? The painting depicts several disciples frantically working to stay afloat and several others in the back trying to wake Jesus.

Would I be hauling for all my worth on the sails, desperately trying to save myself and the others? Leaning over the side, potentially 'feeding the fish'? Or holding onto a rope and praying I wasn't washed overboard? At what point would I go begging Jesus to wake up and help? Knowing my own very practical, independent (and stubborn!) nature I was fairly certain I'd leave running to Jesus until right before I thought I was about to drown.

The time spent contemplating this painting and praying, as I looked out over Stanmore Bay's calm water, made me realise that it's a really good idea sometimes not to try and fix things myself, but to ask for help - well before I feel like I'm drowning! In the weeks and sermons since, I've realized afresh it's a good idea, to not only give myself a break, but to trust more in God's care, and also to allow others to be of service. †

"Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you,
pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant too."

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Vicki White Resignation

Vicki White joined the St Aidan's staff team in the early part of 2021, taking on the role of coordinating the mainly music programme after Glen and Sarah left.



She now heads off to take up a full-time teaching role at a local primary school.

Vicki's enthusiasm and creativity will be sorely missed at our sessions along with her unflappable nature which was critical during last year's long lockdown while the group was hosted online. We

know that she will be a much-loved classroom teacher and wish her well with this next chapter of her life.

Our mainly music sessions continue during the school term on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the hall. †

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Association of Anglican Women (AAW) Fellowship Group

We have met monthly this year and are very grateful to be able to enjoy fellowship and interesting speakers at our meetings after the disruptions of 2021.

The Rev'd Louise Anderson and the Rev'd Kerry Davis have led us in our services in the church some months and Yvonne Kennedy and Jenny Walters have assisted on the others. We are very fortunate to have Antoinette Pope play the organ for us during these services.

In April Archbishop John gave us a very thought provoking homily on the Easter story and then enjoyed the St Aidan's hospitality which he spoke of as we had our afternoon tea served to us. We had two speakers from ATWC in May. Sue Zimmerman spoke about "Threads of Caring" the newly released 160+ years history of the ATWC.



We also heard from Judy Matai'a (CEO) who updated us on what is happening at the Trust. They left with a large collection of children's winter pyjamas. In June we were lucky to have the Rev'd Kerry Davis give us a very interesting and informative illustrated talk about Matariki and its significance for Maori and other cultures around the world.

With the upcoming public holiday to celebrate this occasion it was very timely. At our most recent meeting in July, Ev McGowan (who volunteers as a guide at Auckland Museum) gave us an illustrated tour through the new South Atrium and the Tamaki Herenga Waka: Stories

of Auckland galleries. We really appreciated being able to see the changes that have been made at the Museum over the past 2 years while we've had restricted access.

Interesting speakers are organised for the rest of the year and we hope we can continue meeting in these unusual times and share fellowship with each other. †

Mary Parkinson on behalf of the Committee

Women's Evening Fellowship

Our March meeting was cancelled because of COVID but our next four evening meetings have been well attended, enjoyable and informative.

April's guest was Chrissie Wright who took us on a wonderful "armchair" trip with photos of the Te Araroa trail from Cape Reinga to the Bluff. What a fascinating and adventurous time it was for Chrissie, sometimes alone enjoying the scenery of bush, sea and farmland, and at times sharing the walk with a friend; so many amazing photos of parts of NZ many of us have never seen.

In May our guest speaker was well-known parishioner John Priestley who was the recently retired Chairman of the Purewa Cemetery Trust Board and whose topic was a little closer to home for us all, the Purewa Cemetery. We heard about its history and saw photos of different areas of the cemetery, including the beautiful new Mosaic Butterflies Pathway that has been designed and built to memorialise little lives lost. He then shared its visions for the future – an altogether very informative and interesting talk. What a serene and beautiful asset Purewa is to Auckland.

In June we were privileged to have Vaoa Davis, wife of Kerry our Priest Associate, speak to us, "From One Ministry to Another". It was a fascinating overseas travel talk with Vaoa's life starting in Papua New Guinea, moving to NZ and then travelling and living overseas with Kerry in many places associated with his job in The Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They left Manhattan in 2013 and settled in Meadowbank to start their new ministry in the church. Vaoa shared so many wonderful experiences and concluded with the pleasure of returning to NZ and finally to St Aidan's.

In July, our guest was Lynne Trenwith who we all know as a member of the parish. Lynne's topic was Mentors and Nurturers in our lives. She wove a wonderful talk around the Mentors and Nurturers in her life and the lasting and deep influence they had on shaping her life from a young age - her parents – to her professional career; so many words of wisdom for us all to contemplate and to use and weave into our own lives.

The committee wishes to thank our speakers and our members who join us and enjoy fellowship with one another. †

Jan, Alison, Christine, Elisabeth, Penny, and Terrie

Tree Planting at the Waiata Reserve



1,250
trees/
shrubs

93 Volunteers



Above: It was awesome to see some of the growth from our last Planting Day!



"Thanks to the 93 volunteers who joined us at Waiata Reserve in Remuera on Saturday to plant 1,250 trees and shrubs alongside the stream. These plants will help prevent erosion, stabilize stream banks and provide food and habitat for our native species. This epic group knocked out the planting in just over an hour. This event was in partnership with Orakei Local Board and Auckland Council's Healthy Waters Team. Thanks to everyone for your support and a special shout-out to @staidansremuera for cooking the BBQ"

– Conservation Volunteers NZ

St Aidan's Hall Hirers

Just some of the groups who use our facilities



RUGBYTOTS

Classes:
8.20am - 2 to 3.5 year olds,
9am - 3.5 to 5 year olds,
9.55am - 3.5 to 5 year olds
Saturday mornings
(during terms)
Contact: 021 878 335
aucklandrugbytots.co.nz,
www.rugbytots.co.nz



BRICKS 4 KIDS

After school STEAM enrichment classes for Primary students to explore real-world concepts related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths using LEGO® Bricks.
Thursday 3:30-5pm
(during terms)
Contact: Mei Koh
021 2274257



REMUERA CHINESE ASSOCIATION

Activities: Ballroom Dance. Ping pong. Yoga Classes. National dance performance of the art troupe. Professional teacher teaches dance for free.
Monday, Friday 10am



FLEXERCISE DANCE ENERGISE

Tuesdays 10am
Contact: Val Wightman
valwightman@extra.co.nz
or 0210 705 749



NZ WUSHU

4pm - 6pm Saturday
NZ Wushu Academy
Contact:
team@nzwushu.co.nz



DEBEAT DANCE

Social dances with a programme covering all dance styles - Ballroom, Latin, New Vogue, Sequence dancing and line dancing. Everyone is welcome.
First & third Friday of each month 7:30pm
Contact: Julie Gin 021 2151919



KIAIDO RYU MARTIAL ARTS

Kiado Ryu Martial Arts
Remuera Dojo
Mondays & Wednesdays from 6pm-7.30pm
(during school terms)
Contact: Jayshri Patel
Email: jaybirdihug@outlook.com
Ph: 0211096286



MAINLY MUSIC

A fun, interactive programme for preschoolers and their parents/ caregivers.
Wednesdays 9:30am
(during terms)
Contact: Kerry
929 4670 ext. 2 or
staidansmainlymusic@gmail.com

<https://www.staidans.co.nz/current-community-groups/>

New ideas welcomed for social activities

Before Covid arrived on the scene back in late 2019, a group of enthusiastic people gathered together to talk about what new social events and regular social activities could be developed at St Aidan's. Of course lockdowns in 2020 became our overwhelming focus, and the social committee's ideas have been, up to now, parked.

Well, it's time to pull them out, brush them off and see what new life we can instill in them and what other creative ideas and talents we have in our midst.

Get thinking and come along to share your thoughts. We will be gathering after church on a Sunday coming soon.



Hike to Huia - November 2020

Gay's granddaughter Lorelei is nine years old and lives in Canada. As a school exercise she wrote a poem, "Where I'm From", and Gay has written her own version as a response.

I am from the place where Aoraki, Mt Cook
is guardian to the land and people below.
I am from the place of Lake Kaniere
where I sailed my yacht and rowed my boat on its deep waters.

I am from the native bush of Aotearoa
where we swung on the supplejack vines above the rain moistened trees.
I am from a place where the light of glow worms in the dark cave
lit our faces and delighted our imaginations.

I am from a place where I learned in history that
he "chopped down the flagpole again"
and have lived where cultural misunderstandings
have become living inequalities.

I am a jigsaw puzzle of hopes and disappointments.
I look behind the boulders for a truth I can't control.
I stand on the craggy promontory .
and hope for guidance in the wind.

Is it God who is there to reveal
the path I am to follow?
Is it my task to see and hear and will I find
the Holy Spirit of God in the landscape of daily living?

Gay Sargisson

Pātaka Kai

"The Pātaka Kai Open Street Pantry Movement is a resident led, grassroots, crowd sourced solution to immediate and local need, rescuing food and encouraging the co-sharing between neighbours to strengthen communities. Whether a need for food or a need to give, the Open Street Pantry Movement facilitates neighbours helping neighbours, building community."

Take what you need, bring what you can

Louise applied to the "Diocesan Development Fund" recently and they have approved funding for our Pātaka Kai. I'm so excited! This is such a fantastic opportunity to engage with the community and decrease food wastage. For those who don't know, Pātaka Kai is a Māori term for a food storehouse. Ours is going to be located outside of the church building, next to the "dog house" - so keep an eye out! †

Isobell

Please keep our confirmation candidates in your prayers over the coming months

CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP ROSS

Sunday 16th October 2022
9:30 am

with a morning tea after the service





Bishop Peter Atkins

(29 April 1936 – 11 May 2022)

A wonderful servant of God, who was called to his reward in heaven on 11 May 2022.

Bishop Peter served as Bishop of Waiapu before moving to Auckland and St Aidan's in 1991 to take up the position as Dean of St John's Theological College. After his retirement Bishop Peter continued to take an active role in ministry at St Aidan's for many years.

The following are tributes from St Aidan's folk.

Bishop Peter was a Very Dear Friend, Mentor and Spiritual Guide. Our family has known him and Rosemary ever since we migrated from Sri Lanka 26 years ago. He has always been there for us in our times of need or as a dear friend. We greatly valued his advice and spiritual guidance. He was a man of wisdom. The Atkins' home has always been very welcoming to us. He would make every effort to be in contact, especially if he felt we needed support and guidance. It has been a great privilege and honour to have been his dear friend. His wise counselling and love for us will be dearly missed.

The Mather Family

Women's Evening Fellowship had the privilege of Bishop Peter helping Rosemary write this prayer (see below), for the first meeting in February 2017.

Each month we start our evening with the prayer and it will be a legacy we will treasure from knowing Bishop Peter.

Jan Evans

Women's Evening Fellowship Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that in your church there is opportunity for interest groups to form.

Within these groups new ideas can be shared, and new friendships made.

We ask you to bless our Fellowship Group at St Aidan's.

As we learn together to put the Gospel into action, help us reach out with Christlike care and concern to all who need our support and friendship.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Bishop Peter and the Irish connection.

I have a very fond memory of Bishop Peter dating back to one particular celebration of St Aidan's Day in the Parish. I am hazy about the year but know that it was when Archdeacon Michael Smart was our vicar.

As part of the patronal celebration, it had been decided that we would pay tribute to the various nationalities represented among our parishioners. All were invited to participate in whatever way they considered fitting.

Bishop Peter and I had no hesitation in joining forces to represent Ireland, the country in which both of us were born. We spent time together planning our little dramatic sketch and came up with something of an historical bent. Bishop Peter was to be St Patrick returning from the British mainland to Ireland on his God given mission to convert the native Irish to Christianity.

By then St Patrick was indeed a bishop, so Bishop Peter readily took it upon himself to fill that role. I took the part of a native Irish woman, Meadhbh, using my Gaelic language skills to quiz the foreigner Patrick on just who he was and what his reasons were for making the journey to our shores. A not unexpected degree of misunderstanding occurred, but St Patrick and Meadhbh did agree to part on friendly terms! This interchange took place to the strains of a gentle, lilting Irish tune provided by Janine Smart on her fiddle. Janine then drew things to a close for us by upping the tempo to a jaunty Irish jig sure to set the feet a-tapping.

Bishop Peter and I had such fun putting together and rehearsing our contribution for that St Aidan's Day celebration. I remember it so well!

Given our shared Irish heritage we often spoke about the 'auld country' and both of us agreed that 'Be Thou my Vision' was possibly our favourite hymn. I was not at all surprised that it was sung at Bishop Peter's funeral service.

Go dtuga tú suaimhneas i síocháin an Tiarna, an tEaspag Peadar. (May you rest in the peace of the Lord, Bishop Peter)

Barbara Weir

I first met Bishop Peter when he was Dean of St Johns Theological College. Before he retired he and Rosemary joined St Aidan's Church. Bishop Peter was easily approachable. We liked his sermons. Whenever Bishop Peter was giving the sermon I sat up and listened carefully. He always walked up to the congregation with his loud, powerful voice and

suddenly he would throw a question at us!!

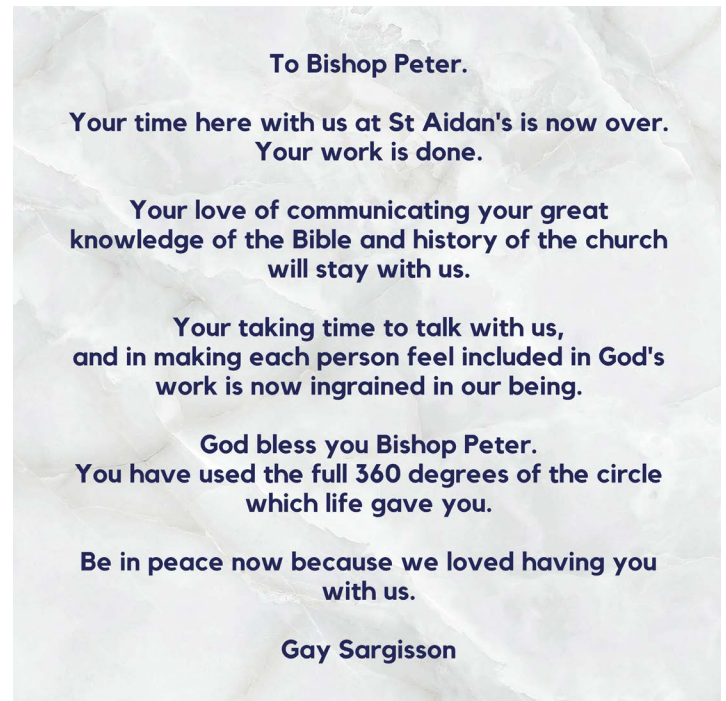
Bishop Peter and Rosemary wrote children's books and involved a young girl to draw pictures for the books.

Before my 100th birthday I asked him to write me a hymn. He did it and we sang it at my 100th birthday thanksgiving service.

I hold a nice photo of Bishop Peter blessing me on my 90th birthday.

May he rest in peace.

Lilian Gnanasunderam



My mother was taken to hospital in a coma, we were told she was brain dead and not expected to live. I asked Peter, who knew my parents, if he would come and anoint her for death. He did, and next day she came out of her coma, had no brain damage, and lived another five years! When she died, he and Rosemary would ring me every night and pray for me. It was during lockdown and I couldn't go to her funeral. For me this really showed the loving compassion they both had. His Irish blessing was read at her service.

Peter had the most wonderful gift of being able to say, in just a few words, what was important. One day while he was washing dishes and I was drying them he told me this was the best way to do pastoral care. You are not looking at a person, doing something quite normal, and allowing the other to talk. They will tell you far more than if you were in a formal setting.

Elizabeth Body



Olivia Jackson-Mee, who lives in Florence, has very fond memories of Peter and Rosemary and the illustrating of the prayer books she did when she was a child. She is now 31.

Peter and I worked together on five prayer books, over the course of about five years. We met when I was 11 years old - he approached me after seeing me draw on the white board at St Aidan's after a Sunday service. I was so young, and yet he trusted in my ability and gave me the opportunity of a lifetime, to illustrate his books and have my work published. I believe to this day that meeting him, and his wonderful wife Rosemary, changed the course of my life and led to my desire to pursue an artistic career. Those early years are so important, and to meet someone who believes in you at that age can greatly affect you. His belief in me and in so many other young people was testament to his character: a person full of enthusiasm and love for life, who saw no limits in what could be accomplished and whose joy was infectious to all those around him. He will be greatly missed. †

We Are Resurrection People

We are resurrection people,
Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
gazing upwards like the steeple,
fixed our eyes on heaven's reward.
Souls transformed by God's empowerment,
grace shines forth in every face,
love and joy and hope revealing,
pilgrims born of every race.

We are resurrection people,
called to serve and share good news,
once forgiven, now forgiving,
one in Christ who saves us all.
Now to God be praise and glory,
Cross and Tomb prepare our way
for the resurrection journey
reaching home with God to stay.

We are resurrection people,
destined for eternal life,
sharing hope with deaf and dying,
conqu'ring doubt which is so rife.
Let us raise our songs of praises,
voices tuned to those above,
saints and angels ever singing:
"Hope and Life belong to God".

Peter Atkins, Auckland, New Zealand November 1st 2017





Thanksgiving and blessing for the Ministry of Bishop Peter

P. G. Atkins



A message from **Louise**

Sunday 3rd July was Refugee Sunday and this provided a great opportunity to reflect how we individually, and as a parish, engage with our neighbours. What follows are some excerpts from Louise's sermon.

We have all seen recently on our TVs the millions of people who have been displaced due to the fighting in Ukraine but people having to leave their country because of conflict or persecution is not a new thing. We have seen the long lines of people waiting at borders or trying to get into a neighbouring country but then what?

Some refugees come to a new country with absolutely nothing, or very little physical belongings - basically what they can carry. However, in their original country they may have had social standing, and be highly skilled but when they enter this new country they can find that they don't quite fit anymore. The skills that might have been well sought after back home, perhaps aren't recognised in New Zealand. The way of doing things, the culture is quite different, and whilst the new country can help with some of the practical elements, find them a house to live in, and so on, it is the emotional toll, the mental toll of settling in to a new place that can be the hardest to overcome.

The emotional needs are not a quick fix because a large proportion of that is about relationship and how people interact with one another. When you throw into the mix the language barrier it can be quite an obstacle.



Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith - Galatians 6:10



Habitat for Humanity®

Our recent Annual Quiz Night raised over \$3,300 for Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to Jenny Haggitt, Dave Finn, Barbara Weir, and their team of helpers, for bringing it all together and making the Quiz night such a great success.

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organisation. Habitat are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. This ministry was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent place to live in dignity and safety.

Habitat New Zealand is committed to delivering shelter outcomes that:

- improve housing conditions
- partner to increase shelter access
- inspire action to end poverty housing

Habitat has an open-door policy: All who desire to be a part of this work are welcome, regardless of religious preference or background.

So how can we help? As New Zealanders, I think we can all work on how we build relationships with people and of course that includes people that weren't born in NZ.

As we become older it becomes harder to look beyond the circle of friends we have. We often do what feels more comfortable, but if we are going to enact what it is to be living out our faith then we need to be willing to talk to the new neighbour who has moved in who may have a different coloured skin than our own, who may not have English as their first language.

Someone from our church after hearing about an attempted smash and grab took a small gift of fudge for the staff to share. Not for any outcome that would benefit themselves or the church but simply to show that there were people in the community who cared and to offer aroha to some strangers. †

Men's Ministry

We meet regularly for breakfast, on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30am, and participate in various activities throughout the year.

NEXT: Thursday 29 September

We look forward to having you come and join us!

Contact Rev'd Kerry Davis
022 364 9594
or kerry@staidans.co.nz

Men's Breakfasts now at Piccolo Café

Shop 5, 320 Remuera Road, Remuera (inside Airlie Court)

Free parking on the roof, enter via the ramp on the corner of Remuera Rd and Garden Rd

From the Vestry

Hear what has been achieved from our newly formed Vestry committees

From the Health and Safety Committee

Exterior lighting has been greatly improved for the purpose of security and providing good illumination on the pathways around the hall, gathering area and the church. The one or two remaining dark spot areas will be addressed once scaffolding is available.

The parish office has recently acquired two remote security devices. The small device is worn on a lanyard and when activated sounds the church alarm enabling assistance to be provided. Anyone coming on site to the church, hall or mission shop who would like the added assurance of this safety device should contact Anne in the office.

A representative from the Diocesan Health and Safety committee is scheduled to undertake a routine visit to St Aidan's in late-August to review the parish's compliance with diocesan health and safety policies.

From the Property Committee

Holes in the carpark off Remuera Road and the uneven path in the same area have been repaired with asphalt. A win has been achieved in the ongoing

battle with leaks in the Gathering Area and the Church. The roof leak in the Gathering Area closest to the Social Lounge has been fixed after a source was found for the right style of roofing tile to replace the damaged tiles. Unfortunately, the cause of the Gathering Area leak closest to the Church entry and the leak on the southern side of the Church are proving more difficult to determine. Various tradesmen have been on-site and not been able to identify the reason for the leaks. The Gathering Area leak has been an ongoing issue dating back to not long after the Gathering Area opened. The Church leak is more recent, but the area of water entry is proving difficult to determine on the steeply pitched roof, hindering efforts to resolve it. This does mean the buckets will be remaining in situ for the time being as the Property Committee continues to work with industry specialists to find solutions. We are very aware it is taking longer than anyone may want, and the Committee is determined to find solutions.

From the Personnel Committee

Staff Boundary Training is all up to date and staff reviews took place during June. A staff retreat day was run by Louise during July and Vicki White was farewelled from her position of mainly music coordinator at the end of the term.

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A few of the 'techy' milestones achieved. The Wi-Fi in the upstairs offices have been upgraded along with some new access ports in the church. A guest wifi separate from our own network is now available on request. Church computer software has been upgraded from the Microsoft 10 that had been running to using Microsoft 365 utilizing a not-for-profit package, saving money from the old system. †

St Aidan's Vestry

Perfect finds in the Mission Shop

I have supported the Mission Shop at St Aidan's since it opened but now only spend 4 hours a month working in it. I do sometimes drop in to deliver goods or pick up goods for transfer to another place.

One day I dropped in and lying on the desk was a bundle of cream net and chiffon with diamantes sparkling on it as it lay in the sun. Only days before this visit I was told that our daughter had made a date for their wedding and their 3 year old daughter would be needing a dress for her to wear as flower girl on the happy occasion.

My eyes settled on this image of cream fabric and on taking a closer look could see that it was in good condition apart from the heavy soiling down the front of the little dress. I often take clothing home from the shop to launder, and so I popped the dress into a bag and went home – wondering if it just might come clean and just might fit our little flower girl to be.

On washing it gently in warm water the marks fell out and once dry the little dress looked perfect apart from the two diamantes that were missing but would be

easily replaced. Still wondering if this could be that little flower girl's dress, I mentioned it to the bride to be.

We tried it on and it fitted and yes it would be the perfect little dress for our little flower girl.

It was as if I had been drawn to the Mission Shop that day and to find such a perfect garment was simply amazing.

Several weeks later, having chosen my outfit for the up and coming wedding I needed something to wrap around my shoulders if it was going to be cold - July could be wintry!

I was on duty at the shop and I wondered if there could be another find for my needs so I searched along the rack of scarves hoping that I might just find something suitable.



It was a big ask as my dress was quite a distinctive blue colour and in my mind any accoutrement would have to match perfectly. I searched one by one along the rack and there it was – the stole that matched my dress perfectly – an amazing find and it was if someone was meeting my every need.

The wedding day weather was perfect, the flower girl's little dress was perfect, and my stole was perfect - it pays to shop at our Mission Shop - it has met my needs perfectly in recent times! †

Gail Hodder

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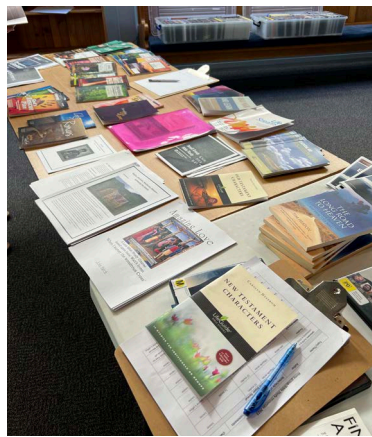
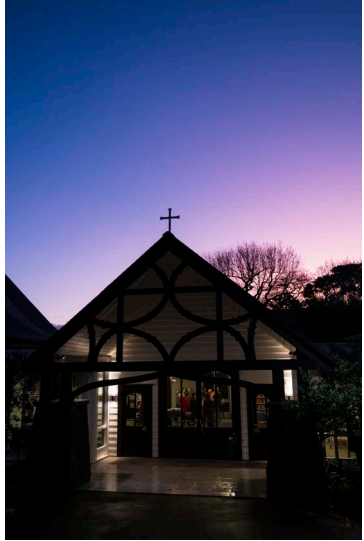
St Aidan's Day Crossword Answers

Down

1. PIWAKAWAKA
2. LINDEFARNE
3. WHITE
4. LOUISE
5. FIREFIGHTERS
9. FOWLER

Across

6. IRELAND
7. FORTYFIVE
8. MERCER
9. FOURTEEN
10. JESUS



Build Upgrades - Progress

So, what's been happening to any plans regarding upgrades to our buildings?

Sometimes things move a little slower than we would like or hope. In the back of my mind, St Aidan's Day would have been a great day to launch our new plans for updating the kitchen area in the Gathering Area, however we are still not quite at a stage where draft plans are available to be viewed. But let me wind back the clock and fill in some missing pieces of information of how we have even reached this point.

Firstly – No, we haven't forgotten about the hall toilets that need upgrading or the hall kitchen that needs work and the issues of stairs and accessibility to the various parts of our buildings. Concept ideas and conversations with an architect have started on these concerns, concerns that have been around since Glen Ashworth and even Di Woods were vicar. There will be big decisions down the track for vestry and the parish to make in terms of the scope of this project. With Covid still impacting our lives, there is a need to be prudent in our commitment to large building projects whilst we see how our parish community rallies after Covid interruptions. Consequently, the decision was made to portion off a part of this much larger project, to get the ball rolling.

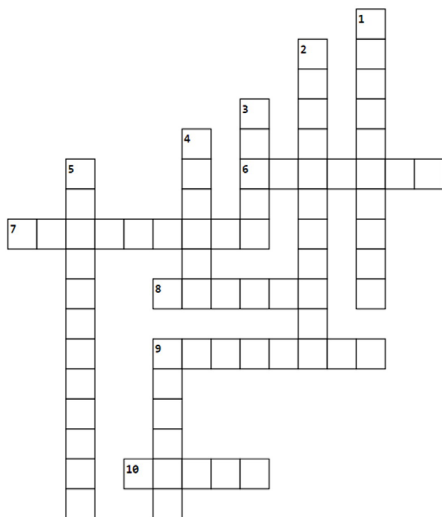
The Gathering area kitchen is still adequate for some of our church activities but is bursting at the seams

when trying to cater for many events. Heating any food items require the Social Lounge stove to be used resulting in hot trays of food being carried downstairs, not ideal. The tiny fridge is inadequate for a function and there is limited bench space. Using the architect who designed the Gathering Area additions, draft plans have been created which will provide a serving hatch, a full-size oven and refrigerator, as well as a sterilizer for the quick washing of cups rather than the 45 mins that it currently takes. A storeroom will provide vital space for hospitality supplies and equipment. There will be 'trade-off's' as we will lose some of our library space and will need to adjust to a smaller area for books. Anne Mercer as current librarian has been kept informed during these discussions. A further area impacted is the storage space from an existing cupboard which will be relocated into some planned new storage spaces along the western wall.

When attempting to share an idea it is a lot easier to have a visual image of what that looks like, however I didn't want to wait any longer and felt that you would prefer the communication even if it is in 'draft' form. So next steps – have further plans drawn up with the architect to allow costing to take place, seek feedback from the parish, seek permission from the diocese, then final approval of plans before launching fundraising as is necessary. Watch out for the proposed plans in the coming months. †

Louise (on behalf of Vestry).

St Aidan's Day Crossword



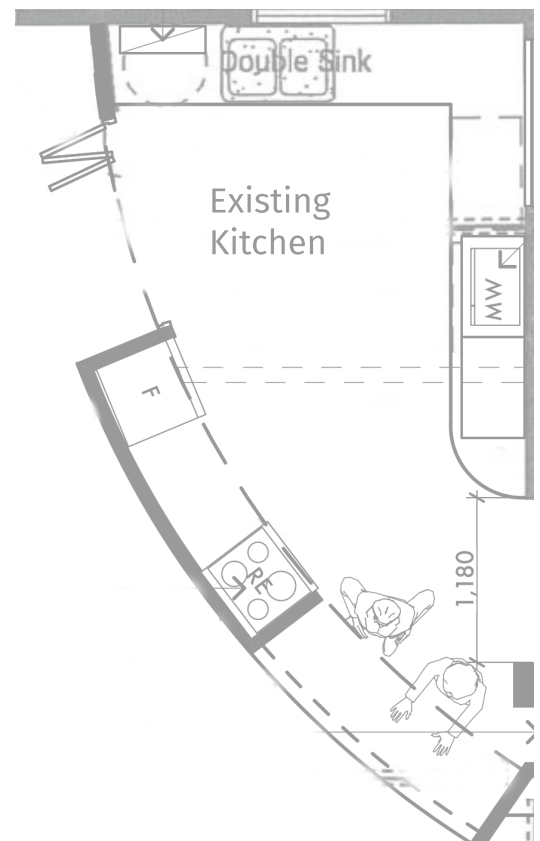
Across

- 6. Where St Aidan was born
- 7. Total number of stained glass window panes
- 8. Surname of our Youth Pastor
- 9. Number of vicars of St Aidan's church
- 10. Person pictured in East window

Down

- 1. Māori name of birds above the Tarore window
- 2. Location of Aidan's monastery
- 3. Liturgical colour to commemorate St Aidan's Day
- 4. First name of our current vicar
- 5. St Aidan is Patron Saint of whom
- 9. Surname of the first Vicar of St Aidan's

Sneak peek concept drawing



Photots L-R:

Rev'd Di Woods installation at Waiapu Cathedral; group photo at installation ANZAC Day service; Drinks and nibbles sunset Home Group leaders; Home Group resources; Young Adults trip to Remuera Café Kids' Church noticeboard crafts; Young Adults shared meal for Matariki

Giving AT ST AIDAN'S



Interested in how you can financially help St Aidan's?

Generations of St Aidan's parishioners have given so much to their church in so many ways. Without their faith and generosity of spirit, St Aidan's would not exist today.

Open the camera app on your phone and hover over the QR code. Click on the web link for more information on giving at St Aidan's.

The donations we receive are crucial to the running of our parish. Your support is very much appreciated.

Pins and Needles

The last few months have seen us meeting each month with an enormous amount of beautifully knitted and crocheted articles brought in. Thank you to all for being a busy knitter, crocheter and sewer and participating in our group.

We have been extremely fortunate to have been donated a considerable amount of lovely knitting wool in good order and although many assorted colours we look forward to seeing more striped garments to use up the significant amounts of yarn in the future.

The winter and low temperatures have arrived, so it is important to keep knitting for the benefit of those who need to be kept warm and healthy.

Last month's meeting brought 20 ladies together to share their knitting stories and show what they had achieved over the previous month. There is considerable talent within the group and it is always interesting to see new patterns created.

It is interesting to know where some of our garments come from. Some come from chance meetings with those who are knitters and know where the greatest needs are. At times, one has to wonder if there is a "director" in some of these opportunities - I feel there is!

A while ago my cousin, an outworker for our group, was gardening on a lovely sunny day when a couple out on a walk stopped to chat – the topic of retirement came up in conversation and knitting was talked about. "Oh, I have knitted for a long time and

have a box of fisherman jumpers stored in my attic which I have knitted but don't know what to do with". Needless to say we received some 45 woollen jumpers which were distributed to the Counties Manukau Community Midwives for new babies in their care who were in need of warm woollies for that winter - a simple conversation between strangers with a great outcome!

Another tale, one of our knitters brought her friend, visiting from out of town, along to our Pins and Needles Knitting Group. The friend was a keen knitter and has since delivered many boxes of knitted blankets and beanies to our church office whenever she visited Auckland.

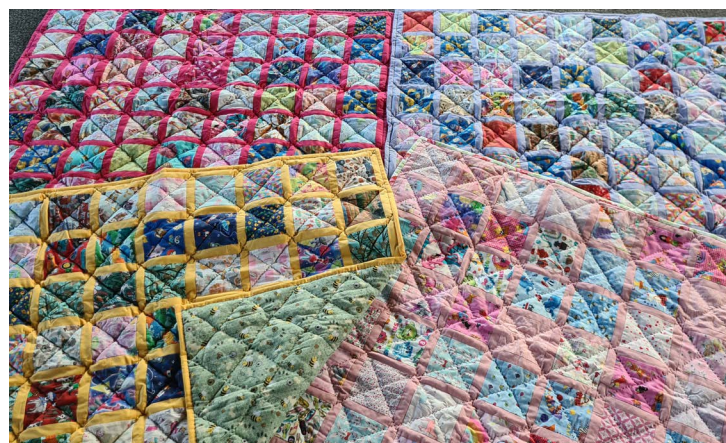
It is amazing how word spreads to those who have a particular interest to areas where their help and support can make such a difference.

We have had a number of beautiful, handcrafted quilts of various sizes and designs, made and donated to us by Jane Williams (*see photo below*). These delightful quilts would make a perfect gift for a new baby - let us know if you would like to purchase one. Should anyone wish to purchase a knitted garment we can also provide, and all proceeds go towards buying more yarn.

It is interesting that during our lockdowns people have picked up their knitting needles and are again creating lovely garments. Our yarn supplier, Mike's Emporium in Howick, has said that during the lockdowns his business was extremely busy but he was always very happy to deliver yarn where and when needed and we as a group appreciated that - thank you Mike - you kept our needles busy!

It is also interesting that knitting is considered, on some medical websites, as a good activity in helping to prevent dementia - so we must keep our needles busy, keep counting our stitches and reading our patterns - all good for our brains as well as supporting worthy causes. †

Gail Hodder



Confirmations

Is Confirmation for Me?

Our Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend Ross Bay, will visit St Aidan's on Sunday 16 October to conduct a Service of Confirmation. A number of candidates from St Aidan's have expressed interest in Confirmation, so the following provides background to some of the questions that typically arise about Confirmation and its purpose.

What is Confirmation?

Many people in the church were baptised as an infant at the request of their parents who made the commitment to raise their child faithfully as a member of Christ's body. Confirmation is the renewal of that covenant by the individual themselves who, having matured, can personally and publicly affirm their faith in God. Confirmation discussions take place over a number of weeks to help candidates to prepare for this commitment and the Confirmation service.

Confirmation is one of the sacramental practices of the church. Other sacraments include Baptism, Eucharist, Penitence, Anointing, Marriage, and Ordination. They are called sacraments because they are visible signs that confer an invisible grace.

Throwback to our Confirmation weekend away in 2013

Where did Confirmation Come from?

Confirmation arose out of the early church's reflection on Scripture in connection to how one became a Christian. It was first used to describe what happened when a bishop would lay hands upon, pray for, and anoint the forehead of the newly baptised with oil, signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit. The newly baptised/confirmed would then proceed to receive their first Eucharist.

Gradually, Confirmation became separate from Baptism. Previously, Confirmation was necessary before receiving Holy Communion, however, this has adapted reflecting local practice. Confirmation is also unique in that, while a priest performs baptism, Confirmation is reserved for the bishop.

Puzzling over Confirmation?

If I was baptised as an infant and receive Communion already, is it still necessary for me to be Confirmed? There is no question that baptism has already made us part of God's family. Confirmation is the rite in which, after a believer has been baptised, they make a mature commitment to the faith, and receive an increased gifting of the Holy Spirit through the bishop's prayer,

laying on of hands, and anointing. Confirmation represents a deepening and strengthening in the Christian life.

What is the relationship between Confirmation and Baptism?

Confirmation and Baptism are closely connected. Whereas Baptism highlights one's birth into the body of Christ, Confirmation stresses growth.

In both Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit is present. In Baptism, the Spirit washes away our sin and guilt, and regenerates us into new life. In Confirmation, the Spirit deepens and strengthens that life, so that we grow as mature Christians. In this, we seek to live out what Paul writes in Ephesians about maturing into the full stature of Christ (Eph. 4:13).

Confirmation is also linked to the bishop's presence. As Ordination into the diaconate or priesthood requires the bishop's authority, so too, in Confirmation, the bishop's presence signifies that the person being confirmed is now charged with the duty of carrying on the call that God has made on their lives.



Why Should I be Confirmed?

If Confirmation is like being ordained for a life of Christian mission, where's the mission field?

Mission doesn't just happen overseas. It happens everywhere: in our neighbourhoods, in our homes, in our schools and places of work, in the ordinary places of our everyday existence. Mission is where we are, right now. Confirmation as a calling means renewing the mission of the church. It means further equipping the saints for the work of God's kingdom, by going into the mission field of life and proclaiming the Gospel in all they do.

And, finally, it means a rising generation of Christians who have dedicated their lives to the glory of God in every area of life. So why should you be confirmed? Why not?

If you are interested in Confirmation or wish to discuss this, contact Rev'd Kerry Davis: kerry@staidans.co.nz or 022 364 9594. †

(Adapted from <https://anglicancompass.com/what-is-confirmation>)



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GREAT BAKE OFF COMPETITION

This year's competition is Cupcakes
Bring your best for the challenge!

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER
JUDGING AND SALE OF CUPCAKES
AFTER THE 9:30AM SERVICE

Cupcakes will be sold for a gold coin each after judging and sales added to the Garage Sale fundraising tally

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We are searching for a new mainly music Coordinator

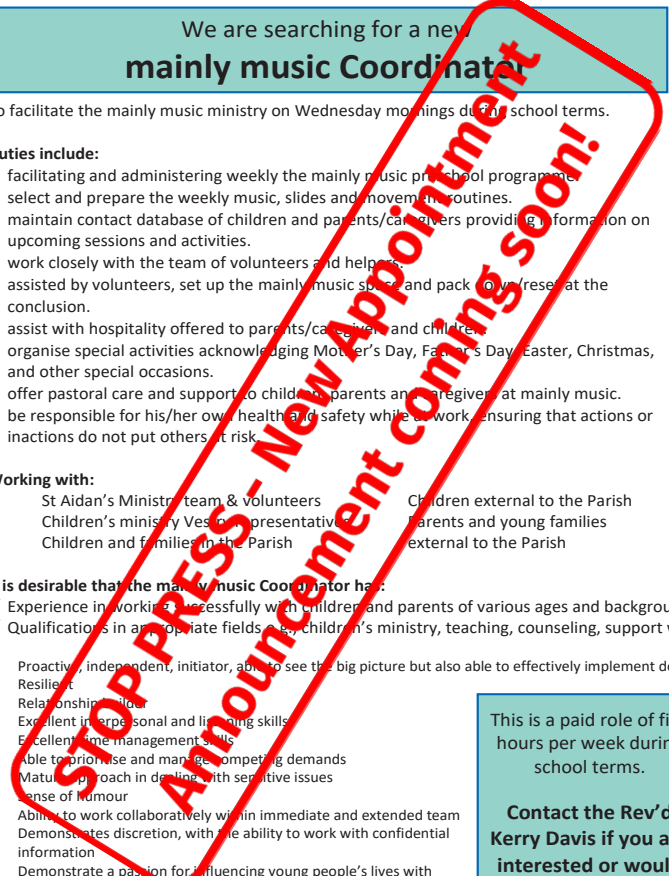
To facilitate the mainly music ministry on Wednesday mornings during school terms.

- Duties include:**
- facilitating and administering weekly the mainly music preschool programme
 - select and prepare the weekly music, slides and movement routines.
 - maintain contact database of children and parents/caregivers providing information on upcoming sessions and activities.
 - work closely with the team of volunteers and helpers.
 - assisted by volunteers, set up the mainly music store and pack away/reset at the conclusion.
 - assist with hospitality offered to parents/caregivers and children.
 - organise special activities acknowledging Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Christmas, and other special occasions.
 - offer pastoral care and support to children, parents and caregivers at mainly music.
 - be responsible for his/her own health and safety while at work, ensuring that actions or inactions do not put others at risk.

Working with:

- St Aidan's Ministry team & volunteers
- Children's ministry Vestal representatives
- Children and families in the Parish
- Children external to the Parish
- Parents and young families external to the Parish

- It is desirable that the mainly music Coordinator has:**
- ✓ Experience in working successfully with children and parents of various ages and backgrounds
 - ✓ Qualifications in appropriate fields, e.g. children's ministry, teaching, counseling, support work
 - ✓ Proactive, independent, initiator, able to see the big picture but also able to effectively implement details
 - ✓ Resilient
 - ✓ Relationship skills
 - ✓ Excellent interpersonal and listening skills
 - ✓ Excellent time management skills
 - ✓ Able to prioritise and manage competing demands
 - ✓ Mature approach in dealing with sensitive issues
 - ✓ Sense of humour
 - ✓ Ability to work collaboratively within immediate and extended team
 - ✓ Demonstrates discretion, with the ability to work with confidential information
 - ✓ Demonstrate a passion for influencing young people's lives with God's love and message
 - ✓ Strong organisational and communication skills
 - ✓ Comfortable using technology
 - ✓ A willingness to learn and be directed

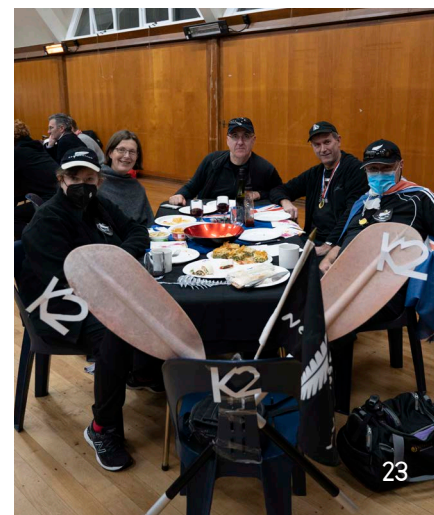


This is a paid role of five hours per week during school terms.

Contact the Rev'd Kerry Davis if you are interested or would like to know more:
kerry@staidans.co.nz
 0223649594



**Quiz Night 2022
fundraiser for
Habitat for Humanity**



Community Noticeboard

Anglican Youth Ministries (AYM) Diowhodunit

Diowhodunit is our annual murder mystery game. Youth groups will interview suspects to try piece together who committed the crime!

Where: Cedar Centre, 56A Tramway Road, Beach Haven, Auckland 0626

When: Saturday 17th September

Boundaries Course

Our Boundaries workshops explore principles and guidelines that help shape appropriate relationships in ministry and keep ourselves and others safe from abuse of power. Boundaries training is renewable every three years. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch.

To register, email Jennifer:
Jennifer.Siew@aucklandanglican.org.nz

Where: St Aidan's Church, 5 Ascot Ave, Remuera

When: Tuesday 20th September, 9.30am-2.30pm

Toi Taiao - Natural Art

Collaborative hui to create and display your natural artworks. Come along to the open day on Saturday to share kai and create your own simple projects, or visit the medicinal bush and meditation labyrinth at Peacemakers and walk the riverside pathway in Helensville.

Where: Peacemakers Retreat Centre, 116 Fordyce Road, Parakai / St Matthew's Anglican Methodist Church, 60 Garfield Road, Helensville

When: Friday 16th September, 9.30am-6pm /
Saturday 17th September, 10am-4pm

mainly music

Wednesdays 9:30am - 10:30am

During the school term in the hall

All are welcome!



Mission Bay Labour Weekend Arts and Craft Market

Around 200 stalls will fill Selwyn Reserve with a variety of arts, crafts and designer fashion, as well as some tasty food options. There is something for everyone at the Mission Bay Art & Craft Market.

Where: Mission Bay Reserve (Selwyn Reserve), 101 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, Auckland 1071

When: Monday, 24th October, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Clean Up Week 2022

Every year during our annual Clean Up Week we mobilise Kiwis to come together, join forces and get out into their local community to pick up litter. Together, each and every year, we make a huge difference.

In 2021, we had over 30,000 volunteers take part collecting approximately 300 tonnes of litter across an area equivalent to 2,589 rugby fields!

This year Clean Up Week is kicking off on World Clean Up Day – Saturday 17 September and will run through until Friday 23 September 2022. Organise a crew to clean up your own little patch of the world and be part of a global movement to make a difference.

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Out



OCTOBER
27TH
9.30AM

NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL
AND TSUNAMI HIKOI



DROP



COVER



HOLD

NZ ShakeOut

New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi. It's taking place Thursday 27 October 2022 at 9:30am. ShakeOut takes place across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. Drop, Cover and Hold. You can also practice a tsunami hīkoi (evacuation walk) if you're in a coastal area.



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From the Registers

April to July 2022

Funerals

Bernard Branfield
Edward (Barrie) Ross
The Right Reverend
Peter Atkins
Rhoda (Margaret)
Kerby
Myles Matheson
Marjory Glasgow

Weddings

Khwan Mala
& Daniel Stacey
Ziwei Liu
& Jen Sun Hong
Monica Seumanutafa
& Mycesan Salatielu

Baptisms

Matilda Stenner

ST AIDAN'S REMUERA FAMOUS ANNUAL

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 10TH SEPT, 8AM

5 ASCOT AVENUE, REMUERA

SALEABLE ITEMS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

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

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Welcome back for Term 3 of Kids' Church!

We've been up to lots of fun stuff since our last update!

This year we have been working with the theme of "Growing together in God's love" with a Lectionary-based curriculum. Following the lectionary alongside the congregation opens up the opportunity for families to continue the conversations started on Sundays together at home.

With our theme, we have been finding connections between the stories we hear each week to learn the tremendous power of God's love. I chose the theme of 'growing together' as it functions to remind the children that we can always continue to grow in our faith and that church is a fantastic place to do so as a community.

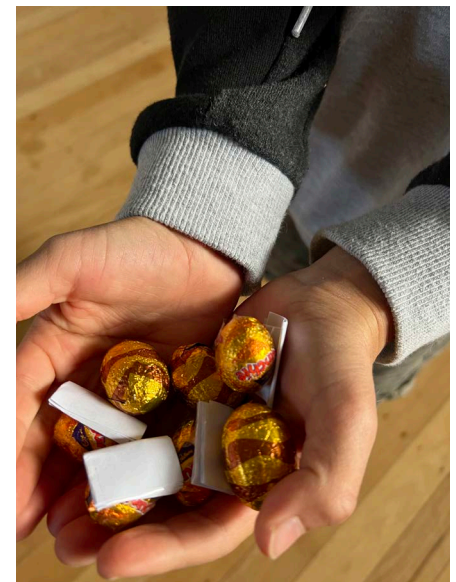
This theme features on the social lounge bulletin board where each child has added a leaf to the tree (thinking about one way they can show God's love to themselves) and a butterfly or bee (displaying one way they can show God's love to others).

We have also had some wonderful joint sessions with the Youth for special occasions, such as Easter and Pentecost. For Easter, the children and youth ran around searching for eggs and pieces of the Easter story. After the hunt, we gathered to piece together the story of Jesus' resurrection and enjoy some sweet treats. For Pentecost, we joined forces for wind-based fun and games in the hall; there were laughs and bubbles abound!

With the decrease in COVID alert levels, the kids have been able to return to the service more and showcase some of the fantastic things we've been working on. Whether displaying their artwork on the notice board in the gathering area or bringing the children up to the front to get involved with the service, it's been great seeing them more integrated into church once more after a long time away!

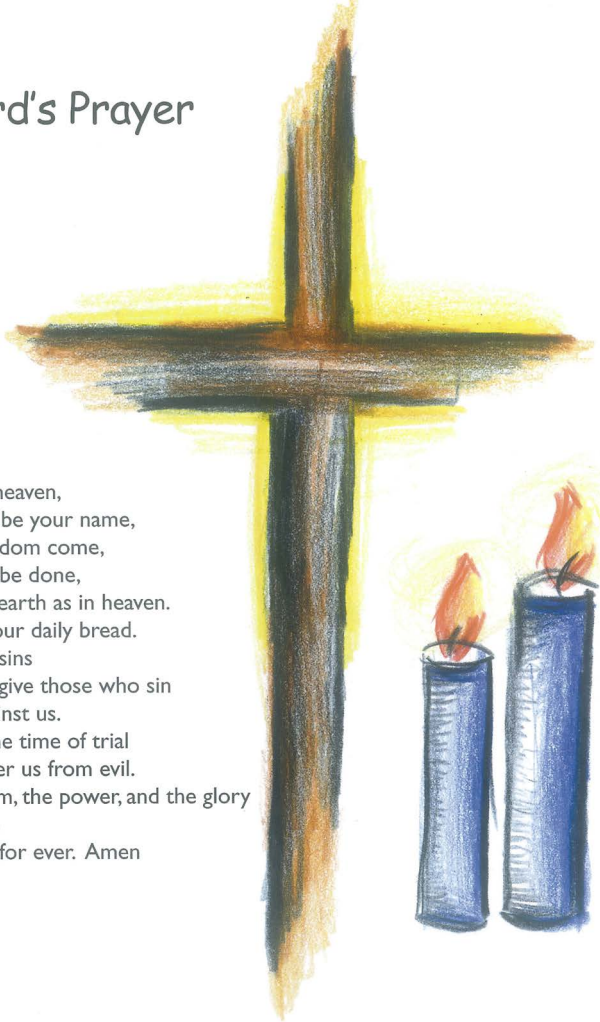
Thank you to all the families who join us, whether you come every Sunday or whenever it fits your busy schedule! I am always very honoured to share this time with the kids so we can all continue to grow together in God's love! †

Ngā mihi nui,
Izzi



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin
 against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
 are yours
 now and for ever. Amen



For my family



Thank you God
 for my family.
 They love me,
 and I love them too.
 Help me to show them that I care.

 Bless each one of us
 and keep us always in your love

Prayers from Bishop Peter & Rosemary Atkins' books Family Prayers and Cool Prayers

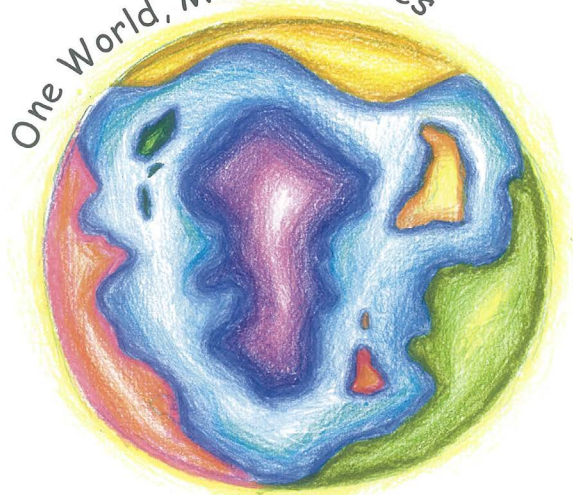
Loving God,
 thank you for our food,
 and all your good gifts to us.
 help us to share with others
 who have only a little,
 so we can all give thanks
 to you.

Graces at mealtime



For food, and fun, and family;
 for breakfast, lunch and tea;
 thank you, God, for all the gifts
 that you give to me.

One World, Many Cultures



God, you made us all to live in one world,
 although we come from many different backgrounds and cultures.
 Thank you for diversity within the one human race.

I have a neat group of friends,
 many were born here,
 but some have come from other countries.
 Thank you for these special friends.

Sometimes we notice great differences in our ways of doing things,
 in our family customs,
 in the ways we express our faith,
 but underneath these differences my friends are pretty like me.
 We share the same hopes, the same fears, the same dreams.

Help me always to respect those who come from different cultures,
 and to offer friendship and understanding,
 so that we overcome racism,
 and work together in harmony,
 for the good of all your world.

In Jesus' name I pray.



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