

Pastoral Care Report 2022

We meet as a team under the guidance of our Vicar, the Reverend Louise Anderson, every second month. Our aim is, with God's guidance, to take care of the pastoral needs of our parishioners. I would like to thank Jenny Walters, who kindly takes the Minutes of our meetings. When our discussion is of a confidential nature, we keep it as that, and it is not recorded in the minutes. This year, we welcomed the Reverend Kerry Davis to our group.

Here are some of the areas we cover.

Freezer Meals

We have a group of parishioners who generously make an extra portion of a meal, and these are kept in our freezer upstairs, for distribution to those who need a meal. Perhaps because of having had surgery, or a spell of ill health at home, or just because we are visiting. No special reason required. A good deal of the time, folk do not require a meal, with all the options in the supermarkets these days.

Unfortunately, we are not always aware of those who would enjoy a home cooked meal, so if you are one of those who may like a meal dropped off, please contact Anne in the office.

Parish Grapevine

We are a group of about thirty-five parishioners, who, three or four times a year, do a ring around to the names on their list. The purpose of this, is firstly to make contact with folk who you may not necessarily be attending Church at present, (Covid has changed life as we knew it) or maybe, would just like a chat and catch up, which we are not always able to do on a Sunday. It also serves to pass on any information of upcoming events at St. Aidans.

The phone call also serves to establish if there are any changes to someone's particulars on our parish roll. For example, a change of address or maybe add an email address so they are included on any Parish email, when it is sent out.

This is open to all parishioners. If you are not being phoned and would like to be on the Grapevine list to be called, please contact Anne Godman in the office, or give me a call.

Alternatively, if you would like to join our group who do the phone calls, please contact Anne in the office, or you can speak to me. You would be most welcome; we can always do with more Grapevine callers.

Prayer Circle

This is a small group dedicated to praying for the particular needs of others.

The prayer request is confidential at all times. If you have a particular need and would like others to pray for you, please contact Karel Lee.

Retirement Villages

7 St Vincent – Barbara Weir, along with Sheryl Swanevelder have been taking monthly services. (Sheryl stepped in to help when Anne Priestley was committed to helping out at the Sandringham parish). We are lucky to have Anne back in the fold!

Remuera Gardens (Kensington House) – Kerry and Louise share the lead with these services, along with the help of Marie Taylor. Numbers are increasing at this service.

Rawhiti – Kerry has made a few visits, including leading the Anzac Day service together with the Mothers' Day service. He is now taking a monthly Communion service with Barbara Clephane assisting.

Edmund Hillary Village & the Meadowbank Oceania Village – Both of these villages are not in our "catchment" area, however, we do have a number of parishioners at each facility. Covid has restricted us at times even being able to visit, so our morning tea plans to gather with those who live there has had to be adapted at various times.

Home Communions – Yvonne Kennedy continues to take communion to those who wish to receive communion but are unable to attend Church and clergy also take communion as the need arises.

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