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EASTER 2023

St Aidan's 
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Vicar's Foreword

When someone suggested the theme of 'Walking' for our next parish magazine, it did not take long to see the possibilities. I instantly thought of the surprising number of walking opportunities during March- the three peaks, Coffee and K's group and the walk to the City Mission. In addition, our church is metaphorically walking alongside people such as Andy Miller. He is our new mission partner and spent a week in our parish. Whilst Andy has now returned to his family and his work in Costa Rica, we will continue to walk alongside him financially and prayerfully as we develop this newly forged connection. Read more about his vision and pancake flipping skills on page 12.

For the last 20 years mainly music has enabled us to walk alongside parents and children from our local community. This amazing milestone will be recognized during our church service in April. When you consider some of those initial children in the programme are now 24 years of age that's not too bad for wide reaching ministry.

I was curious to know why new parishioners had walked through our doors in the first place and a small group joined me to find out the answer. Find out on page 23 how one person responded.

As we move towards the end of Lent, I wonder what journey you have been walking? On Sundays, we have placed ourselves in the sandals of some of the people who are present in our Easter readings, and we heard of the variety of emotions and situations that these characters experienced.

By the time you read this magazine many of you will have enjoyed taking part in one of our small groups looking at a Lenten study exploring who we are as Anglicans. I am sure there has been plenty of lively conversation in your sessions.

The first quarter of the year hasn't been a 'walk in the park' with Remuera being one of the hardest hit suburbs in Auckland due to weather events and yet we journey with the God who is the God of yesterday today and tomorrow who sustains us in the tough times and rejoices with us in our celebrations. Wherever your walk may find you at the moment my prayer is that you will experience the presence of Jesus close by you and that you would know God's love. Holy Week and Easter always provide us with a paradox of the hardest week in Jesus' life followed by the greatest celebration of the Christian year. Every one of us can find a point of connection in this season.

Every blessing as we walk on together.

Blessings,

Louise

P.S. As always, an enormous thanks to the magazine team who do a wonderful job pulling together all the photos and the articles for our enjoyment. †

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Walking Through Lent

Over the six Sundays, during Lent, we explored a different character from the Easter story, something we might normally do during Holy Week.

This year we took the opportunity to place ourselves into these characters' sandals with the time to pause and wonder and question and expand our perspectives. We explored how these first-hand witnesses might speak into our own lives and therefore help shape our engagement with our community and the world around us.

Rather than Judas the Betrayer might we now see him in a different light after Louise's sermon? Caiaphas seemed fixed in his views, perhaps even close-minded. Are we open to the movement of the Holy Spirit working in our lives allowing us the ability to be open to differing points of view? What about Simon of Cyrene who was an innocent bystander but suddenly found himself carrying Jesus' cross? How do we react when we are called to do something out of our comfort zone?

During Holy Week Monday – Wednesday we will look at three further characters the Centurion, Mary of Magdalene and the other criminals on the cross. We would love you to join us for this time of reflection.

You can also catch up on the sermons you missed via our [website](#) or on [Facebook](#). †

Louise



*The Denial of Peter - Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1834-1890
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Lent
at St Aidan's, Remuera
Sunday 26th February - Wednesday 5th April

Vestry Update

Some time ago we shared 'Meet the Vestry' and our vestry members answered a series of questions to introduce themselves. Stephen Khoo has recently joined vestry and shares his responses:

When did you start attending St Aidans? June 2006 I believe.

What Sunday service do you usually attend? 9.30am service.

During the week how do you spend your time? During the week after work hours, I spend time with my family.

What hobbies/interests do you have? Badminton, Gym, Sports watcher.

What is your favourite scripture? Matthew 7:7 - Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you.

Our maintenance team have, as always, been very busy behind the scenes. I'm sure you have also noticed the scaffolding in the Ascot Avenue car park. We expect to be able to remove the buckets from the south side of the church permanently soon, as our roofing tiles are stuck down, gutters cleaned, and leaks repaired. †



Easter Candle 2023



The recent cyclone and floods have brought devastation, loss and tragedy.

This brought to mind another flood which was the inspiration for this year's Easter Candle. Noah was faithful: God did not forget him.

The rainbow symbolizes God's promise, and the dove with the olive branch symbolizes peace. God has promised us that nothing can separate us from His love.

Our Noah's Ark is painted red, and children's sharp eyes may spot a tiny giraffe on the stern deck. †

Harold Coop

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Services	8am Holy Communion. 9:30am Family Communion.
Wednesday Service	11:30am Holy Communion.
Prayer in the GA	Thursday mornings at 9am. Come along or join via Zoom online or by phone.
AAW	A women's afternoon fellowship group. Meets monthly on 1 st Tuesday at 1:30pm. Contact Mary Parkinson.
Choir Practice	Saturdays at 10am in the Bethel Room. New members welcome. Contact Antoinette.
Contemplative Prayer	Meets each Wednesday at 9:45am via Zoom. 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 Tracy Helg.
Men's Ministry	Meets last Thursday of the month. Contact Kerry Davis.
Pins & Needles	Meets monthly on 2 nd Monday of the month. Contact Gail Hodder.
Small Groups	Contact Sheryl Swanevelder or Louise for more information.
Vestry	Our governing body meets monthly on the 4 th Thursday. Contact Louise or Kerry.
WEF	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3 rd Tuesday at 7:30pm. Contact Jan Evans.
Young Adults	Meets every 2 nd Tuesday at 6:30pm plus occasional social events. Contact Isobell.
Youth	Ages 11+ at the 9:30am Sunday service and Friday at 7pm. Contact Nic Mercer.

Easter at St Aidan's, Remuera

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th April 2023

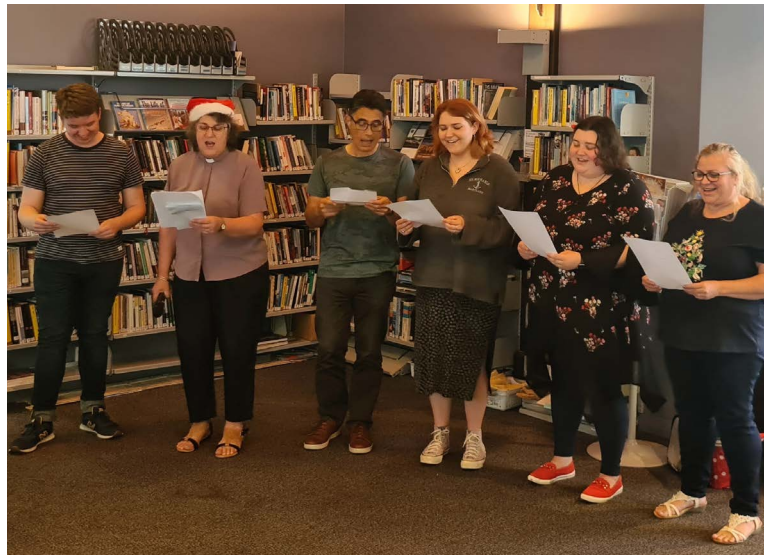
Holy Week (Mon-Wed)	7pm Half Hour Reflective Services
Maundy Thursday	7pm Traditional Holy Communion Service
Good Friday	9:30am Reflective Service 12pm - 3pm Church open for quiet reflection
Easter Sunday	8am Holy Communion 9:30am Family Service & Holy Communion



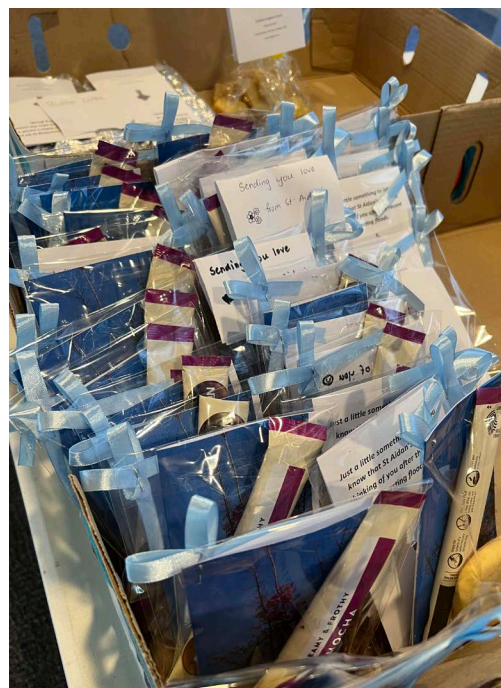
Recent Parish Events



'Carol singing in the Community' on Remuera Road



Staff item at 'Carols on the Vicarage Lawn' (relocated)



Care packages for flood victims



Home Groups combined meeting with our NZCMS Mission Partner Andy Miller serving in Costa Rica with his wife Shona and children



Baptism service for Naomi Finn and Harvey Swansson



Cameron Wise's Confirmation at St Mary's



mainly music

2023 marks a milestone year for mainly music at St Aidan's and is reason for celebration. Twenty years ago, St Aidan's partnered with the mainly music programme and took its first steps as a music and movement activity for young children.

At each session babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers along with their parents and caregivers enjoy music, activity and fun interaction that is structured to stimulate and grow young minds. It's also an occasion for making lasting memories and bonding as the child grows.

Back in 2002, the Curate Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore, recognised the potential of mainly music as a time for toddlers and parents to connect in engaging fun and activity. Since that time, hundreds of children have come through our doors to enjoy their weekly session of fun and music.

Under the lead of our mainly music coordinator, Tracy Helg, the programme this year will include special activities each term to celebrate Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas, as well as a service of worship acknowledging the twenty-year anniversary of mainly music in our faith community.

Our mainly music sessions continue to grow and are a great community gathering point for parents, carers, and children, to connect with others and form lasting friendships.

As we commence our third decade of supporting children and their families in this exciting and fun ministry, why not encourage your family and friends to come along with their young ones and get on board the mainly music fun! Join us weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am during school-term time at St Aidan's. †

Tracy & Kerry

Photos: (above) mainly music 2023
(below) Isobell - throwback to mainly music 2014



Cameron's Confirmation

Cameron Wise was confirmed by Bishop Ross Bay at St Mary's Parnell on Sunday 4th December. A contingent from St Aidan's was able to attend and celebrate with him. †



Youth Group

The Youth Group is well underway for 2023. We have enjoyed some fun Friday nights, such as pancake night and a quiz night.

On Sundays we have been looking at a study called 'Growing Older and Wiser', where we have talked about wisdom and taking advice from those both young and old.

We are also looking forward to having a good number of the youth attend the AYM Easter Camp, E-Fest, over Easter weekend. †

Nic Mercer

NOTICE

There's a new AYM website



JERUSALEM BOUND

Four of our young adults are heading to Jerusalem in November 2023.

They will participate in "Palestine of Jesus", a 14-day study pilgrimage focusing on the Scriptures, sites, and landscapes associated with Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Izzi, Isobell, Cameron and Nic will be joining others from the Community of Saints group for this trip.

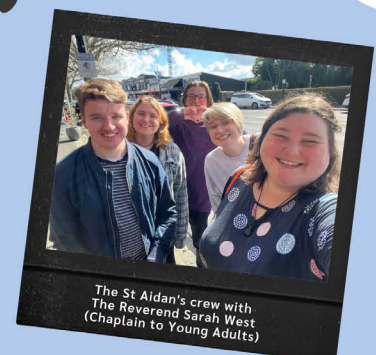
COS is a community of Anglicans in their 20s and 30s from the Diocese of Auckland.

A huge thanks to St John's College Trust Board for making this possible.

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The Lord has chosen Jerusalem
and will dwell there forever
Psalm 132:13-14

The group needs to raise \$6,000 outside of the funding received by St John's.

They also need to individually raise money for pre-flight items and spending money. Look out for some fundraisers to come!



The St Aidan's crew with The Reverend Sarah West (Chaplain to Young Adults)

Walking by Writing

If Jesus were alive today, what would he write about?

My career in writing letters began nearly 40 years ago, because of Jesus: specifically, because of what he chose to read in the synagogue at Nazareth, early in his mission (*Luke 4:18-19*):

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

These words captured me. But I was at home with four children, three of them at pre-school. How could I possibly join in Jesus' mission?

I'd heard of Amnesty International. I met some members. They showed me I could write letters to save people from the death penalty, or to get them released from arbitrary detention. So I joined, and began writing!

Some of those I've written for have indeed been released, even if it's taken a long time - months, or years. This is long distance 'walking by writing.'

There's one big difficulty: making time to write, during a busy month.

Here's where the new Writing Group comes in:

- We meet on the last Friday of the month, 10am to 11:30am in the Gathering Area (*next: 28th April*).
- The purpose: to write - on paper, or by email, or by filling out an online form.
- Topic: your choice. It should be something of social or community concern.

But note: our writing represents our personal views. It does NOT represent St Aidan's in any way.

Here's a sample of what's possible: Last year several of us created Christmas cards to bring hope to people in prison in this country. Others wrote letters to get people set free in other countries.

There's another difficulty: learning how to write. You have a passion, but how could you write effectively about it? Come to the group and have a chat about this.

Consider: If Jesus were alive today, why might he write?

- To address the climate crisis?
- To alleviate poverty?

- To improve the delivery of important social services?
- On behalf of refugees and migrants?
- To save life?

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor', including by writing. Talk it over with Anne – and why not join the group? †

Anne Priestley



Charitable Purposes Group

In addition to the majority of funds paid out last year we have made donations from the CPG Reserve Fund during March for two emergency appeals.

\$1,000 has been sent CWS for the victims of the horrendous earthquake in Turkey and Syria. CWS is working through its partner on the ground ACT (Action by Churches Together) to provide emergency supplies of food, water and blankets, and also to assist victims to find shelter in the bitterly cold winter conditions.

\$1,000 has also been donated to the Anglican Missions Emergency Appeal in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle. We also encourage individual parishioners to make a donation as they are able.

During March St Aidan's was also involved with raising funds for the Auckland City Mission through The Big Mission Home. Every day, people sleeping rough in Auckland walk as far as 17 kilometres to access essentials and find a safe place to sleep.

Some parishioners completed a 17km sponsored walk, others were involved with shorter walks and, along with their family and friends, made donations to the work of the City Mission so they in turn can support the homeless people in our city. Donations can still be made via the [Donate Now](https://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/donate) button on the website: www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/donate. †

Association of Anglican Women (AAW) Fellowship Group

It was wonderful to meet together again as a group in 2023 on Tuesday 7th March after the break over our supposed summer. The last time our members met was at the beginning of December for our Christmas Party and carol singing which was a wonderful way to finish off a year.

To begin 2023, we decided on a 'Show and Tell' afternoon with ladies bringing along a treasure to share with others. Our service in the church was led by the Rev'd Kerry Davis, who took the opportunity to share his treasure with us – a New Zealand Prayer Book, given to him and Vaoa on their wedding day by his mother, and then used for many family occasions since. Afterwards it was wonderful to see the different items people brought along and hear the stories behind them. We were shown beautiful lawn gowns (including Christening gown) worn by Shirley Bevins as a child and a musical box which belonged to her parents and dispensed chocolates – still in working order today and enjoyed by her great grandchildren. Janet Dawson brought along a copper kettle made by her grandfather on the Isle of Wight 100 years ago this month. Gail Hodder shared beautiful scrap books made by her grandmother and boxed Berean Bible Promise. We saw a tea set that belonged to Robyn Bridgman's grandmother, male and female fob watches shared by Jenny Haggitt, a lovely family Bible shared by Christine Kennedy, an old cast-iron iron owned by Gillian Coop. We learnt that Vaoa Davis was a competitive swimmer in her youth and showed us medals she won when representing Papua New Guinea along with her medal from the Auckland Marathon last year having swapped swimming for running. Antoinette Pope's treasure is on a USB stick – the story and photos of the St James Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela she did with Kevin. Mary Parkinson shared some of her wool applique quilts and embroidery.

As usual, our meeting ended with afternoon tea and fellowship.

Our next meeting in April will be during Holy Week and Anne Priestley will be speaking about the lead up to Easter. In May we have Terrena Griffiths coming along to talk about her Chip Packet Project NZ, which turns used chip packets into blankets for the homeless. †

Mary Parkinson on behalf of the Committee – Robyn, Rosemary, Terrie, Margaret, Gail, Christine, Desré, Marie and Sue



Pancake Day

Shrove Tuesday 21st February



Let's do
LUNCH



**Pentecost
Cultural Lunch**

Sharing our food and culture from across the globe

Sunday, May 28th 2023
After the 9:30am service
Bring a plate to share

Join us for a fun

MOVIE NIGHT



23
JUNE
FRIDAY

5:30 - 6:30pm drinks & nibbles
6:30pm movie & pizza



\$20 per person
Tables of up to 8 people

25th July, 2023 | 6:30pm for 7pm start
5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera

More info to come!

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Date**



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GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 16TH SEPT, 8AM

5 ASCOT AVENUE, REMUERA

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

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Walking alongside our Mission Partners – the Miller family

It was wonderful to meet our new NZCMS mission partner Andy Miller when he spent time in our parish mid-February. Andy, his wife Shona and his three children (Aliana, Jeshaiiah and Elias) live in Costa Rica. Their eldest daughter however has just started her final year of school in Christchurch, so this will be a huge change for them having a daughter so far away.

Andy explained on the Monday evening, both he and Shona see their ministry as being catalysts. They work in their area in Latin America and at times across the whole of the continent equipping, networking, mobilizing and interpreting/translating. This is about empowering the people to do God's work in their own areas but to also prepare the people to go as missionaries to reach the most unreached people in the world. Listening to him speak Andy is the perfect person for this role and he certainly has a passion for God and his work which the whole congregation got to see when he preached at our Sunday services. Some in our pews weren't prepared when he started stripping off clothes as he spoke. I think we all got rather worried when he began pulling off his trousers, particularly Shirley Bevins sitting in the front pew! However it was all carefully planned with a pair of specially designed flares with maps of the world stitched into various parts and his t-shirt reading 'Just do it'. We will remember I am sure those scripture passages and his sermon for a long time to come.

Andy popped into the Men's breakfast, flipped pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and offered prayers at our midday Ash Wednesday service. What a whirlwind week with St Aidan's! It's been lovely to meet the person behind the photo and as a parish we look forward to walking alongside Andy and Shona as we support their ministry overseas. †

Louise



GIVING AT ST AIDAN'S

SCAN ME



Find out how you can financially support St Aidan's by scanning the above QR code. You can do this by opening the camera app on your phone and hovering over the code. Click on the web link for more information.

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

Creamy Lemon Slice

INGREDIENTS

- 200g plain sweet biscuits
- 115g butter, melted
- 395g sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup (125g) lemon juice
- 4 eggs



MAKE THE CRUST

Preheat oven to 160 C(fan-forced). Grease and line an 18X28cm slice tray with baking paper and set aside. Crush the biscuits until they resemble fine crumbs. Add the melted butter and mix to combine. Press the biscuit mixture firmly into the base of the tin. Bake for 10 minutes in the oven. Remove and allow to cool.

MAKE THE FILLING

Mix or beat the sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice and eggs until creamy (approx. 4-5 minutes). *Note:* the mixture will be very runny at this stage. Pour the liquid onto the base and bake for 15 minutes or until set. Allow to cool in the fridge for a minimum of 4 hours (preferably overnight). Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days.

Music and Walking

Jewish pilgrims walking to Jerusalem would sing special Psalms together. Matthew 26:30 tells of the disciples singing a hymn together after the Last Supper before walking to the Mount of Olives. Singing helps the words reach deep into our brain's networks, linking thoughts and emotions.

One of my recent daily readings centred on Matthew 11:28-30, "Come unto me all you that are burdened." Handel's Messiah uses them, introducing them in a soothing descending melody. How putting scripture to melody helps them resonate in our memories! I think of Jesus walking alongside, sharing the 'yoke'; the joys and burdens.

Walking and singing seem to go together. How could the disciples not have sung psalms at times during those long hours of walking, talking with and listening to Jesus? Singing together would have reinforced their bond.

Walking the Camino de Santiago in the Iberian peninsula, Kevin and I sang – when I wasn't puffing uphill. At every open church we'd pause walking to enter and sing, "Brother, sister, let me serve you..."



We are pilgrims on a journey... When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've know together of Christ's love..." One vivid memory is entering a deserted valley on a still morning and walking in time to the Fisherfolk Song, "If you want joy you must sing for it... The joy of the Lord is my strength."

Long may congregational singing at St Aidan's unify us as we praise God together. †

Antoinette Pope
Musical Facilitator

Women's Evening Fellowship

Aiming to start our year with a visit from The Reverend Katene Eruera, Principal of St John's Theological College, it was most unfortunate that he sprained his ankle badly and was unable to join us.

As fellowship is a priority of the group, we easily improvised and shared with one another about special times and situations we enjoyed. We finished the social evening with the usual tea and supper.

After our February meeting we made a small donation to The City Mission for Cyclone Gabrielle Relief.

For our March 21st meeting we had Judith Lessing from New York as our guest, as she has been in NZ staying with one of our members. Some years ago she was a regular presenter on Radio NZ. She then went overseas and was involved with International Peace Keeping. To embrace the wider parish family for this evening, we are inviting the men of the parish and friends.

On April 18th we will enjoy some armchair travel with Lynne Florence who had a wonderful trip overseas with her husband last year, playing golf in Ireland and then researching family history in Scotland.

For May 16th we have organised an interesting demonstration about recycling "chip packets" into blankets for warming for the homeless.

For June 20th we have invited St Johns to come and do another demonstration using the defibrillator. This evening will also be open to all men and women of the parish.

We hope with the koha we receive from March, April, May and June evenings we will be able to make a generous donation to St Johns after the demonstration. †

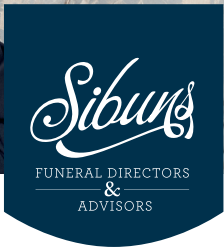
Jan, Alison, Christine, Elisabeth, Penny, and Terrie



Spencer's Adventure

Sibuns' new garage build is on 'paws' but follow along with Spencer, the paw-ject manager's weekly updates. In the meantime, he has been out and about engaging with our community.

Follow Spencer's adventures at: www.facebook.com/sibunsfuneraldirectors



Proud to be part of the St Aidan's community.



Coffee & K's

Coffee and K's [K = kilometres] is a new walking group that meets on the fourth Saturday of the month. Walks typically take 45mins - 1hr ending at a nearby coffee shop. The group meets from February to October to enjoy a variety of walking routes Auckland has to offer while appreciating the beautiful scenery of our own backyard! These walks are a way to supplement our walkers' normal exercise routines. In November an annual end-of-year brunch is planned to celebrate all the 'kilometres' clocked up during the year!

Our first outing in February was Mission Bay to St Heliers and return, walking along the Tamaki Drive waterfront. It was well attended with various levels of fitness allowing individuals the option to walk as far as they could and turn back as they felt comfortable. The walk ended at the Mission Bay Coffee Club for a well earned coffee and enjoyable table-fellowship! It was an opportunity to connect and build relationships outside the church setting.

In our journey through Lent 'walking' can be viewed as our individual Lenten experience of being outdoors and enjoying God's creation through the beauty of our surroundings. As we walk through forest and land and along the seashore, this time can be used for contemplative prayer. Covering ourselves with 'a good attitude and plenty of gratitude' increases our health and wellness to be a blessing to others during this Lenten Season.

Come and join us for Coffee & K's!!

Vaoa Davis

Planned Walks:

22 April - Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai - St Johns to Ōrākei Village. Approx. 45 minute (one way) walk followed by Coffee at Ampersand Eatery, 228 Ōrākei Road, Remuera.

27 May - Waiatarua Reserve Loop. Approx 45 minute walk followed by coffee at K & G Café, Meadowbank Shopping Mall.



Pins & Needles

It has been difficult to get started this year with floods and cyclone Gabrielle bringing our first meeting of the year in February to a halt.

However, many Pins and Needles members have continued to create beautiful articles throughout the summer despite the summer heat and weather disruptions.

We continue to provide lovely garments for our two main groups, Anglican Trust for Women and Children and Counties Manukau Community Midwives knowing that the articles which our group gathers together go directly to the "coal face" where they are most needed.

Over the summer break we were able to sort out all the donated wool, knitting needles and buttons making it all a lot less cluttered. Excess yarn etc. will be shared with other knitting groups rather than just being discarded.

We have several out workers creating delightful things – knitting, crocheting and sewing which is much appreciated.

We have had a number of members move to other areas and some no longer able to knit but we do encourage them to come for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat as communication and comradeship is very important also.

We welcome new members and we are yet to have a male knitter join us – the very first knitters were male

and I do know that some of our male parishioners did learn how to knit. The women in the early days spun the yarn so we see a reversal of roles from yesteryear!

We were finally able to meet on the second Monday in March, with a magnificent quantity of knitting, crocheting and sewing created since our December meeting. We decided to send some of the articles gathered to Northland as they have endured cyclone Gabrielle and still undergoing a major clean-up. The Mission Shop have also sent clothing and linen to support those who are involved.

With winter not far away the Pins and Needles group are keen to continue providing for those in need with warm winter garments and a quote: "The best things in life are made by hands!"

Happy knitting. †

Gail Hodder



The Big Mission Home

On Sunday 19th March James Parkinson led a hardy group of St Aidan's parishioners on a walk to climb our three closest volcanic cones - Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill), Te Kōpuke (Mount St John), and Ōhinerau (Mount Hobson). The following weekend our Coffee & K's group walked the Cornwall Park Loop, and another group representing St Aidan's made a 17km round trip from the Church to HomeGround in Hobson Street.

All three groups used this opportunity to raise funds to support the Auckland City Mission - Te Tāpui Atawhai.

Every day, people sleeping rough in Auckland walk as far as 17kms to access essentials and find a safe place to sleep. For more than a century, the Mission has been supporting Aucklanders in their times of need - providing nutritious food, homes, crisis support, medical care and dignity.

As the Mission responds to unprecedented demand for their essential services, they need our help more than ever.

Parishioners, and/or family and friends, wishing to make donations towards the City Mission's work in support of the homeless people in our city, can do so via '[Donate Now](#)' at www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz.

Photo: Three Maunga walking group 19th March





Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal

On 15th February 2023, Cyclone Gabrielle swept across New Zealand.

The cyclone caused widespread destruction and left many residents without power or access to clean water. Coastal regions were lashed by gale force winds and heavy rains caused significant flooding.

The storm caused significant damage to homes, buildings, and infrastructure, with access to power, communication and services still highly limited.

As needs assessments are completed, we will advise how the funds will be distributed. It will include early recovery work as well as long term programmes designed to build the resilience of churches and marae.

HOW CAN I HELP?

In the wake of a natural disaster or emergency, it is natural to want to help. In the very early stages of relief, particularly as power and communications still remain down, the physical needs of those affected are difficult to fully understand. Well intentioned donations of physical items like blankets, clothing, toys etc can often become an unintentional burden in these early stages, as they take extra resources to store, ship and allocate.

As the situation develops, we're encouraging those wanting to help right away to donate financially, as funds can be utilised quickly, efficiently and to respond to the absolute greatest need. As the Anglican church develops it's short term response plan, the need for physical goods and service will become apparent, revealing where people can send items that can enrich people's lives and wellbeing as they rebuild their communities. This is Hāpaitia – to share a burden.

HĀPAITIA

To Lift Up, Support And Share A Burden.

The Church recognises that our faith calls us to respond to human need through prayer and through action. Drawing on the strengths of our Church we have established a new group named Hāpaitia: The Anglican Cyclone Gabrielle Response Group. Hāpaitia will commit to whakamana (acknowledging, uplifting, maintaining and restoring the mana and tapu of others). This is so that they in turn can uplift 'Te Oranga Ake' – rebuilding flourishing whānau, communities and environments.

Hāpaitia will focus on four key areas:

- Providing support for Wairua (spiritual, pastoral and theological support),
- Tinana (care for physical and structural wellbeing),
- Pūtea (financial aid) and
- Kōrero (communications and storytelling).

This pledge stands not only for the following days and weeks, but throughout the journey to recovery.

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You can donate to the Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal either by Credit card through the link above, or through Internet Banking to the Anglican Missions Bank Account:

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Please write Cyclone in the Reference field of your internet banking donation. We also ask that you email accounts@anglicanmissions.org.nz so they are able to send you a tax credit receipt.



Potato Easter Egg Stamps

Materials:

- potatoes
- knife
- assorted craft paints
- plate
- paper towel or an old tea towel
- craft paper to stamp on

Instructions:

WARNING: Younger children will require supervision when using the knife.

Begin by cutting the potato in half. Press the open end of the potato onto the towel to help absorb the moisture. You will find that the insides are quite wet and can make the next step slippery and dangerous if you don't dry them.

Once the open end of your potato is dry, you can begin cutting your designs into it. Use a knife or pick to make lines, circles, zig zags, and other shapes. BE CAREFUL as the potato can be slippery. Use a careful hand and take your time.

Press the cut end of the potato into the paint. It is easiest to put the paint on a plate for easy dipping. Remove any excess paint before stamping. (Or, you can use a brush for more detailed painting.)

Then, press the potato stamps to the paper and press firmly. Pull away and see your egg design on the paper. Repeat as much as you want. When you want to use a new color, just rinse the potato under water and it will rinse clean. There is no need to cut a new potato.

You can use potato stamping for lots of other designs and occasions too.



Why not carve different shapes and patterns to make your own unique wrapping paper for birthday or Christmas presents? †

Fabric Tulips

Make beautiful fabric flowers which will never wilt. Add them to your Easter or spring tablescape for a pretty burst of color.



Trace the flower template below onto fabric.

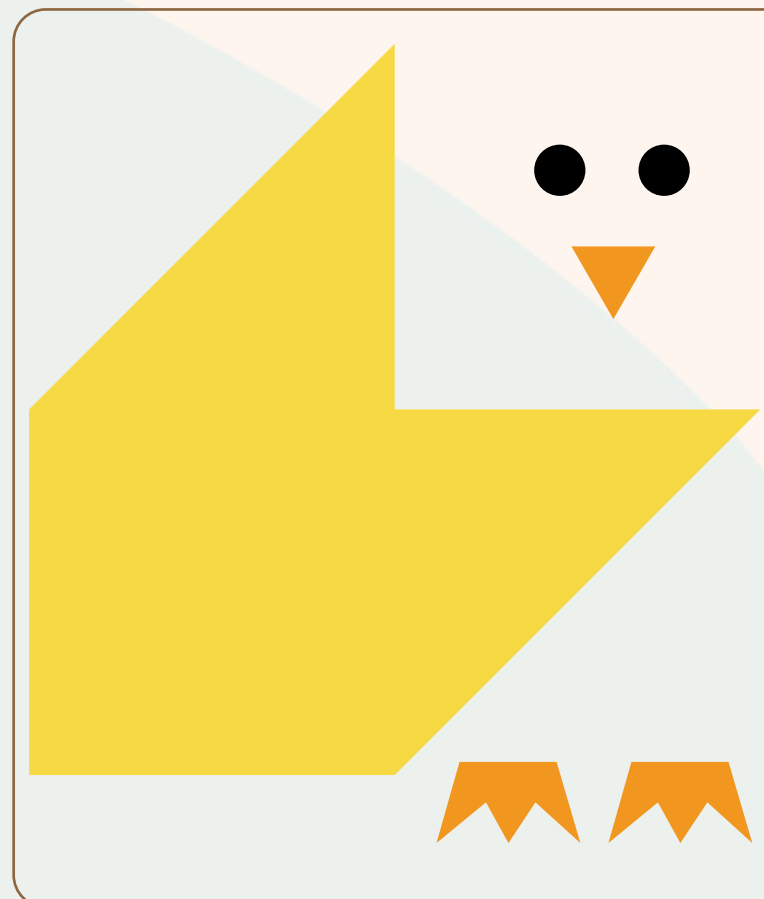
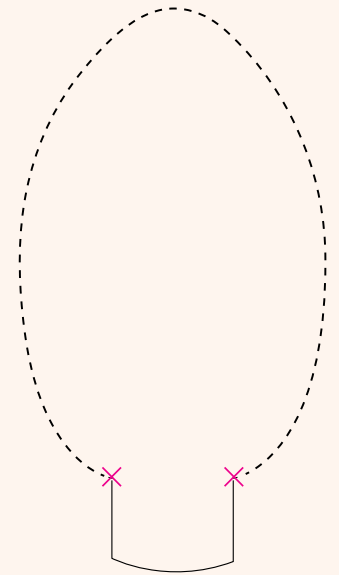
Cut out and sew together with right sides facing inward, leaving bottom open. ----- sew line
✕ stop sewing

Turn right side out; fill with batting.

Glue strips of green felt around wires to create stems.

Insert into bottoms of tulips, pushing nubs into flowers, and hot-glove in place.

Attach green felt leaves with glue. †



Easter Crafts

Paper Easter Basket

You will need:

- Sheet of paper or card. You can use printed paper or decorate your own. A 15cm square makes a nice mini-basket.
- An extra thin strip of paper or card for a handle
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sticky tape or glue
- Optional: Brads or other decorations

Place your paper printed side down.

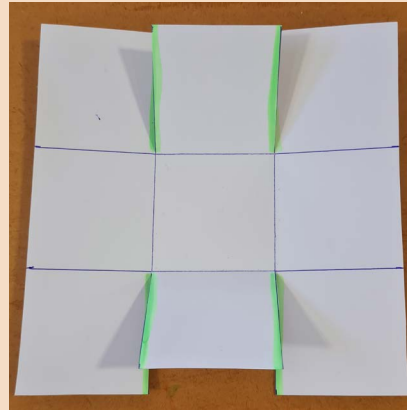
With a pencil and ruler, draw an evenly spaced 3 by 3 grid onto the square, as if you were going to play noughts-and-crosses.

For a 15cm square draw your lines 5cm apart.

Fold and unfold along each of the lines to make a crease.

Cut along the lines highlighted in green on the top and bottom of your paper.

Fold up the left and right sides of the paper to turn it into a basket shape. Tape or glue the folds into place. I like to use adhesive tape because it's quicker. If you put it on the inside of the basket then you can't see it anyway.



Use a thin strip of paper to make a handle, and tape or glue it on. The strip should be about the same length as your square, e.g. If you use a 15cm square to make the basket, use a 15cm long strip to make the handle.



Now you've made your paper Easter basket, it's time to fill it up with mini Easter eggs to give to family or friends. You can also line your basket with celaphane or foil and put in some homemade goodies for an extra personal touch. †

Chick Bookmark

You will need:

- Yellow and orange card
- Black card or googly eyes
- Glue
- Scissors

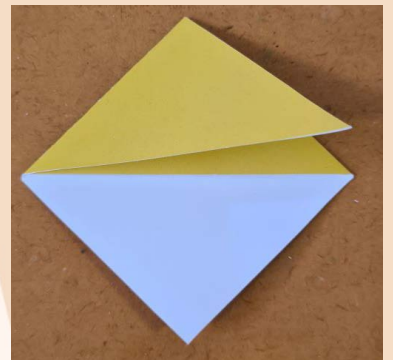
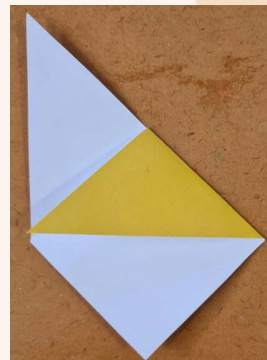
Cut out all of your pieces from the template. For the eyes you can either trace the template or use googly eyes.

Fold over the two triangle flaps of your chick's head to make the square shape. Don't glue yet.

Glue the orange feet to the base of the square, inside the flaps.

Glue the back of the top flap to the front of the back flap, so that page can be inserted.

Glue eyes and beak and you're done! †



PĀTAKA KAI COMMUNITY PANTRY

Top three benefits of the pantry

Building community

The pantry is a great way to bring people together and build a sense of community. It is a positive way for St Aidan's to engage with our wider local community.

Combating hunger

The pantry provides food assistance to individuals and families struggling to put food on the table. This can often be families that live week to week and are "just a little bit short" this week.

Reducing Waste

The pantry can help to reduce food waste by redistributing surplus food, including abundant growth in your garden that you can't keep up with!

After taking a while to find an appropriate cupboard, we were able to get the Auckland Central Community Shed to make us one! A huge thanks to them for their work on this and to the Diocese for helping us with funds. In the middle picture below, you'll see Don from the Auckland Central Community Shed, Isobell (the Pātaka Kai Kaitiaki/Guardian) and then our Priest Associate, Kerry, as the pantry was being delivered. The final picture shows the cupboard beside the church, which is located outside by "the dog house".



Keep up to date with our Pātaka Kai and other mission work
<https://www.facebook.com/staidansremueramission>
<https://www.instagram.com/staidansremueramission/>

Mission Shop


This will be the first year since 2019 that we will be open for the full year. Hopefully with all the extra advertising we now do, we will have a bumper year.

We started off with a couple of sessions in the shop before opening day, the first to take care of a large one off donation from a parishioner, and the second, at the behest of Yvonne Kennedy, to fill up fourteen bags with clothing, shoes, and bedding and take them to a collection point for the flood victims. Those bags went to a Civil Defence Centre in South Auckland. After opening the Shop on the 9th February we were able to fill another ten bags for the flood collection centres.

In February the Charitable Purposes Group voted unanimously (by email) to donate \$1000 each to the Cyclone Gabrielle appeal and the Syrian/Turkish Earthquake appeal.

We started the year well with the first two weeks making good sales. We acknowledge and thank Jenny Walters who has been with the Shop from the start in 2014, and has now decided to retire. We wish her all the best in her very well deserved retirement. We are looking forward to student volunteers later in the year, as we now have contacts at four local colleges. †

Jenny Haggitt




MISSION SHOP

**Thursday - Saturday
10am until 2pm**

Giving pre-loved items a second chance,
and donating profits to charitable
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My morning walks

Most mornings, I like to walk around the block.

I creep out trying to not wake the household, up the drive and along the street. If the newspaper has arrived I drop an elderly neighbour's Herald on her doorstep to save her a trip to her letterbox. Across the road and around the corner. "Morning" to Ivana and Ned the dog who sniffs my hand and mooches off to the nearest lamp post.

The mornings are mostly quiet – a calm time with my own thoughts. Today I am wearing a polar fleece jacket which a friend left requesting that it be put into our Mission Shop. I bought it and now I walk with Margaret around my shoulders and think about what she might be doing in her own country of England.

Up the hill a little way and I cross the road so that I gain a few more steps making my walk up to 1.5kms. An interesting little lane where I note that lawn needs mowing and the hedge cut and on a little further a wife at her gate waving goodbye to her husband as he heads off to work. Today he is helping with the clearing up of the recent flooding in west Auckland – a short chat ensues and on I stride passing the rubbish bag on the footpath full of discarded bits and pieces. Across the road and back to the main road and on up the hill.

A little brown hedgehog scuttles under a gate into a garden full of delectable hedgehog fodder – no wonder he is a fat little fellow. Two Californian quail quickly make their way across the road, obviously I have frightened them and they run off as fast as their little legs will carry them their head plumes waving as they go.

A bit of a grind up the hill, a snorting and puffing sound coming from behind – I am passed by a cute little chocolate brown terrier on a lead obviously heading for home at a fast pace probably dreaming of his breakfast. He is followed closely behind by his walker who says, "good morning" and comments that the hill is pretty steep but they are going well and leave me far behind – sometimes I have to stop and look at the view and see if the sun is rising yet just to catch my breath, but upwards and onwards.

The walk gives me time to think about others, their difficulties, their needs and maybe what hardships

they are going through – here I can offer a prayer, some positive thoughts on how their problem might be solved or what today might bring – there is always a solution we just need find it.

A group of 6 cyclists pass by, red reflectors winking as they flash past. The last man calls out "good morning" to me as he pedals by a little behind the others. A happy lot chatting as they pedal.

By now the surrounding world is waking, lights come on, cars grind up the hill and others flash down the hill, some with their lights still on. Another walker greets me as he passes, his dog straining on his leash – both full of vim and vigour at the start of the new day. A runner pants past me another greeting – "have a nice day".

I notice the gardens, and a tui chortles in the tree as I walk by. Round the corner and a faster pace now on the flat. I meet Barrie taking Marco the Alsatian dog out for their morning walk – Marco carrying a frisbee in the hope that he might get to play before breakfast – Barrie often takes him to the beach but today it is

just around the block. I quicken my pace downhill and count the cars on the street – quite a number as infill housing has reduced the option of parking off the road.

I pass the little red car which is often parked above the stairway to the nature reserve – a crucifix draped over the interior mirror and I know that its owner will be jogging around the park down those steps trying to stay fit.

On the home straight now and I know one neighbour will be watching out to see if I have walked today, so I give him a wave even though I can't see him! His curtains are open, so I know he is up and about. I gather the Herald from the letterbox, down the drive and into the house to settle with the paper and a cup of tea to catch up on the overnight news.

I am surprised that there have been very few days that I have had to walk in heavy rain. It may have rained heavily overnight and the ground saturated but when it is time for my walk it seems to have cleared, as if someone knows I want to go walking. I look forward to my daily walk watching the city waking up, the sun rising and knowing and feeling that all is right in my little world. †

"The walk gives me time to think about others, their difficulties, their needs and maybe what hardships they are going through – here I can offer a prayer"

Gail Hodder

"December 7 - Walking"

For centuries we have been told that walking enhances our physical, mental and spiritual health; "walking" can be trekking, relaxed, yet intentional exercise, fast walking and even Olympic walking. We walk beaches, bush tracks and up mountains. We walk through villages and cities. The 19th Century Concord walker H.D. Thoreau epitomised walking, and wrote about it in "Walking" and "Walden Pond." Walking with awareness is his theme - awareness of all that is around us, and awareness of what is going on inside our hearts and minds.

There is no record in the New Testament of Jesus running - except in his parable of the "The Prodigal Son" where, uncharacteristically in Eastern culture, the father runs to embrace his returning son. Jesus, in the early years of his ministry, walked. From town to town, he walked. And, how interesting that St. Paul advises us to "walk in the spirit: - not doodle along, not sprint, but walk. Aware walking through the days of our years is the best way possible to live and proceed.

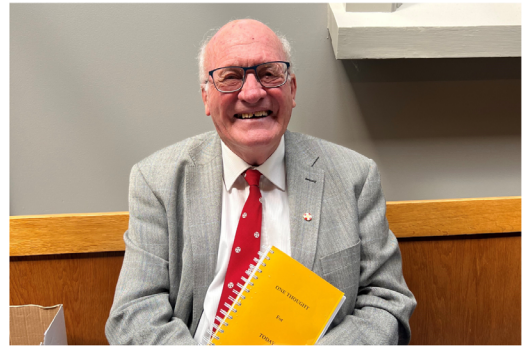
Jesus said to them: "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" [Luke 24:13-17]

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying: "I am the light of the world. Whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. [John 8:12]

Lord of our beginning, our journey and our destiny,
- walk with us through all our days.

Will we walk through each day with increasing awareness of ourselves, of others, of God?

Bishop Bruce Gilbert, *One Thought for Today*



Bishop Bruce Gilbert has published a book of thoughts and resources for every day of the year called, "One Thought for Today". The text to the left is an extract from this book.

The daily subject is named, followed by a reflective paragraph, a relevant biblical quote or two, a prayer, and a question, with one page per day.

Copies of his book are available for sale at \$25 per copy plus postage.

Contact Bishop Bruce for a copy:
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81 Manaia Road, Tairua 3508

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 27 April
at Browns Café, Remuera Rd**

We welcome men of all ages, whether or not you have come along before. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet together over good food and coffee.

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

Walking into St Aidan's

We asked our newcomers what caused them to walk into St Aidan's for the first time. Here is one response:

Which service do you usually attend?
I usually attend the 8 o'clock service but really enjoyed the combined services in January.

What made you walk through the doors of St Aidan's? I moved in just around the corner, but to be honest the lych gate - the gates were open so I walked in.

What made you keep coming? Behind that lych gate there is a world of kindness, wisdom and acceptance. I like the sense of community and to be able to contribute to that community. †

Caspar

Community Noticeboard



2023 Retreat & Events Programme

www.vaughanpark.nz/events/ret

Men's Retreat: Godly responses to Anger with Rev'd Sapati Tima. 28th to 30th April

Couples' Retreat: "I do" with Rev'd Sapati Tima & Meiolandre Tima. 2nd to 4th June

Youth Retreat: Young Overcomer Unbreakable Tautua Honest with Rev'd Sapati Tima & Meiolandre Tima. 18th to 20th August

Resourcing Monday's Ministries with Bishop Bruce Gilberd (CNZM). 25th to 27th August

Introduction to Meditation in the Christian Tradition with Vincent Maire (Spiritual Director). 26th August

Elderly Retreat: Retired but not tired with Rev'd Sapati Tima & Meiolandre Tima. 13th to 15th October

Email chaplain@vaughanpark.org.nz to book your place.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR 20-YEAR CELEBRATIONS

mainly music

Join us during the school term
9:30am in our church hall

30 minutes of music & movement

\$4 per session
\$30 for the term

...All pre-schoolers are welcome to come, however, don't forget to bring your caregiver as well!

Morning tea provided



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Cnr St Stephens Ave & Parnell Rd, Parnell

6 APRIL | MAUNDY THURSDAY

Te Taite Mone

6pm Community Meal
Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre

7:30pm Festal Eucharist of the Last Supper - Cathedral Nave

7 APRIL | GOOD FRIDAY

Te Paraire Pai

10am Family Service
Cathedral Nave

3pm Good Friday Service
Cathedral Nave

8 APRIL | HOLY SATURDAY

Te Rāhoroi Tapu

8pm The Great Vigil of Easter
Cathedral Nave

9 APRIL | EASTER SUNDAY

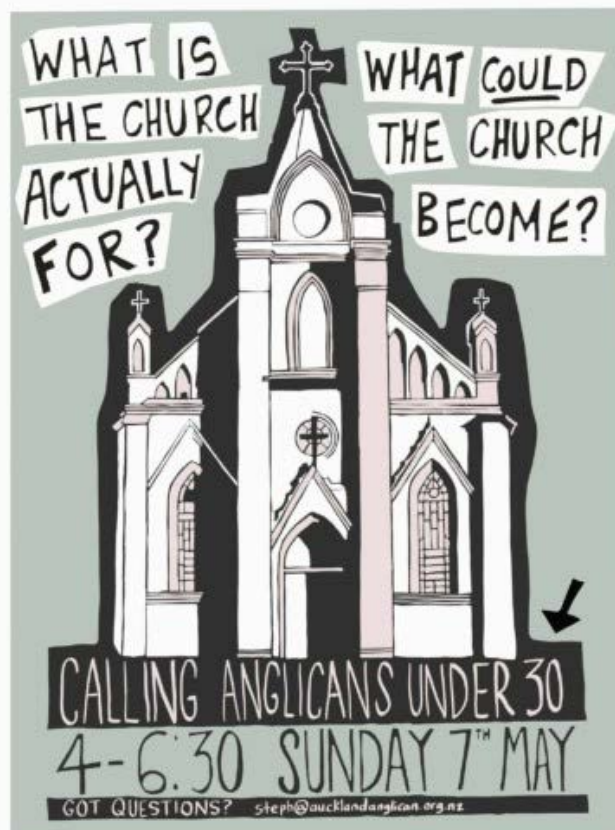
Te Rā o te Aranga

8am Eucharist with Hymns
St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity

9am Holy Communion
St Stephen's Chapel

10am Choral Eucharist
Cathedral Nave

5pm Festal Choral Evensong
Cathedral Chancel



Repair Café - K-Road **(Une-Deux Café)**

Second Saturday of each month,
11am to 2pm

Don't throw away that broken or damaged household item - Come to the next monthly Repair Cafe, and it could be saved.

Repair Cafés are events where you can bring broken or damaged items, and locals volunteer their time and expertise to fix them for free. The idea is to encourage the concept of Repair-Renew-Reuse.

Une-Deux Café holds them on the second Saturday of every month. The café shares their space for free. You can show your appreciation by buying a coffee or some delicious food.

Our experts do their best to fix:

- Small electrical appliances (like kettles, toasters, lamps, radios, etc.)
- Clothes (patching, hemming, let in or out)
- Computer and electronic problems diagnosed (software & hardware), and sometimes fixed too
- General items, including toys, glued, nailed, screwed, stitched, or checked for mechanical faults

And we have DIY people who are clever at seeing what is wrong with something and knowing how to fix it.

One of the special aspects of a Repair Café is that you get to stay with the repairer while your item is being fixed. You may even learn how to fix it yourself next time.

From past experience, about 70% of items are successfully repaired. If you are happy with your repair, donations/koha gratefully received to help fund future Repair Cafés.

Please be aware that repairs are done upstairs, so all items must be small enough to carry in your arms. Note also that the area is not suitable for children for health and safety reasons.

From the Registers

December 2022 to March 2023

Baptisms

Georgie Pilkinton

Kaelyn Maclean

Noelle Donovan

Clare Donovan

Naomi Finn

Harvey Swansson

Weddings

Talilotu Moa & Elaisjah Liava'a

Meghan Drew & Ethan Rush

Iata Soloai & Isaiah Wong See

Molly Pottinger-Coombes

& Nisal Cottingham

Andy Leung & Gloria Ching

Funerals

Anthony (Tony) Laity

Valda Anderson

Joan (Jinny) Allan

* Margaret Pellow

* Heather Sands

* *Funeral service held elsewhere*

AUCKLAND FOR KIDS

Find all the best events and activities

for kids, teens, and families at Auckland For Kids. Visit the website for a full calendar of what's coming up, what to see and do, all around Auckland at: www.aucklandforkids.co.nz

The long-awaited **Easter Show** is finally back in 2023 and it's bigger and better than ever before! Taking place at the Auckland Showgrounds from the 7th to the 10th of April, you won't want to miss out on this amazing event.

Howick Historical Village Easter Extravaganza - Sunday 9th April, 10am to 12:30pm, or 1pm to 3:30pm, at Lloyd Elmore Park, Bells Road, Pakuranga. Bookings are essential, no door sales. Book on Eventfinda.com or phone sales 0800 BUY TIX (289 849). \$20 adults, \$10 children. The event goes ahead rain or shine.

Kids' Zone

Matthew 5:16

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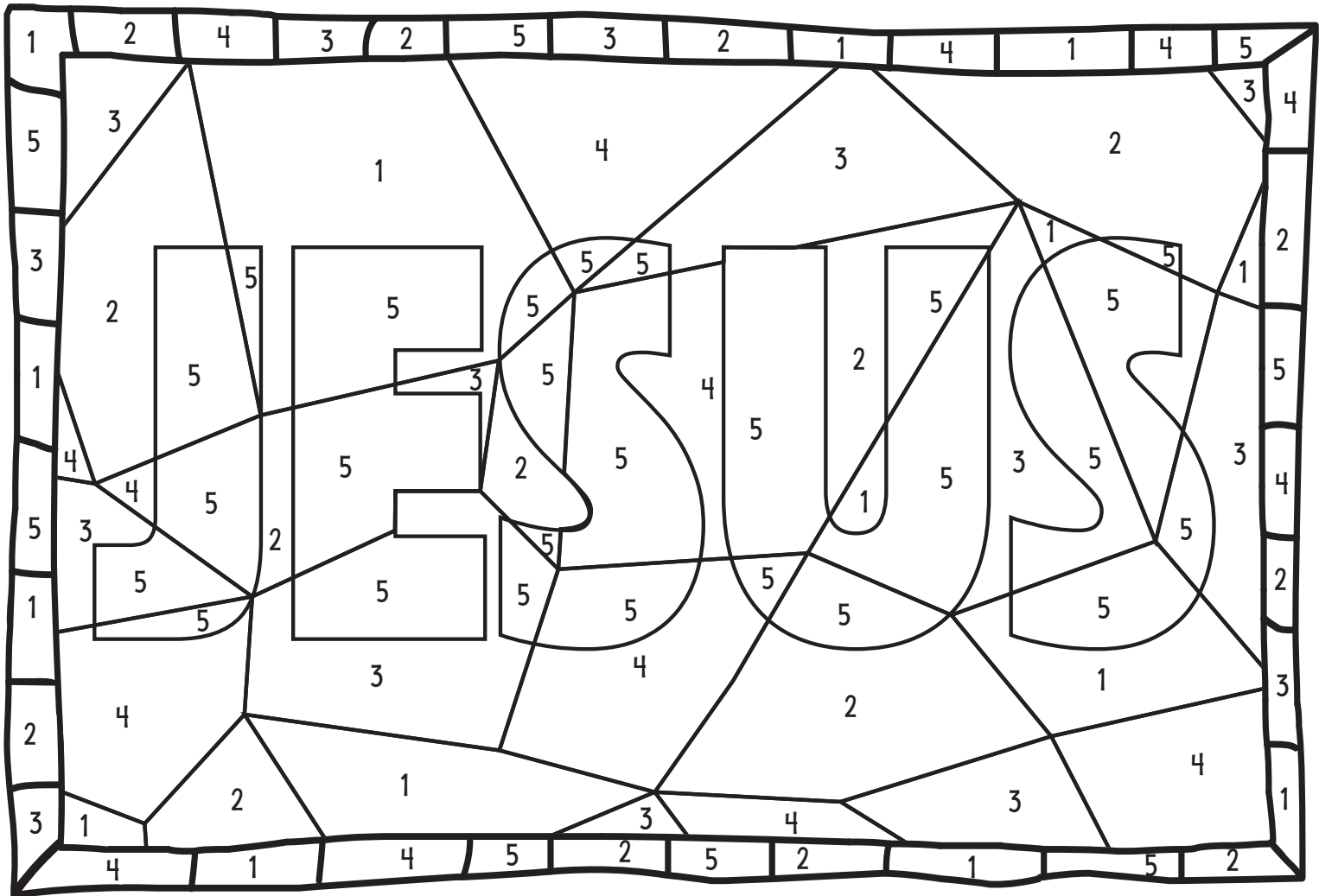
"AND WHAT
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 require of
 you? to
 ACT JUSTLY
 and to Love
 mercy and to walk
 humbly WITH YOUR
 GOD."
 MICAH 6:8



My Best Friend . . .

Use the code to color the shapes and find a mystery word.

1: Blue 2: Green 3: Orange 4: Purple 5: Yellow



I am with you always.

Matthew 28:20

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Kids' Church 2023


Welcome to yet another fantastic and fun-filled year in Kid's Church!

Last year, we learnt a lot about how we can Grow Together in God's Love, and this year we are taking it up a notch by putting words into action by Letting Our Light Shine. We are going to talk a lot about how we can be bright beacons of Christ's light in the world, whether it be praying for others, donating to people in need, or being extra nice to a friend.

Drawn from Matthew 5:16, this theme will guide many of our sessions throughout the year, especially as we continue through Lent. So far this year, we have made food packs for St. Aidan's very own Pātaka Kai and card and pipe cleaner crosses to go to church communities affected by the cyclone.

You can check out our new board in the Social Lounge to see the other ways we can be bright superstars of Christ!

**Holy Jesus, be my light,
Shine upon my way;
Through this wonderful and
changing life,
Lead me day by day.
Amen.**



Join us in Kid's Church to learn the actions that go along with this prayer! †

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