

## PASTORAL CARE REPORT

We meet as a team under the leadership of our Vicar, the Reverend Louise Anderson. Our aim is, with God's guidance, to take care of the pastoral needs of our parishioners. I would like to thank Jenny Walters for taking Minutes at our meetings in the past. Jenny has moved into a retirement village and is no longer able to be involved in activities at St. Aidan's. We thank her for years of commitment in various ways, just quietly getting things done.

When our discussion is of a confidential nature, we keep it as that, and it is not recorded in the minutes.

Here are some of the areas we cover:

### Freezer Meals

We have a dedicated group, who provide meals when necessary. There are always a few meals on hand for sharing with those in need, and we top up as required. With all the readymade meals available in supermarkets, we find the need for these meals is less.

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 folk whose names are on their list. The purpose of this, is firstly to have a chat and just find out how things are. The caller is also able 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 role. 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.

If you would like to become a Grapevine caller, please let me know, you would be very welcome, it is a special form of ministry. You can also contact Anne Godman in the office.

## 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.

## Prayer Ministry

This is offered after our 9.30am service each Sunday, in the side Chapel. It is a moment to join in prayer with another parishioner, about things on your mind. Just hand it over to the Lord in prayer. You may also wish to give thanks for something, share your gratitude. This is always a confidential service between you and the person praying with you.

## Retirement Villages

**7 ST VINCENTS** – Anne Priestley, with the help of one of our parishioners, Barbara Weir or Sheryl Swanevelder, conducts a communion service on the first Thursday of each month.

**REMUERA GARDENS (KENSINGTON HOUSE)** – Kerry and Louise share the lead of this service on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The numbers have dropped as there is construction work going on, and some residents are unable to be brought across to join the service.

**RAWHITI** – Kerry takes a Communion service monthly and Barbara Clephane is able to assist him. Kerry is also called upon to bless rooms, before new occupants move in.

**EDMUND HILARY VILLAGE AND THE MEADOWBANK OCEANIA VILLAGE** – We have members of our Parish staying at both of these Retirement villages and communion is taken to individuals at these places as requested. It is planned to once again include Meadowbank when our Carol Singers go around singing in December.

**HOME COMMUNIONS** – Yvonne Kennedy continues to take communion to those who wish to receive communion but are unable to attend Church. She is assisted by Kate Shrigley, who also calls on some of the parishioners, who request communion at home.

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