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Vicar's Foreword

It seems strange to see the photos of Christmas outreach scattered amongst 2024 events in our Easter magazine, but that is our rhythm of parish life. We seem to move quickly from Christmas celebrations, summer holidays and just get our church groups underway when we are suddenly in the middle of Lent. However, it is good to look back and see what we have cause to celebrate, the various ways that we have deepened relationships within the parish family and the various outreach connections with our wider community.

This edition of 'The Apostle' reflects the changes that we might experience in our own lives. We see new beginnings - Dave Finn leading our mainly music, the green stole presented to Reverend Christina Turner, Anne and Kiko embarking on their journey as a newly married couple - and we see journeys coming to an end with us - three of our youth heading away from home to begin tertiary study, and Kerry and Vaoa preparing to relocate to Melbourne to serve the parish of Altona. Our magazine also contains plenty to celebrate; the hard work of the Mission Shop team enabling money to be donated to many mission organisations in need, and after years of planning we can give thanks for the completion of two areas in the refurbishment project.

Please take note of the many activities which will occur in the coming months, whether that's social, outreach, or opportunities to deepen our spiritual lives. I encourage you to share the dates with others, as often when we invite someone we can be surprised by their positive response. Remembrance services, ANZAC Day service, and the Youth Open Day are just some of the ways we can connect with those who aren't Sunday regulars but are perhaps searching for a church where they feel welcome and included. Maybe that is us! †

Blessings,
Rev'd Louise Anderson

Louise

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Parish Life



'Open Doors' for a cuppa and chat during January



Coffee & K's in Stonefields - more photos on page 12



Summer combined congregation service at 9am



AAW in the Social Lounge for their meeting in March



John gives Sean some building instructions as the GA refurbishment begins



The show must go on! Morning tea duty in the midst of the refurbishment works

REGULAR MINISTRIES

Sunday Services	8am	Holy Communion.
	9:30am	Family Service with Holy Communion.
Wednesday Service	11:30am	Holy Communion.
Weekly Prayer	Thursday mornings in the Gathering Area at 9am. Come along or join via Zoom . Enter the Zoom online meeting ID: 959 1932 0025, or phone: +64 9 884 6780 and enter Passcode 1 #.	
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 Pope.	
Coffee & K's	Meets for a walk and coffee on the 4 th Saturday of each month. Contact Vaoa Davis.	
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 Dave Finn.	
Men's Ministry	Meets for breakfast, last Thursday of the month at 7:30am. 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 currently meets monthly on the 4 th Thursday. Contact Louise.	
WEF	A women's evening fellowship group. Meets monthly on 3 rd Tuesday at 7:30pm. Contact Jan Evans.	
Writing Group	Meets on the last Friday of every month at 10am. Contact Anne Priestley. <i>*On hiatus until June</i>	
Young Adults	Meets every 2 nd Sunday 4pm-6pm plus occasional social events. Contact Isobell Tregoweth.	
Youth	Ages 11+ at the 9:30am Sunday service, and alternate Fridays at 7pm. Contact Nic Mercer.	

Easter at St Aidan's, Remuera

Monday 25th March - Sunday 31st March 2024

Holy Week (Mon-Wed) 7pm Half Hour Reflective Services

Maundy Thursday 7pm Holy Communion Service & Foot Washing

Good Friday 9:30am Reflective Service

Easter Sunday
8am Holy Communion
9:30am Family Service & Holy Communion

Hunger Doesn't Take a Holiday

As the Auckland City Missioner, I live in a permanent state of hope, exposed to so much generosity and compassion every day, yet I also see the reality for many people who hope simply for basic necessities of housing, health care and food.

I know there is a better way forward – where every person has enough and the hope within us all can be realised. The new year is an apt time to consider this as we reflect on what's been and what can be.

With 1 in 5 New Zealanders currently living in poverty, compassion, generosity and hope are greatly needed. For those people, hunger doesn't take a holiday.

They are our neighbours, friends and people in our community. They are mums or dads bringing up children on their own, and people caring for chronically ill family. Some are in paid employment, others are unable. They are people for whom there is simply not enough money coming in to cover their expenses despite being the most careful budgeters.

In the last year, Auckland City Mission – Te Tāpui Atawhai provided the equivalent of about 2.4 million meals to families and individuals in need. Every week, we and our partner organisations welcome about a thousand families to collect food. They can then fill their kitchen with the basic household essentials

many of us take for granted – like fresh fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, canned food and meat or alternative protein. At Christmas we go one step further because every child should be able to enjoy the magic of opening presents.

As the Missioner, I am proud that with the support of generous New Zealanders, we assist people who need help. I see people coming together – giving time, goods or money – with a deep belief in a country where everyone can thrive. In equal parts, I'm dismayed our support is needed and hopeful for a better future. Imagine when every New Zealander can take a holiday and enjoy a great year. Dream of a country where every person's hope becomes their reality. Together this year, let's take steps towards that, let's be hopeful. †

Helen Robinson, City Missioner

Extract from Auckland City Mission news



QUIZ Night

\$20 per person
Tables of up to 8 people
Theme to be announced

Friday 26th July | 6:30pm for 7pm start
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ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday 25 April at 9:30am

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Pancake Day

It was great to gather together and celebrate Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, eat some yummy pancakes and indulge in happy conversation.

We had cooks of all ages, including some of our younger parishioners making their first attempt at flipping. With up to four electric pans frying at once, the pancakes were coming out hot and fast, and we kept on cooking for the whole event.

Thanks to everyone who brought food along, flipped the pancakes, and all the 'cleaner uppers' at the end.

We look forward to next year! †



**Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu aroha mai
Tātou i a tātou katoa
Hui ē tāiki ē!**

May peace be widespread
May the seas be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us all together!





Youth Blessing

Georgie has moved to attend Massey University for Bachelor of Veterinary Science Pre-Selection. So far she's going well, making friends in her hall, and has found a Christian group.

Niven is now at the University of Waikato and he will be studying Bachelor of Business, majoring in Accounting and Supply Chain Management. He is looking forward to uni life.

Hamish is studying a Bachelor of Sports and Recreation at Auckland University of Technology.

We pray God will give them the strength for what lies ahead in their academic studies and the big changes which come from moving out of home. †

Young Adults

We started the year off with a picnic in Mission Bay, reflecting on 2023 and looking forward to the year ahead.

We are using 'A Green Hill' Lenten study, which we are enjoying. This study is based on the old familiar hymn, "There is a green hill far away", written by Cecil Frances Alexander. †



Youth Update

We have made some changes to our usual programme this year, holding our Friday night group fortnightly instead of weekly. It had become clear that many of our youth were unable to come every week, so we decided that having one every fortnight would be a better fit for the time being. We will continue to review this and may go back to weekly in the future. Sunday mornings are continuing in the normal way.

Over the past few years Youth has always started by writing what we called our 'treaty' in the first Sunday session together. This was to set out what we wanted the group to be like and the kinds of rules and values our group members thought we should have. This year it was decided that we should try to summarise these values in a way which everyone could remember, and that we could show to others who were asked what youth group is all about. We came up with the acronym CALM - Community, Acceptance, Leadership, Manaakitanga. I'm excited that we now have something which shows the values embodying our youth group perfectly.

We are always open to new people, so if you're interested and keen to come along please email Nic (youth@staidans.co.nz) or just drop in. †

ST AIDAN'S YOUTH VALUES

Community

We are a community that wants to support and encourage each other in all that we do.

Acceptance

We welcome everyone from all walks of life - no one is left out.

Leadership

We are all leaders in our own way and look to take opportunities that push us beyond ourselves.

Manaakitanga

We are respectful and kind to everyone in our church congregation and the wider community.

Building Refurbishment Update

The building project is currently on track for the planned completion date of the end of March. The Stryde team have done a fantastic job and been very accommodating of our funerals and midweek activities working around these as possible. Huge thanks must go to John Glenie for the many hours and kilometres he has spent sourcing various products for the renovations and being the point of contact for numerous decisions and questions requiring responses. As a church we are indebted to his oversight of the project ensuring that we achieve the best outcome.

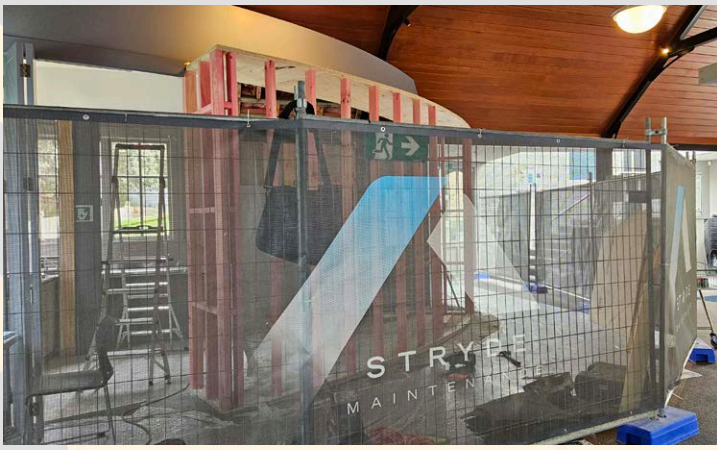
I will let the pictures speak for themselves but for those that like detail there have been a few small changes to the plans. The new vinyl in the toilet area was extended to include the foyer beyond the fire doors and up the stairwell removing some of the strange butting up of old vinyl alongside the new.

With the library planned relocation to the church wall side of the Gathering Area there was no need for the recessed area on the plans. The piano will return to its usual location once building is completed as the curve wall was retained. The change to the plan provided space for another small cupboard where in future the vacuum cleaner can be stored accessed from the toilet corridor.

Some adjustments have been made regarding the hotwater in the hall toilets. An alternative instant hot water system to the large, outdated cylinder under the stairs was installed for the new unisex toilets. This will serve all the basins in the area and a similar system will be considered for the hall kitchen. The advantage of this system is that we are not storing a large tank of hot water which is not required so it will reduce our power consumption.

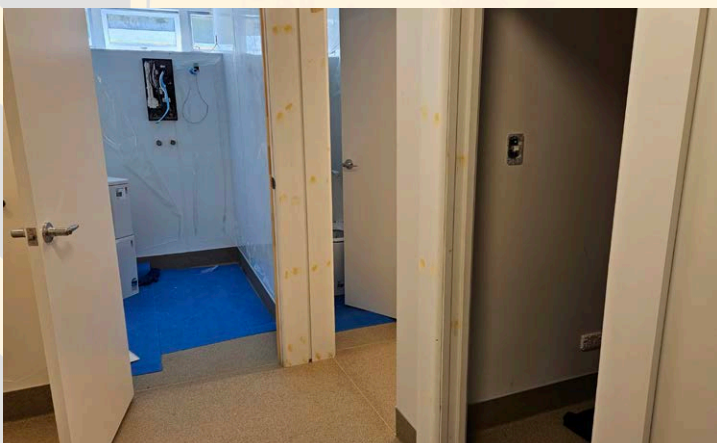
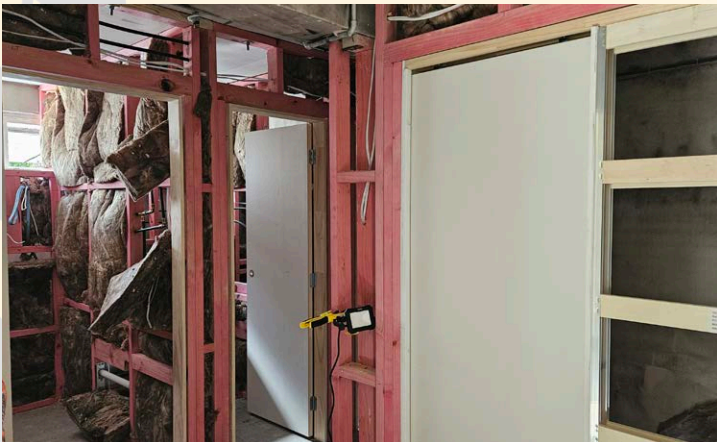
A huge thank you to all those who have prayed and contributed financially to our refurbishment project and we can all look forward to enjoying the new amenities that may be completed by the time this goes to print. †

Louise & the Building Team



Above: Gathering Area kitchen

Below: Hall toilets



Right: deliveries



St Aidan's Lenten Journey

The theme of our Lenten preaching series was 'THE PROMISE'. Based on the 'Unbounded Love' worship resource, the title is taken from Charles Wesley's well-loved hymn, 'Love divine'.

Throughout Lent we reflected together on the transforming power of God's pure and unbounded love, giving us an opportunity as a community of faith, nationally and locally, to prepare ourselves for Easter.

Lent 1 God's promise: Starting the journey. An introduction of the covenant and God's promise from Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15, illustrated by a piece of fabric with holes and tears.

Lent 2 God's promise: Be with us and forgive us. In Mark 8:31-38 Peter, who doesn't understand the ways of God, is invited to be a part of God's transforming promise by entering a way of living that has at its heart the steadfast and gracious love of God. God's promise, as it unfolds, develops, and transforms throughout the scriptures, can be likened to the journey a caterpillar makes as it becomes a butterfly.

Lent 3 Living out God's promise: Turning the tables, from John 2:13-22. As Jesus upended the tables of the money changers in the temple, what tables might need to be overturned in our own lives and in the world?

The illustration for this week was an overturned table.

Lent 4 God's promise: A global light. We know that we and this messy, but beautiful, universe are loved by God - John 3:14-21. We look forward to the time when everything that is broken will be fixed, illustrated by a globe of the world.

Lent 5 Living out God's promise: When all seems dark. Illustrated by seeds from John 12:20-33, which hold the promise of new life but we can't see what is happening to a seed underground. When going through a tough patch it can seem overwhelming, but then new life bursts forth.

Lent 6 God's promise is not bounded by human measures of worth. Mark 11:1-11. Listen out for this one on Palm Sunday. †



The Promise

St Aidan's Lenten Journey

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Congratulations Anne & Kiko

It is a huge honour to marry a couple that is known to you personally, and it was my privilege to journey with Anne and Kiko as they undertook marriage preparation which culminated in their special wedding one Tuesday evening in January.

With Anne's family in Australia and Kiko's widespread, a livestream recording connected their wider family. When they spoke their wedding vows I am sure that there was loud applause across the globe as Anne and Kiko said, "I do".

As they embark on their married lives together, those who are reaching their ruby and golden wedding anniversaries will be able to share lots of helpful tips about happy marriages. With the foundation of their marriage anchored in God, and the ongoing support of parishioners and friends we know they have begun this journey together well.

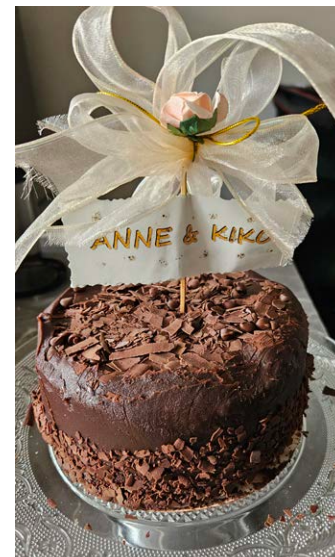
Louise

The decision to hold our wedding ceremony with only Louise as celebrant, and John and Isobell as witnesses, was a difficult but necessary one, and I hope you can forgive us. I do thank them all for their discretion, and am still amazed we were able to keep it under wraps right up until the livestream began.

Our very sincere thanks to everyone who has offered us their congratulations, cards, messages, and gifts. Special thanks to the ladies who organised a celebration morning tea on Sunday at such short notice for us (even though Kiko didn't make it!).

It is such an immense privilege to have such a wonderfully supportive network of Christian family and friends surrounding us here at St Aidan's. †

Anne & Kiko



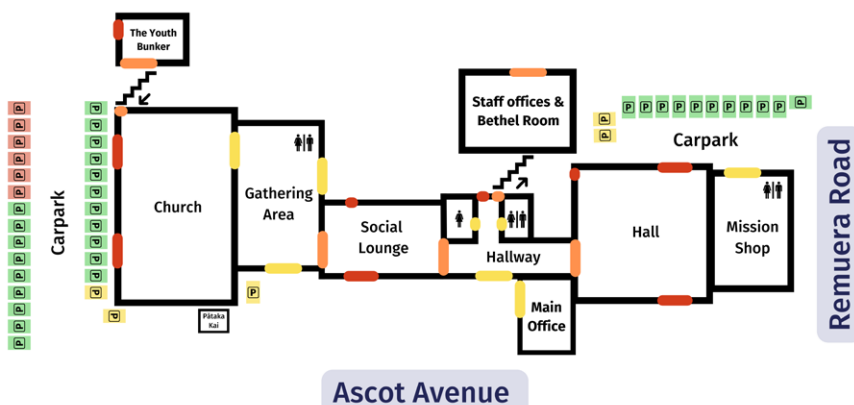
Site Map

This map was developed to assist new parishioners, Hall hirers, and Mission Shop customers to acquaint themselves with our facilities, and find their way around.

Although many of our parishioners and visitors have been familiar with the site for a long while, it can be a little confusing if you are new, especially getting to know the particular names of each different building and/or room.

Our thanks to Isobell for putting it together, initially for the Garage Sale, and now for regular use. †

ST AIDAN'S MAP



ACCESSIBILITY
Our Church, Gathering Area and Main Office are accessible, including by wheelchair, from at least one entry. All other areas of the property require one step or more to access. Please note that our Mission Shop has small aisles and is not wheelchair friendly.

Entrance	Up a level	Mobility
Entrance with stairs	Down a level	Regular
Emergency EXIT only	Bathrooms	Reserved Mon-Fri

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Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

Our group met together in the Social Lounge on Tuesday 5th March for the first meeting of 2024. We had a wonderful afternoon of fellowship after the long summer break. Unfortunately, due to ill health, our speaker (Paulene Murdoch) was unable to be present and Rosemary Atkins gave an impromptu talk on "The Importance of Saying Thank You". This was a story about the early days of her courtship with Peter.

We have some very interesting speakers arranged for our next few meetings and welcome anyone who would like to join us on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm beginning in the church, and then a speaker and fellowship time in the Gathering Area. †

Mary Parkinson



Home Groups

Praying together is a vital key to opening God's presence and work among His people in unique ways. Prayer is both vital and life sustaining.

Praying together allows us to release our burdens, find solace in God's presence, and experience His peace which surpasses all understanding.

Home group, house church, small groups, Bible study ... whatever you choose to call your gathering, it is a gathering of people who desire to connect with each other and to draw closer to God.

A challenge, especially to the retirement villages, is to start a prayer or study session. It can be as easy as reading a Psalm together and jointly discussing it. You will be surprised as to how refreshed you will feel after a Biblical focus!

There is no recipe for these groups, they are informal gatherings and each group develops a 'flavour' of its own.

As you explore the Bible you will be amazed how God used ordinary people to achieve His purposes.

A tiny seed grows to be a giant tree. Let us fertilise God's garden. †

Sheryl Swanevelder



Save the Date

ST AIDAN'S REMUERA FAMOUS ANNUAL

GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 14TH 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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Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20



Picture from www.prayables.com

If you are not already in a Home Group and would like to join, please speak to Louise or Sheryl who can put you in touch with one of our current group leaders.

Coffee & K's

We ended 2023 well as we were blessed to have another great turnout by our walkers. It took place around the Ōrākei Basin starting at the Ōrākei Bay Village following a trail along the edge of the inlet then up a pathway connecting with Upland Road and Shore Road leading back along the wooden walkway across the mangroves estuary back to our starting point in Ōrākei Village. We concluded the walk with a lovely brunch at the Ampersand Eatery enjoying fellowship, friendship and reflecting on the year. It was also a reminder that Christmas was fast approaching and many of us would be reuniting with family and friends.

The group welcomed 2024 with a special summer walk in January around Auckland's Botanical Gardens. It is usually a quiet period for our parish so it was a great way to be in touch with those still in town. Our scenic walk covered the various beautiful gardens and we saw some fascinating sculptures scattered throughout the expansive grounds. It was another good turnout of walkers and we were blessed with great weather. Our walk concluded with coffee, food and ice cream in the garden's lovely open-air café. Various art pieces are displayed in the main entrance building of the gardens which we were able to admire both before and after our walk was completed.

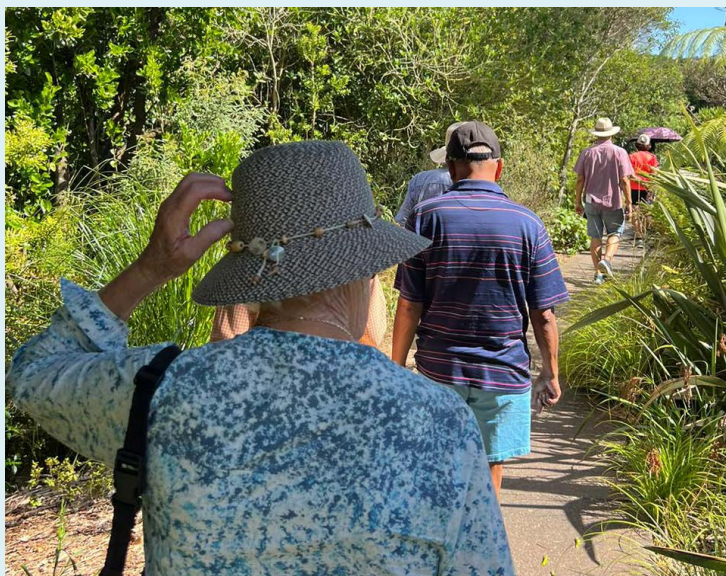
Our February walk was just over an hour along part of the Stonefields Heritage Trail which sits above the old quarry rock face. We were blessed to have more new faces join the group! The walk commenced from Charlie & George's Café along several residential streets in Stonefields, up a steep track towards Maungawhau (Mt Wellington) which leveled out on the ridge-top pathway giving a bird's eye view of the suburban development and wetlands below. The pathway has various carved pou (pole) along its route and places to stop and enjoy the view. Although the temperature read 24 degrees it felt much warmer! Continuing to brave the heat we eventually made it back to our starting point to enjoy a well-earned cool beverage and a bite to eat at Charlie and George's Café.

Coffee & K's meets on the fourth Saturday of the month. Come and join us. All are welcome! Nau mai, hāere mai!

As we journey during this season of Lent toward Easter, may each step we take move us closer to Christ. †

Vaoa Davis





St Aidan's Youth

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 11th May
11:30am - 2pm

Learn about our Youth Group
and Kids' Church programmes

Get a tour of the church

Free kai for lunch

Games and activities

Expression of interest to
youth@staidans.co.nz

See you there

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All welcome



Saying Farewell to Kerry & Vaoa

Our move to the Diocese of Melbourne

Vaoo and I are preparing to relocate to Melbourne in May. It is with great sadness we are leaving especially as we feel very much part of the St Aidan's parish family. As we had moved many times in the past while living overseas we had anticipated being settled and serving here for many years to come. But God certainly had other plans!

Kerry will take up the role of Vicar in the Parish of Altona. It has two worship centres not far from each other. St Clement's is located in Altona Meadows whereas St Eanswythe's is in the seaside suburb of Altona Beach about 13kms south west of Melbourne CBD. St Eanswythe's is the larger of the two churches and is where the vicarage is located. Its worship is of a more traditional nature and includes a Māori service whereas St Clements' services are more contemporary. It is quite a multi-cultural parish.

As we move to Altona we are once again stepping out in faith and feel that whatever challenges and blessings come our way God will strengthen us for the work that lies ahead in this new vineyard.

Our thoughts as we leave St Aidan's

Kerry: The enduring memory I will always carry with me about St Aidan's is the warm and welcoming manner in which the people here received us when we came to Sunday worship several years ago. We arrived that day as visitors but left feeling that we had found a new home. Since that first encounter, St Aidan's has remained supportive of us so the opportunity to serve here as Priest Associate from March 2022 was one that I could not let pass. I will miss the cheerfulness and faithful dedication of the St Aidan's people but I am sure that in our new location God will ensure that we are once again surrounded with the love and support of his faithful.

Vaoo: Reflecting on my journey in this parish, it has been a wonderful experience where I have had the honour to meet many of our parishioners and get to know them by attending both services on Sunday. That was one way I was able to build relationships and also have the privilege to be involved and support various activities in the parish which I have enjoyed! I come away feeling truly blessed to have made special friends and wonderful memories of the St Aidan's family. You have been warm, loving, supportive, and welcoming to me and my family! You will remain a huge part of my heart! Kia whakapāingia koutou kātōa e te Atua! God bless you all! †

Kerry and Vaoo's last service at St Aidan's is on Sunday 5th May when we will have only one service with combined congregations at 9am, followed by a parish farewell lunch.

All parishioners, friends and extended whānau are welcome to attend.



Kerry & Vaoo



As we look back on the last two years it has gone very quickly.

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26



KERRY & VAOA FAREWELL

Sunday 5th May

One service at 9am

**Followed by morning tea
with lunch starting 11:15am**



Green Stole Welcome Gift

A green stole was presented from St Aidan's to Reverend Christina Turner to mark the beginning of her ordained ministry. Christina was ordained a deacon in November and joined us here in February. The colour green is worn in the liturgical calendar during ordinary time and seemed fitting as that is the time of ministry away from the major festivals when as people, we carry our faith into our day to day lives and connect with those around us. Thanks to the creative skills of Elizabeth Kimberley, the seamstress from the South Island, the stole's imagery can represent many things, so I will leave Christina to comment on what she sees in her new stole.

Louise

The beautiful ribbon effect that flows across the stole is for me a reminder that God works in and through the lives and stories of all people - seeking to gather and to draw all people towards One who is both loving and kind. The variety of colours and patterns also illustrates that even though our stories maybe different, God's promise, revealed to us in both wonderful and immeasurable ways, remains steadfast and true. I am very grateful for this most beautiful gift and it will be a wonderful reminder to me of God's love for us as I continue on in my ministry. Thank you. †

Christina Turner



Security Camera Installation

The cameras installed around the church site in the latter part of 2023 have proven to be a helpful tool on a number of occasions already.

Several instances of dumping - clothes dumped at 2am outside the Gathering Area, and an instance of someone's unwanted garden refuse - were captured on film.

Perhaps the most helpful use of the camera was capturing footage of five intruders, a couple of whom climbed over our fence to access a neighbour's property. We were able to see them waiting on our grounds and leaving in their vehicle, but not before the number plate was caught on camera. This information was passed on to the police and to the neighbour concerned.

Who knew how busy St Aidan's could be in the middle of the night?! †



Pātaka Kai

Our Pātaka Kai is a place for us to share food with one another and with the wider community, to ensure we don't waste kai and help each other at the same time.

As particular fruits and veggies come into season you might have some to spare. Please consider bringing any excess with you to church and leaving in the kai cupboard. In our current economy it is in high demand, so let's share the blessings God has given us with our friends and neighbours as much as we are able. †



Mission Shop

The total amount of money raised in 2023 was over \$17,000, a very pleasing amount after three lean Covid years. See the Charitable Purposes Group article in the next column for how this has been distributed.

In January we had four days of working bees, so thanks to the volunteers who had time to spare and pop in to help, all donations were quickly sorted and three big bags went out to ATWC. We also had some cash customers call in so we started the year with a very healthy bank balance. The first few weeks have been very good. Op shopping is becoming quite fashionable!

After hearing that the Love Grace Handbag Appeal was up and running again, we were able to donate some of the items on their list from our stock that hasn't sold well, like scarves and costume jewellery. All the collected items go to the Women's Refuge.

We have ordered new teardrop flags, as the current flags are ten years old and have worn out. We have lost three long term volunteers, however we advertised in the Sunday newsletter and on our Facebook page and managed to find replacements.

At the moment we have two student volunteers, Ria and Rena from Epsom Girl's Grammar, the twin daughters of our parishioner Anette. They are helping out on a Saturday, and we are finding them willing and very helpful. It is a pleasure to have them with us.

The Mission Shop will be closed on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and also ANZAC Day which falls on a Thursday this year. †

Jenny Haggitt

Storm and Anne modelling some of the Mission Shop's stock during their volunteer shift



Charitable Purposes Group

A wonderful total was raised by the Mission Shop last year. These funds are given to the work of various missions, and in December we distributed the total to the following charities:

- † Anglican Board of Missions emergency appeal in Gaza
- † NZCMS for our mission partners in Costa Rica
- † Anglican Trust for Women & Children
- † Auckland City Mission
- † Local Chaplaincies
- † Christian Broadcasting Association
- † CWS for NZ and global disasters
- † Two local budgeting and Prisoner support services

Barbara Weir

Stair Handrails

Following an accident by one of our Hall hirers last year, we had been investigating the idea of a second central handrail for the Hall foyer stairs. This issue became more urgent in January when a second accident broke the rail from its fixtures on the wall.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, when the repairs were undertaken, the railing was found to have been very precariously attached. David has since installed a reinforcement panel to strengthen and anchor the railing before reattaching it.

As part of the refurbishment project the new central handrail should also have been installed by the time you read this. †



Crafts Page

Easter Chicks Wool Craft

You will need:

- » Thick cardboard (e.g. part of an old box)
- » Yellow wool
- » Orange cardboard
- » Googly eyes or black dots drawn on circles of card
- » Scissors
- » Hot glue/hot glue gun

Cut egg shapes out of the thicker cardboard.

Carefully hot glue the end of your wool to the back of the cardboard egg shape and begin wrapping it around the egg, up and down, side to side, until the cardboard egg is completely covered with wool.

Cut a small diamond out from your orange card, bend in half to form a beak, and glue to the centre of your chick. Then cut out two little feet from your orange card and glue to the bottom back of your chick.

Now glue two googly (or drawn cardboard) eyes above the beak and your chick is complete. †



Weave a harakeke whetu (flax star) for Matariki

Step 1 - You will need four weaving strands (wha whenu). Start with two rau (leaves/spears). Fold the spear over, shiny sides facing. Insert your thumb nail approx 5mm from inner rib and pierce the flax. Run your thumb nail up the edge from the bottom, stripping the edge off. Repeat with outer edge. Run your thumb between the two halves to divide the spear in half. Trim some of the woody excess from the bottom with scissors. Repeat with the other spear so that you have four lengths.

Step 2 - Trim to 2.5mm wide. Scrape dull side with butter knife three times to make more flexible. (Start from the middle working out to both ends.) Top and tail.

Step 3 - Windmill knot

- a) Take one set and hold vertically just shy of the mid-way point with your left hand. Wrap once around your hand in a downward motion.
- b) Take the other top and tailed set and, holding at the same point midway along their length, slide them horizontally between the two sections in your hand.
- c) Wrap the right hand end of the horizontal set, in a left to right direction around the back of your hand and back over the left sided vertical strands.
- d) Insert through the top right side loop. Now carefully pull all the ends and remove your hand. This is a windmill knot.

Turn the knot over.

- a) Start with the top left strip. Fold backwards at 45 degrees. Fold forwards to make another 45 degree angle. Fold both together and push the tail through the loop below. Repeat for all other left points.
- b) Turn the star over and make the points in same way on this side.
- c) Trim any excess with scissors and gift to your friends and whānau. †



THE Jelly Bean PRAYER

- Red is for the blood he gave
- Green is for the grass he made
- Yellow is for the sun so bright
- Orange is for the edge of night
- Black is for the sins we made
- White is for the grace he gave
- Purple is for his hour of sorrow
- Pink is for our new tomorrow.



An egg full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet is a prayer, a promise, a loved one's treat!

Welcome to our new mainly music Coordinator David Finn



The mainly music programme has started for 2024 and we welcome David Finn as our new Coordinator. Dave has been coming along for quite some time with his own children, first Jos and now Naema, and has taken on the leading role with enthusiasm and skill.

Ablly assisted by our wonderful weekly volunteers, Vaoa and Hannah (pictured below with the Christmas celebration bags), and our rostered team handling the morning tea, we look forward to another exciting year of music, dance, and play. †



Easter Candle - 31st March 2024

This year's Easter Candle theme centres around God's faithful love.

The illustrations painted on the candle include various symbols of God's love, some of His precious gifts to us:

- † The Bible
- † Noah's dove
- † The Communion cup
- † Prayer
- † Loaves and fishes.

"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love." †

Harold Coop



PRAYER CIRCLE

Pastoral care through prayer support for specific needs.

Send us the name of the person who needs prayer. If you would like to provide further information, please keep it brief e.g. health, relational. We pray for people holistically.

Contact Karel or write a note and leave it in the Prayer Circle box in the Gathering Area.

karelblee@gmail.com | 027 326 1014

Information remains confidential

Christmas Events



Kids' Church lighting the candles of the wreath during Advent.



We had perfect weather for the 2023 'Carols on the Vicarage Lawn' and sausage sizzle.



St Aidan's carollers were invited to sing at Sibuns' inaugural 'Tribute in Lights'!



Mary and Joseph were our special guests for 'Carols on the Vicarage Lawn'!



Our annual 'Carolling in the Community' began on Remuera Road before moving on to sing at both Bupa Remuera and Oceania Meadowbank, where many of the residents enthusiastically joined in.



Cantemus Choir presented Lessons and Carols on the first Sunday of Advent. This was a wonderful evening and a very professional presentation. Just under 200 people attended. A large collection of toys and gifts, along with koha for the evening, was given to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

Pins & Needles

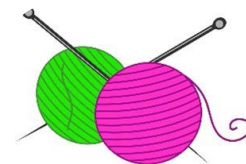
The first meeting of the year was in February with 13 ladies present. Despite the hot summer when knitting is not necessarily as popular, a surprising number of gorgeous garments were brought in. It was lovely to see everyone and to catch up with stories of their festive season and holidays.

We recently sent a box of garments to Wiki Davis, a community midwife in Northland who sent a lovely letter of appreciation. It was suggested by one of our group that where possible could we continue to provide some knitted garments to those areas of the north that need warm clothing for children.

Over the Christmas break we were able to sort our stock of yarn, knitting needles and knitting patterns and distribute some to other knitting groups. We feel it's better that the yarn be made into garments and used rather than sit in a box in storage.

We are fortunate to have a sewer who has recently joined the group and very happy to sew little garments for the "angel babies" – Zoya has made beautiful little cocoons to lay the babies in all beautifully finished with ribbon and lace making sure that these little ones are not forgotten.

We are now in autumn and we look forward to continue meeting, exchanging stories, ideas and patterns and continuing to make garments for those who need to be kept warm and cosy over the coming winter months. †



Gail Hodder



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

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Recipes



Rewena Bread

Rewena bread is a traditional Māori bread made from fermented potatoes. It is a perfect addition to any Matariki feast.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 cup boiled, mashed potatoes
- 2 cups warm water
- 1/2 cup sourdough starter*

METHOD

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, salt, and sugar.

In a separate bowl, mix together the mashed potatoes and warm water until smooth.

Add the sourdough starter* to the potato mixture and stir until well combined.

Pour the potato mixture into the flour mixture and stir until a dough forms. Knead the dough on a floured surface for 10-15 minutes.

Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover with a cloth, and let it sit in a warm place for 6-8 hours.

Preheat your oven to 220°C.

Punch down the dough and shape it into a round loaf.

Place the loaf on a greased baking sheet and let it rise for another 30 minutes.

Bake the bread for 35-40 minutes, or until it is golden brown.

**If you don't have sourdough starter, use 1 tablespoon of dried yeast mixed with the sugar and some of the warm water, and allow approx. 15-30 minutes for the yeast to grow.*



Hāngī Roast Lamb

Hāngī is a traditional Māori cooking method that involves cooking food in an earth oven. This recipe is for a hāngī-style roast lamb, which can be cooked in a regular oven.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 leg of lamb
- 2 onions, peeled and quartered
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 potatoes, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp garlic powder

METHOD

Preheat your oven to 160°C.

Mix together the salt, cumin, coriander, smoked paprika, and garlic powder in a small bowl.

Rub the spice mixture all over the lamb leg.

Place the lamb leg in a roasting pan.

Add the onions, carrots, and potatoes to the pan.

Pour the water into the pan.

Cover the pan tightly with foil.

Roast the lamb in the oven for 3-4 hours, or until it is cooked through and tender. †

Food plays an integral role in the celebration of Matariki, the Māori New Year. Traditional Māori Food Recipes are often prepared and shared during Matariki feasts, bringing together friends and whānau to commemorate the past and look towards the future. For more recipes visit matariki.co.nz/recipes/

Women's Evening Fellowship



Women's Evening Fellowship held our annual Christmas carols and desserts evening at the end of November.

After singing carols, I had the privilege of presenting Louise with a large gift basket filled with donations from members, recognising the year Louise has had and the fact she still manages to care for everyone else. This was followed by a delicious array of desserts.

For our first meeting of 2024 in February our guest speaker was Margie Vincent who founded the Family Centre in Romania.

Margie first visited Romania in 1999 to facilitate training in foster care and social work. One month turned into seven years, and during this time Margie founded and established the Family Centre. It is a place where families find support to keep their children, as the service offers social work, day care, mums' support group, parenting courses, cooking classes, and assistance with food.



Twenty three years later the centre continues through financial contributions and Margie's faith and commitment to God.

A very interesting, informative and inspirational talk by Margie who is back in New Zealand at the moment. †

Jan Evans

Community Noticeboard



Midwinter Christmas Concert

Saturday 6 July 2024, 7:30pm–9:30pm

Gather friends and family for a festive, candlelit concert of joyful Christmas baroque music at St Luke's Church, 130 Remuera Road, Remuera.

Enjoy Corelli's Xmas concerto, beautiful carols, and highlights from Handel's Messiah sung by soprano Rowena Simpson and tenor Jack Timings. Then join us for a supper of Xmas treats including mulled wine and Christmas mince tarts.

Earlybird: \$65.00 each
(Available until Sunday 23 June)
Full Price: \$85.00 each
Student: \$20.00 each
Buy Tickets – 0508 iTICKET (484-253)



Mānawatia
a Matariki

Matariki Events

Matariki is a time of reflection, celebration and preparation. The three key principles for Matariki are:

Matariki Hunga Nui - Remembrance

Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.

Matariki Ahunga Nui - Celebrating the Present
Gathering together to give thanks for what we have.

Matariki Manako Nui - Looking to the Future
Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Matariki is a time for us to gather and celebrate with those around us. This year, the theme 'Matariki Kāinga Hokia' encourages us to return home and be with our loved ones, however that may look.

Find out what events are happening near you:
www.matariki.com/events



An exhibition of multi-sensory virtual and physical artworks that speak to the wonder of nature and its capacity for transformation and renewal.

Artwork by Cathedral artist in residence, Karen Sewell, and Gabriela Drees-Holz.

WHERE? St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity, 446 Parnell Rd

WHEN? 28 March - 7 April

10am - 3pm Monday to Saturday

12pm - 3pm Sunday

Holy Trinity Cathedral

FRIDAY 29 MARCH

Good Friday - Te Paraire Pai

3pm Good Friday Service Cathedral Nave

SATURDAY 30 MARCH

The Great Vigil of Easter - Te Rā i mua i te Aranga

8pm The Great Vigil of Easter Cathedral Nave



From the Registers

December 2023
to March 2024

Weddings

Narineh Avansian & Jason Smith
Christynn Sim & Hans Wijaya
Anne Godman & Falakiko Funaki

Funerals

Murray Spicer
Shirley Bevins
Gilian Melville
Lynda Benveniste
Pamela Beeche
Jacqueline Nicoll

Endowment Trust

Thank you on behalf of future parishioners.

What is the Endowment Trust?

The Endowment Trust was established in 2014 to help secure the financial future of St Aidan's in good times and bad. It is managed by the General Trust Board of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland who ensure that the investment of the capital fund is secure and when appropriate they distribute the income.

Where can you find out more?

A [pamphlet](#) is downloadable from our website, or available from our Gathering Area, with more details about the Trust. If you would like to speak to someone further about the Endowment Trust please contact Russell Florence or John Priestley. ↑

Giving to St Aidan's



Scan to see your options for supporting the work of St Aidan's financially.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Matariki weekend

More information to come

Newcomer's Lunch

We will be holding a Newcomer's Lunch in the near future. If you are new(ish) to the Parish we invite you to come for lunch and hear from some of our key staff and group leaders about St Aidan's and our many ministries.

Watch out for more information soon, date to be confirmed, most likely late May or early in June. ↑

Matariki Shared Lunch

Sunday 30th June 2024
After the 9:30am service
Bring a plate to share



Kids' Zone



Kids' Church

Last year's Kids' Christmas Eve service was a hit! We hosted a Christingle Service with songs, a scavenger hunt, a trivia game, storytime, and a DIY Christingle. It was great to see older kids getting involved in the scavenger hunt and DIY Christingle, the little ones have fun shaking the jingle bells and eating their Christingles, and parents and grandparents helping the kids or making their own!

We kicked off 2024 with our annual Blessing of the Backpacks Service. In Kids' Church, we made keychains for our backpacks that can act as reminders to share our lives with God while we're out and about.

This year's theme, "Jesus colours our lives when we let Him into our hearts!" is a nice reminder to share our lives with Jesus. Whether this is through praying every day, coming to Kids' Church on Sundays, reading a Bible story every once in a while, or all of the above, I hope this reminds the kids to welcome Jesus into their hearts and lives. †

Izzi Hoskyn



Easter Word Search

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 N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
 A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
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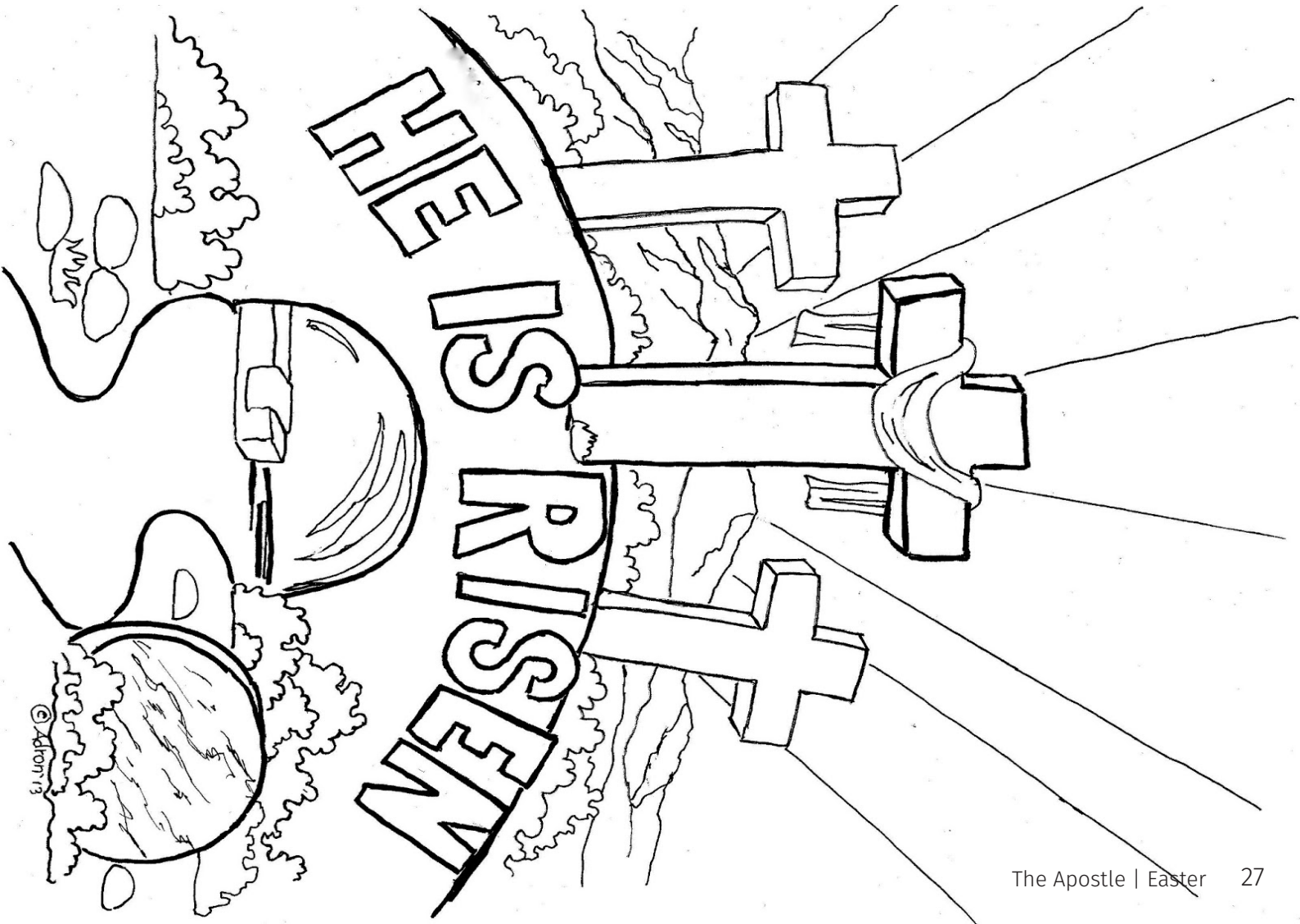
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