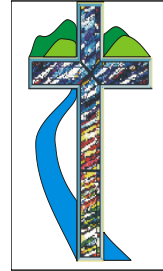


PARISH OF
OPAWA ST MARTINS
ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S
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NEWSLETTER— APRIL / MAY 2017

PARADOX

A reflection for Holy Week by Jean Shewan

Anointed for burial
 Yet still living;
 A man carries water
 A sign giving;
 A meal becomes a banquet
 Of loving memorial:
 A mans kisses his master
 In rough betrayal;

Jesus' followers desert him
 Before the cock crows;
 The crowd who shout "Crucify"
 His innocence knows:
 Darkness comes at midday
 The curtain tears apart:
 Death by crucifixion
 But still held in God's heart.

The mystery continues
 Through each Holy Week:
 Two thousand years on
 The answers we seek:
 And so I ask myself
 If I'd been there that day
 Which way would I have gone?
 toward the cross, or run away?

But the best news of all
 Is still to be heard,
 Jesus is risen triumphant
 Despite acts of this world:
 Loving forgiveness eternal
 Is given to everyone:
 And Jesus lives for ever

It is with a degree of surprise that I offer my interim Priest In Charge report to this 2017 AGM – seventeen months after my first contact with you. I'm sure that many of us would have anticipated that a new Vicar would be chairing this meeting. Perhaps we might even have anticipated a start on repair work at St. Mark's? But God's ways are not our ways. We are on a journey of trust in our passenger-less waka. God doesn't ask us to map out the route or plot the timeline. We are simply called to engage in the journey – to climb aboard, to negotiate the rapids, to be carried on the currents, to rest and take stock in calm waters.....and to notice the changing landscape around us....

We who are left to paddle the OSM waka are entrusted with a taonga – the Good News of Jesus Christ. *What does that Good News mean for you?* May each of us live it with courage and conviction

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For information about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, house Blessings or Home

SERVICES FOR APRIL / MAY 2017

Sundays

8.00 am Eucharist at St Anne's

10.00 am Eucharist and Children's Church at St Anne's.

Wednesdays

10.00am: Eucharist in St Mark's Lounge.

Special Occasions:

Palm Sunday April 9 : Services as usual with procession round the Church at 10.00 am

Maundy Thursday April 13: Service of Eucharist and foot washing at 7.30 pm

Good Friday April 14: Service of Reflection at 10.00 am.

Easter Sunday April 16: 8.00 am Eucharist at St Anne's

10.00am Eucharist and Children's Church at St Anne's

REGULAR MEETINGS:

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: groups meet every Sunday at St Anne's during the 10.00 am Service.

'mainly music' One session at 9.30 am every Tuesday in term time at St Mark's.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS: at least one group will meet sometime over the weekends in term time,. Check with Hugh Williams for details

STUDY GROUPS:

Anabasis Group: meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30pm, Contact Barbara Tonkin ph 981 1612 for details.

Thursday Group; meets first and third Thursdays of each month at the home of Betty Scull. Enquiries to Jean Shewan ph 326 5234

Weekly Thursday Afternoon Study Group: is at St Anne's 1.15pm to 2.45pm, Contact The Rev'd Helen ph. 027 657 7947

St Anne's Group Friendship Group meets on the last **Tuesday of the month** at 1.30 pm. All welcome. Contact Colleen Cook ph 337 1824.

UFO Craft Group: in recess at present. Is there anyone out there who would be keen to take the leadership of this ? There have been enquiries about it. Contact the Office or the Wardens if you can help.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?.

Repairs to St Mark's: A meeting was recently held on 24th March between the parish Building sub-committee and Church Property Trustees representatives who comprised two CPT Project Managers for the St Mark's repair, the architect Steven Crooks (Chapman Crooks), and the engineer Mark Bellamy (Aurecon). The CPT project team presented a proposed repair scope solution and plans that will meet 34% of NBS, for the parish to consider, along with a priced proposal to repair the leaks to the foyer flat roofed area (including office, toilets and kitchen roof). The pricing indication from CPT for taking the church to 34% of NBS is a cost to the parish of approximately \$5,500; however, there may be a small additional cost incurred to relevel the Chancel area. Repair of the leaking foyer roof membrane will be in the order of \$100,000, and this is not within the scope of CPT repair (i.e. not caused by earthquake damage) so would need to come from parish funds.

Following a Diocesan Roadshow in late 2016, we were also made aware that funds gained from the sale of Church Property remains with the parish, and allows the parish to re-invest in plant, rather than profits being returned to the Diocese. Note, however, that Standing Committee and the Bishop have to approve the sale of property and the use of funds. This therefore provides the parish a unique funding opportunity for revisioning the parish property portfolio. The Building Committee will be meeting ahead of next month's Vestry meeting to make recommendations to Vestry as to a possible pathway forward for the parish.

In the year ahead, we look towards a possible return to using our St Mark's site, once repaired, and look with joy at returning to worship there once more.

Advertising Posters: As Karen announced at the 10.00 am service, a new scheme of hiring posters has been launched. These are large coloured and have a selection of slogans which will catch the eye. Cost is \$50 per month and parishioners are invited to sponsor this hire.

Finance / Stewardship: our income for last year and the coming year is significantly under budget and we have some large maintenance items to be dealt with. Wardens and vestry members are trying to find a suitable strategy to overcome this.

Jumble Sale Saturday April 29 at St Anne's

Maintenance: there is still some work to be done to the St Mark's Vicarage. The wardens will arrange a working bee for this. The newly laid driveway has had to be repaired and we will spend \$1400 + GST to seal the area nearest the road. St Anne's kitchen floor is in urgent need of replacement, and this will be done asap. We are hoping also to patch the drive way if funds allow.

Additional Income: the St Mark's Vicarage will be rented out from the end of March to a family associated with the parish. This was organised after the last vestry meeting.

Next Worship Roster: If you are unavailable during the next roster period (7 May to 25 June) please leave a message at the Parish Office (Ph 980 9983 or e mail: opawa.stmartins@gmail.com)