



Devonshire Tea and Music in the Garden - On Friday 11th October at 10:30am, Nicola Berthelsen, the Waimea Senior Care Co-ordinator for the Anglican Diocesan, will host Devonshire tea and music in the lovely grounds at "Aldourie" on Aldurie Road, Waimea West. The ticket price of \$15 per person includes formal musical entertainment by capable students of voice, violin, flute and dance. A tasty morning tea of fresh scones accompanied by homemade jam and cream with tea or coffee will also be served. Tickets are limited. They will be available from the first week of September at Scissor Art in Brightwater and on Monday 9th and 23rd September between

11:30am and 1:00pm at St Paul's Community Church office, Waimea West Road, Brightwater. For further information please contact Nicola Berthelsen after 7pm. Ph: (03) 541 9225

Mission Giving - Next week we will have a speaker from Barnabas Fund who will speak to us about the persecuted church. It is a timely opportunity for us to remember those overseas and especially our financial support for mission.

Vestry, in consultation with our Mission Action Group, has committed to giving \$12,000 to the Anglican Missions Board for distribution overseas.

Thank you to those of you who do contribute faithfully either through the church system or individually. At the end of July we should have given \$5,542 but our actual giving was only \$3,117. That's a shortfall of \$2,424! (We have given \$403, through the church, for other missions.)

Please prayerfully consider how much you give to missions. You can give through the church envelope system (Sue Paine Phone:544 0395 email: sueniven@xtra.co.nz) or through the mission envelopes in the pews, or by direct payment to our bank account: 06 0705 0360452 00 Reference 120-20

Thank you - Susan.

Determined Worship - School of Theology 2013. 10.00am – 3.00pm Friday and Saturday 20/21 September. Speakers include: Dr Chris Holmes, *Otago University*, Dr. Sarah Harris, *Carey Baptist College*.

Venue: All Saints Church Foyer, 30 Vanguard St, Nelson

For more information and book on line: www.bishopdale.ac.nz/news or enquire: office@bishopdale.ac.nz



Notes from the Vestry...



St Alban's - With the colder weather attendance is still down slightly. Still having working bees to finish cleaning up the wood from the felled trees with only some of the big logs left to deal with.

Finance - The recent Finance Team meeting once again discussed the ongoing issue of giving being down on all fronts. The problem of our giving not keeping up with our budgeted expenditure is an ongoing issue. It was agreed that a presentation to each Sunday service about finances will take place in the near future.

Church Attendance - Attendance extracted from Annual statistics for last 3 years:

Year	2011	2102	2013
Attendance	7124	7602	7972 (estimated)

So growth is slow but gradual. (Note this year's statistics do include 2 x Tongan services). Any service on our premises that we have a part in is included.) Attendance is very steady considering our population is aging and several have moved into homes or become unwell and do not attend regularly any more. Generally there is a sense of the positive in our congregations. We are becoming more missionally minded but it will take some time for this to really have an impact on our community.

Outreach - Lunch on the Hill – 40 guests!! God is really blessing this ministry. The purchase of Hall crockery from Southern Hospitality was discussed. The Vestry approved the purchase of a 50 place setting of including dinner plates, side plates, soup and dessert bowls, knives, forks and soup and dessert spoons.

Strategic Plan - The Proposed vision statement is "Loving Jesus; Building Community" The draft mission statement is "Deepening worship, touching the heart of God in prayer, developing strong relationships in Christ's Body, transforming the Richmond and Waimea communities through the power of the Holy Spirit" Discussions are continuing on vision vs. mission and defining statement. *The Mission of God's People* by Chris Wright is our framework for thinking missionally.

The Lantern - Concept as an outward facing communication in *The Waimea Weekly* discussed. Layout idea from Jacob Klootwyk presented. The concept was agreed to in principle and is to be discussed further and funding options investigated.

2014 - The centenary of the Great War is next year and was raised by Bradley Wells. Bradley to research Parish, Diocese and RSA records with a view to remembrance of those from our church who died in the war.

The next Vestry meeting is on Wednesday 28 August

Reflection questions:

- What is your understanding of being a bridge?
- Why is this concept important—or not?
- How do you / can you contribute?
- When you 'volunteer' do you acknowledge that your Christian faith underlies your service—if not, why not?



Confession

Holy Father, forgive us.

Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves.

Though you should rule us, we control ourselves.

Though you should fulfil us, we console ourselves.

For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free.

But they are not!

And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

We are truly sorry for the pain that results from our sin and that of those who have gone before us.

Free us from the desires that belong to darkness.

Shine your light and bring your truth.

We pray this for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us.

Amen.

Absolution

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the blood of Jesus Christ.

May God give you pardon and peace, bring cleansing to you and healing to all who have worshipped in this place, in the past, present and future.

I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Accept the forgiveness Christ freely offers and walk in the freedom bestowed on you as a child of God.