

THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN PARISH

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Kawhatau

The Batley Memorial
Chapel
Moawhango

St George's Church
Mataroa

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THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Well, this certainly turned into a year that we won't forget in a hurry! A difficult year for many around New Zealand, but aren't we blessed to be here, rather than in most other countries.

As we now move towards the Christmas season, I wonder if we will approach it with a different viewpoint to usual. Instead of getting caught up in the usual mad rush of buying presents, making and eating too much food, dashing to heaps of end of year events, and forgetting what this season is about, maybe we might slow down a little and remember what is most important. Maybe this year has helped us re-evaluate what is actually important to us. For many, time with family is more valuable than all the presents in the world. Maybe, as Christians, we might reflect more on what Christmas actually represents.

Perhaps we might be part of making a difference this Christmas, by choosing, often in the face of consumerism and extra busyness, to make Christmas what it should be - a joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus that enriches our hearts and the community around us, not a retail extravaganza that empties our bank account and often exhausts our spirits.

Let us enter into the true spirit of Christmas by worshipping fully, because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus. Let us give more of ourselves, because our presence is so much more life-giving than any present we would give.

Christmas, all that it means, can change the world, when we Christians live out what Jesus is all about.

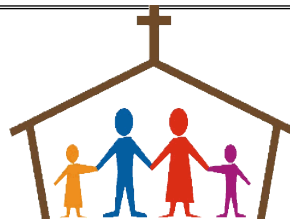
May you know this Christmas season the fullness and blessing of a joy-filled life as you worship Jesus, in spirit and in truth.

Amen

Rev. Tracey Peters

Children's Services for 2020

Children's Service December 20th 9:30am St Margaret's Church
Mainly Music Christmas session 10 December 9:30 @ St David's hall



Special Dates for 2020

All at St Margaret's Church unless otherwise specified.

November

- 12 Nov Fellowship Group meeting—Café Telephonique @ 2pm
- 13 Nov Missions : **Coffee & Dessert evening**, J Riach, 30 Paradise Tce, @ 7pm
- 22 Nov Thanksgiving Service for Dawn Illston 9:30am (all who know Dawn, are welcome to be part of this special service)
- 23 Nov T.A.S. "Thank you" Concert -Time to be advised on our Facebook page
- 24 Nov Psalm 23 tour by Bishop Ellie, All Saints Palmerston North @ 7pm
- 25 Nov Psalm 23 tour by Bishop Ellie, Christ Church Whanganui @ 7pm
- 29 Nov Michael Hartfield, Missions Speaker 9:30am

December

- 5 Dec Combined Churches Christmas Parade—Organised by St Mary's.
- 6 Dec *Combined Service 9 lessons & Carols with Children's band 9:30am*
- 8 Dec Blue Christmas 5:30pm
- 13 Dec **Mataroa Carol Service 2pm**
- 20 Dec *Children's Service 9:30am*
- 21 Dec *Ordinations—St Pauls Wellington 10am-3pm*
- 20 Dec **Kawhatau Carol Service 7pm**
- 23 Dec **Moawhango Carol Service 5:30pm**
- 24 Dec **Christmas Eve 8pm**
- 25 Dec **Christmas Day 9:30am**



Pastoral Care Team

Each year during December, St Margaret's organises special projects and gifts for different areas of our community. This year, we are asking for donations of the small cheese and cracker packs and the small jellies from New World to add to the Meals on Wheels Christmas packs.

Psalm 23 tour.

Tracey is going to the Psalm 23 in Palmerston North with Lis on the 24th Nov, and we have room for 2 more people if anyone wants to join us. There is also another one in Whanganui. If anyone wants to take a car load of people then let Lis know so she can co-ordinate this.

**Stewardship
St Margaret's Donations**

Cattle Scheme

This involves 'farming' cattle on your property. Further information can be gained from Mike Cottrell
Phone 3880035

Annual Donation

This is a quarterly or half yearly or annual donation, that will be receipted.

Please contact Heather Gilbert for further information Ph. 3880762

Envelope Giving

This involves putting your 'weekly' church offertory money in an envelope that will be receipted annually...you will be supplied with the envelopes. These are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued on request.

Please contact Heather Gilbert for further information Ph. 3880762

On Line Banking

With COVID—19, the current banking system, and the moving away from carrying cash, many prefer to make their weekly giving by internet banking.

If this is your preference, please put your name as "reference", allocation to missions, TAS (for TAS Breakfast), donation, or leave blank if general giving and add your envelope number if you have one. This ensures you receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

Bank Account number is 02-0760-0020047-00.

Thank you for your continued support for our Parish and Missions groups.



Looking after our Church gardens at St Margaret's Church

What a wonderful display of spring bulbs and blossoms we have had over the last few weeks. The gardens are much easier care now, thanks to the continued spraying programme Vicki and David have been doing over the last few months. We had some serious overgrowth of convolvulus and other hardy weeds which are now getting under control. We are awaiting our delivery of mulch and once received, we will be putting out the call for helpers to spread this on the garden beds. This will be on a Saturday, date to be advised. So if you feel you can help out, contact Sheryl or David or leave a message on our Church phone and we will get back to you. Each working bee has been such a lot of fun and a good social time together.

Please let David or Sheryl know if you want to be included on the list for further working bees. We will need your phone number or email address to contact you in case of being rained off. If you find it easier to work on your own, in your own time, ask Sheryl or David what needs to be done. We will have updates on times and dates on our Facebook page. Just search for St Margaret's Taihape.

Thank you for those stealthy gardeners who give up some time in your day when you are able, to help keep the gardens neat and tidy.

Contact: Sheryl on 022 100 4607 or David on 021 022 26994

Taihape Area School Breakfast Club

Taihape Anglican Parish invites you to be part of this community support programme, This is a wonderful social occasion for them and often youngsters have a second breakfast with their friends and have some bonding time with their school mates.

We believe this is a great thing to be doing for our community and if you would like to donate excess fruit off your trees, (this can be dropped off at St Margaret's Church on Sunday morning or at reception at TAS school) or money for the wonderful organisers to get what they need, we have set up a way of getting this to them.

Some of our parishioners have opted to do a direct credit every month or just when they can afford it.

If you want to help and prefer to do so by internet bank our bank details are "Taihape Anglican Parish" **20-0760-0020047-00**. Please put your name and "TAS" as the reference and so that it is allocated to the correct account. We can even give tax receipts if you contact Lis with your details.

Many thanks for your generosity.

News from the Vestry team.

Since our last report, Vestry has been met twice. What a great group we have here.

Our meetings always start and finish with prayer and include bible study and/or looking at our core competencies and how we do as a parish meeting these goals. This is always a great way to start as it focuses our thoughts on what we are trying to achieve as caretakers of our Parish.

In our last newsletter, you were informed of our requesting funding for securing and painting the hall roof as part of our hall refurbishment. I am so thrilled to inform you that JSB Dudding Trust have granted us funding to cover our quotes. Matt Hobbs Plumbing are using their abseiling skills to re-screw the roof, and Programmed Property Services will be doing the Painting. Because both parties will not be requiring scaffolding, the costs came within the scope of the grant. A huge thanks to JSB Dudding Trust for their on-going support, and a thank you for those who submitted quotes but were unsuccessful. We appreciate the time you spent preparing these for us.

Our Web Page is now up and running. Pete Smithies, our web master, did an amazing job in capturing the beauty of our church and the essence of what we are endeavouring to in the community. Pete has excelled himself with the beautiful photography, video fly-over and 360 degree virtual tour of the Church. There are also links to our Annual Scholarship application for TAS School year 13 students and a short history of our church and parish people. Lots of information in there including all the important dates for the next two months.

Please check out our web page—<https://www.Anglicantaihape.org.nz/scholarship>. It can also be accessed through our Facebook page.

Lis Riley, Administrator and Parish Buildings Manager.

Baptisms—None this period

Marriages

*Bridget Susannah Batley to Michael James Auckett
17 August 2020*

Funerals

Graham Kenneth Hylton Died 1 September 2020

*Warren James Plimmer
Died 18 August 2020, Memorial Service 25 September 2020*

Jackie Verheijde Died 27 September 2020

Our condolences and prayers go out to the families

Fellowship Group

On the 2nd Thursday of every second month, there is a fellowship meeting which is open to everyone, not just the ladies. So, if you are new to town and looking at a way of meeting new people, or been here for ever and looking for some great people to meet and have a coffee with, come along and join us.

Our September meeting was at the Café Telephonique, again a good turn out.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 12 November at 2pm at Café Telephonique.

MISSIONS

Missions has had a good fruitful few months, our total is now \$1502.90. Thanks to everyone's generous support, our target of \$1,600 is certainly not far away.

We have two occasions to look forward to this month, **The Coffee and Dessert Evening** on Friday 13th November at 7pm. Janet Riach is very kindly hosting this evening. Janet lives at 30 Paradise Terrace, 2nd house on the left.

Then on the last Sunday of the month, 29th November, **Michael Hartfield from Anglican Missions**, will be speaking at St Margaret's 9:30am service.

We are having a small **raffle** this month, just to raise a few more dollars for missions. Michael Hartfield will draw the lucky number on the 29th. I hope you will be able to attend and support these occasions. Once again, a big thank you.

Margaret Benson
Mission Motivator

DUKKAH Recipe from Alison Bruce-Duncan

Alison grows walnuts, almonds, and hazel nuts on the banks of the Moawhango river on the river flats. All nuts need to be picked up off the ground and air dried before cracking. My autistic brother Andrew cracks all my nuts over his Christmas holiday with me. This year there are 5 big bags of nuts awaiting him. He just loves doing this as it is in his own time frame. When they are cracked, we store them in airtight containers on the freezer.

DUKKAH (Arabic word "to pound")

Walnuts, hazels, almond nuts, sunflower, sesame, coriander seeds, cumin, paprika and salt. Nuts do not need to be de-husked.

3/4 cup of walnuts or hazel mix,

1/2 cup almond and hazels,

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp ground coriander

2 tbsp. sunflower seeds

1 tsp salt

Some black ground pepper.

Roast nuts hot oven for 5 mins. Roast seeds for 3 mins Put all in a blender and chop but not to powder. Mix and store in airtight jars in a dark place.

Sprinkle over salads and dips. Great with bread dipped in olive oil or garlic oil then dipped in DUKKAH bowl.

Nuts fall late March with hazels then walnuts and almonds even as late as June/ July/ August. The harder shells like hazels and almonds can sit on the ground in the mud and wet grass and not be detrimental to the inside nut. Walnuts need to be picked up before getting too damp. All need air drying, best is sun on concrete without rodent attacks, then store where they cannot sweat, and stay dry. Once nuts are cracked, store in cool, dry, dark, airtight containers. I freeze nuts in sealed plastic bags or containers. I use nuts in all baking whether whole or ground down to flour. I want to extract oils, but that requires a press. Walnuts are most susceptible to birds and rodents. There are always nuts left on the ground as I run out of energy and enthusiasm and storage options.

If anyone wants to come and pick up nuts for themselves in season, just contact me.

Alison Bruce-Duncan

Our Diocese in encouraging us all to connect with friends and neighbours either Christian or Non-Christian and share time together. Reaching out into our community.

Below are suggestions from the diocese which Tracey has been encouraging us to do for several weeks through our church services and teams.

Although some of the dates are in the past, take any suggestion and see if it works for you from now on.

This is copied from the movement on line web page.

MANAAKI TATOU

Our call to connect with each other From September through to Advent

Yet being apart from each other through the cancellation of festival events and on-going restrictions So from now until Advent, our bishops have called us to invest in prayerful hospitality, as a way of ministering God's gift of love to us all and to those around us.

Do you remember how in lockdown, life became a lot simpler? The birdsong increased, the air became clearer, the hum of the world dimmed. And we experienced the gift of becoming closer with family, enriching our bonds of friendship with our neighbours.

Let's discern how God would have us move, and bless the work of hospitality in prayer as we connect with our friends and neighbours over shared meals in the coming months. We suggest alternating one week with people you know well (e.g. church family, old friends), and the next week with people you are getting to know better (e.g. colleagues, neighbours, new friends).

Suggestions

Meals don't have to be hard, or even full dinners, or even at dinner time! Here are some suggestions:

- Fish and chips on the nearest beach, river or park
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- Baking a batch of muffins and heading to the playground with another family
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- Have waffles on a Sunday morning and share in a live-stream church service together (Waffles and Worship).
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- Hold a Mexican feast and cook a huge vat of chilli and nachos.

Stay safe

It's important we are careful and keep each other safe. That means that in Level 1:

- If you're feeling in any way unwell, or anyone in your house is unwell, please stay home and make another time.
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- Make sure you and all your visitors wash their hands thoroughly.
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- If you or guests have taken public transport, wear a mask whilst travelling.
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- Keep a record of who you are with, where and when.
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- If we are in Level 2, please also observe physical distancing of 1 metre. Manaaki Tātou will not proceed if we move into Level 3 or above.

Creation Month



1st Sunday - Forest

Land Sunday - Children's Service



Wilderness Sunday





Fellowship Meeting at Café Telephonique
Sept 2020



Winiata Marae with Bishop Wai, one of
4 Baptisms in the first service—to be
held monthly.



Taihape's contribution to the Cathedral decorations for the
Ordinations at St Pauls Wellington on
Saturday 21st November 2020
Designed and executed by F Hodgson & H Gilbert



Bishop Wai blessing the
Korowai with Trish Cross



As the spread of COVID 19 is again resulting in lockdowns and high infection and death rates world—wide: Let us

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —*Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

Pray for the new coronavirus to stop spreading.

Almighty God, we know that everything is in Your sovereign control. We ask that You keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving from other countries. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind people to wash their hands properly. And while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea ... —*Psalm 46:1-2 (NIV)*

Pray for protection for people at higher risk of developing the disease.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones.

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. —*1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers.

God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the new coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe on the job.

Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease's spread.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. —*Psalm 23:4 (NIV)*

Pray for leaders responsible for making decisions about the new coronavirus.

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers ...—*2 Corinthians 1:10-11 (NIV)*

Taken from the World Vision Prayers

Do you want to volunteer or give some time to help our Church community?

We really need your help

We have the following volunteer vacancies

Church cleaner—every 12th week.

(we have recently lost two of our valuable cleaners and these positions need to be replaced ASAP to help lift the ranks)

Hall Custodian

to clean and look after the hall .

(This is not an arduous job as the hall currently has little usage, but must be clean and tidy for anyone that wants to use the hall. The people you would be replacing have recently left the district. There is always at least one other helper if it is a function)

Administrator assistant.

Ideal for someone wanting to get back into the workforce and looking for a way to update their skills.

Gardeners

If you enjoy pottering about with a little weeding, pruning or helping with our gardening bees, then this is for you.

For more information, please contact Lis on 021 1085 380

Volunteer vacancies for church officers. *(These positions are nominated and Vestry can co-opt)*

***Treasurer
Synod Rep
Vestry members.***

Email Lis at angtaihape@xtra.co.nz for more information.

Do you like our newsletter?

We love letting you know what is happening in our parish and feel it is important to keep you informed on what is happening in our church community, however we are always conscious of cost and how we cover the expense of producing and mailing of this, particularly as stamp costs have risen again.

If you would like to receive a hard copy, please consider helping towards the cost of printing and mailing. Those who have an email address on file will receive their copy this way but there are spare hard copies at the back of the church also. If you prefer this way, and currently get a hard copy, please send us your preferred email address at angtaihape@xtra.co.nz with your contact details to be put on our mailing list.



FUNDRAISER

Orders for our high quality Tea Towels are now being taken. The first batch sold before we advertised but the next batch should be with us in the next three weeks. They make great gifts of nice to have one to keep. A really good talking point.

They are proving very popular and good value, so get in quick
Please contact Lis on 021 1085 380 or Vicki on 021 129 7430 to order.

\$15 each or 4 for \$50.00.

Cash or Internet bank option:

Bank detail" -

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Bank Account details - BNZ: 02-0760-0020047-00

Particulars – “name” (ie J Bloggs), Code FundR, Ref T-Towels.

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