

THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN PARISH

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Normal

Aren't we blessed to be living in New Zealand? As the rest of the world still grapples with Covid, we are almost complacently living our lives nearly as "normal"! Is this "normal" life as we know it before the word "Covid-19" had entered our vocabulary, the life we still want to be living? We have all been given the opportunity to re-assess our lives and re-evaluate what is actually important to us and worth keeping.

The Lent season which we are now in, is also a time to examine our lives in the light of Christ's gaze. It can be a time of letting go of those aspects of our lives that don't add up to us becoming more Christ-like. It might be a time when we intentionally spend more time with God each day, by reading and meditating on His word, by praying more, by having more God conversations, by being still in God's presence and listening for His voice.

God longs for each of us to keep growing closer to Him. He longs to bless us with joy, love, peace, forgiveness, guidance, wisdom, etc. etc.

Our role is to make room for Him to give us these gifts. May we be willing to let go of our pride, our ego, our independence, and "indeed press into God, that we might experience more fully the abundant life He came to give us.

Amen

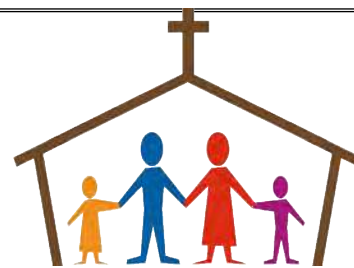
Rev. Tracey Peters



Children's Services for 2021

28 March 9:30—Palm Sunday

Other services to be advised



Special Dates for 2021

All at St Margaret's Church unless otherwise specified.

February 2021

- 23 Feb Lent Study Tuesday 9am Church Hall for 6 weeks
- 27 Feb Training Day (open to all) Central Baptist Church Palmerston North
9:30am-4pm

March 2021

- 5 Mar World Day of prayer 10am
- 14 Mar Harvest Festival 9:30am
- 21 Mar AGM Church Hall after church service
- 28 Mar Palm Sunday (Children's Service) 9:30
- 31 Mar Chrism Service—St John's, Feilding 7pm

April 2021

- 1 April Maundy Thursday 7pm
- 2 April Walk of the cross starting Town hall 10am and meeting at the triangle.
- 4 April Easter Sunday 9:30 am
- 25 April Anzac Day Service 9:30 am

May 2021

- 13-15 May Art exhibition and affordable sale, St Margaret's Hall
starting with wine & cheese evening Thursday 7pm

Pastoral Care Team

The contributions of snack packs for Meals on Wheels meant each recipient had 2 puddings and 2 cheese and biscuits added to their Christmas parcels. Our Christmas Tree collections resulted in TAS school breakfast club receiving 18 tins of fruit, 9 jams, 4 honey, 1 beetroot, 1 mayonnaise and 1 dessert topping.

300 of the tea towels have been sold which was one of our major fundraisers for 2020. Our thanks go to Vicki Cottrell who organised this, Brooke O'Donnell for the design, and all those helped to distribute them.

**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

The gardens were tidied, weeded and sprayed before Christmas and another delivery of bark arrived. This has slowly been distributed over the various garden beds.



We are still looking for those who would like to help out for the odd gardening bee. This is a lot of fun and somehow it doesn't feel too much like work. So if you want to be part of this lovely group, you can email your details to angtaihape@xtra.co.nz or contact one of our organisers below and we will add you to our gardening group.

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

Art Exhibition and Sale

On Thursday May 13th through to Saturday May 15th, St. Margaret's is having an Art Exhibition and Sale. We plan to display art of all kinds and to sell many of the pieces for affordable prices. Elizabeth Cottrell is the convenor, and if you have any art that you would like to donate for this fund raiser, please contact her at m.e.cottrell@inspire.net.nz or 388 0524. Likewise if you have any favourite art that you would like to exhibit we would love to see it. The fundraiser will start at 7:30 Thursday evening with a wine and cheese when the art will be on display for viewing and/or purchasing. Tickets for his event will be available at the door. The venue will be St. Margaret's hall, and the hall will also be open for viewing on Friday from 10 to 4 and Saturday 10 to 2, when the sold art may also be collected. Mark your calendars now!

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.

After a break during January, our Vestry team met up in February refreshed and ready to start a new year with energy and enthusiasm. 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 in 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.

Finishing the outside of our hall has been scheduled since before Christmas and the painting team is now in. We pray for the weather to hold to get this completed.

Our next round of funding will look at getting the inside of the hall updated as many of the fixtures and fittings are original to the building which was built in the 1960s A kitchen and toilet upgrade plus a coat of paint is on the agenda which will make it more attractive for functions and easier to keep clean.

We have set our AGM date for Sunday 21 March. This will be after the church service as usual. An Electoral Roll will be at the rear of the Church and anyone wishing to have voting rights should use this enrolment form. There will also be forms for the election of Vestry members and vacant roles in the church. If you feel you would like to be part of this vibrant community, please come and join us.

Have you checked out our Web Page yet? This has attracted a lot of positive feedback and we are always looking at ideas on how to retain a vibrant presence in the community. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.Anglicantaihape.org.nz>. It can also be accessed through our Facebook page—look for St Margarets Church Taihape.

Lis Riley, Administrator and Parish Buildings Manager.

Funerals

10/11/2020	Dot Carrington
23/12/2020	Logan Hughes
9/1/2021	Ned Batley (Memorial)
14/1/2021	Russel Steven (Memorial)
22/1/2021	Virginia Travers
31/1/2021	Margaret Short
9/2/2021	Keith Fletcher
25/2/2021	Kenny Horton

Our condolences and prayers go out to the families

There were no Baptisms or Marriages during the last three months

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

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 8th April at 2pm at Café Telephonique.

MISSIONS

Missions has been well supported these past few months—December, January & February, \$400.90 has been donated; thank you very much

We have decided to keep the same target, \$1600, for another year and also the same projects. These are the Anglican Church of Tanzania, and Miriam Tillman, who is a pharmacist at the Hospital of Hope in Mango, Northern Togo, Africa. Once again thank you for your support.

Stamps. I hope to send a parcel of used stamps to the Wellington office next month. Thank you for saving them. They are decreasing in numbers these days, but still greatly appreciated.

Margaret Benson
Mission Motivator

Fairly recently Tracey gave us a new assignment. We were given a word to think about, study, and pray about to find a Biblical /Godly understanding of it. My word is "accomplishment". So –out with my dictionary and, more importantly my Bible.

Dictionary meaning: achievement, attainment.
There are five mentions of the word in the Bible.

1. Ezra 4:12
2. Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
3. Ecclesiastes 1:2
4. Philippians 3:4-6 and
5. 1 Peter 2: 9-10

All these readings made it abundantly clear that I needed no accomplishments to please God. All human accomplishments will one day disappear and in the meantime I would either become proud of my self-efficiency if I succeed or disappointed if I fail. I have worth because of what God does - not because of what I do. Here is what had to happen..

1. I begged forgiveness for past sins
2. I turned over both control and destination of my life to God
I obeyed God as He steered me in the right direction to agree with His plan for my life.

No this is not as easy as it sounds – nor as quick (in my case anyway). Nowadays, God keeps tipping me out of my comfort zone. However, when I obey His word I am given the courage and wisdom I need to continue. My life has changed and I have changed with it. The rewards for being obedient to God's word are amazing and I feel very grateful to Tracey for starting me off with this assignment. .

A Hylton

The Awesome Power of Blessing

When your life as you know it suddenly gets turned upside down, and you realise that life will never be the same again, the realisation can be overwhelming. This can be for many reasons, a marriage or partnership breakup, the loss of someone close to you through death, or, in my case a loved one with severe sudden dementia. I was asked many times, where is God in all this? For me it was through the blessing and support of someone who has become a really close friend and mentor. The support I received whilst my husband was in hospital over a very long eight weeks, was something that could never be repaid. One of the amazing things she shared with me was a book on blessings which she thought would be of help to me. This really took me to another level on my faith journey. And opened doors, so that I could in turn be a blessing to others whilst they were dealing with the uncertainty of ill health or an accident. Even if it was just to say hello or ask if I could get them a cup of tea. It's amazing how many people I met who were grateful to talk of their own faith, church and church family. And those with no faith interested to listen and ask questions. This was a totally new thing for me and helped with my own healing journey.

I would like to share with you , the book that inspired me during this time of dealing with my new reality.

The Awesome Power of Blessing by Richard Brunton.



We are called to bless and receive blessings. "be tender-hearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. (1.Peter 3: 8-9)

All through the bible we are called to bless and be a blessing to people. One question arose and was answered in this book, would you use blessing instead of prayer? The answer is no. Prayer is very powerful in asking God to intercede on your behalf.

Blessing others has you interceding on behalf of God. When you look someone in the eye and say (or silently intercede) "I bless you in the name of the Father

Son and Holy Spirit", it is a very powerful thing. When this was said to me , I felt a tremendous feeling of peace , like the stillness within the eye of a storm.

I urge you to seek this book, pick it up and read it. It will challenge you and has the potential to change how you relate to God and be the blessing to others he calls us to be.

I can order it in for you through my Whanganui contact, or it can be purchased at Manna Bookshops in Palmerston North or any online Christian bookstore.

Lis Riley

Christmas Celebrations



Christmas Parade



20 Dec - Children's Service



Christmas Eve flowers





Thanksgiving Service for Dawn Illston



February Fellowship meeting at Le Telephonique

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.

The World Day of Prayer Friday 5th March at 10am.

This year it is hosted by the people of at St Margaret's Church where the combined Churches in the area come together in prayer and song using exactly the same material as other Churches though out the world.

This year our prayer service is from the Vanuatu Christian Community

Please come and join us in this special event.

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