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THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2022

Ambassadors for Christ

Two months of 2022 gone, never to be repeated. Ahead, more adventures with God!

We are living in stressful times, but, although these times are unique to us, there is nothing unusual about people living and under-going hard, frightening times. Jesus lived during the time of cruel Roman occupation. History is full of dark, terrifying times. It can be hard to see God in the midst of the turmoil. As Christians, we need to keep our focus on God/Jesus, every day.

We need to keep drawing closer to God by reading and meditating on His word. We need to keep gathering together to worship God and to support and encourage one another during these times, Then we will be like the tree planted by the stream, when drought comes, its leaves are still green because its roots are down deep in the moisture. We as Christians can continue to flourish and to be sowers of hope and joy into the lives of others. Christ is still good, Christ is still up-holding us, Christ is still our strength, our support, our hope, our provider, our guide.

As we head towards the Lenten season, we are invited to align ourselves more closely with Christ.

We are Christ's ambassadors in our community.

Are we representing His kingdom well?

Are we making Jesus look good?

May we be people who listen to others well, especially to those who we disagree with or don't understand. Everyone has a story to tell. May we love others as Christ loves each of us. He died for each one of us, that we might be freed from the sins of our lives-sins like pride, entitlement, self importance, etc.

Help us Lord, to walk together the way that points to the cross and to life with Christ. Amen



Children's Services for 2022

Term 1

13 March—Harvest Festival

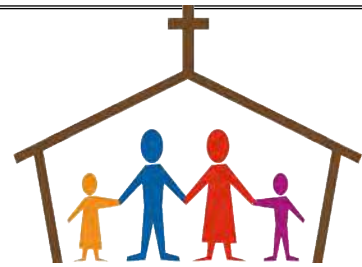
10 April—Palm Sunday/Easter

Term 2

8 May Mother's Day

12 June Trinity Sunday

Term 3 & Term 4 TBA



Special Dates for 2022

All at St Margaret's Church unless otherwise specified.

March 2022

- 2 Mar Ash Wednesday Communion Service 7pm
- 4 Mar Friday "World Day of prayer" 10am at St Mary's Church
- 13 Mar Harvest Festival/Children's Service 9:30am
- 20 Mar Anglican Parish AGM in Church following the service

Lenten Study Days & time to be agreed

April 2021

- 10 Apl Palm Sunday 9:30 am
- 13 Apl Chrism Service—St John's, Feilding 7pm (Wednesday)
- 14 Apl Maundy Thursday 7pm
- 15 Apl Good Friday Service Combined Church's. TBA
- 17 Apl Easter Sunday 9:30 am
- 25 Apl (Monday) Anzac Day Service TBA

Pastoral Care Team

The Carol Service at Awastone was a unique and lovely venue (31 attendees).

The donations collected over Christmas were distributed between meals on wheels and TAS School. We received a basket of goodies and lovely card from TAS pupils as a thank you for all we had done over the year.

Preparations for the Harvest festival are underway (on 13 March) – Dianne has asked for help setting up on the Friday from 10am. Produce will be distributed between TAS school and Meal on Wheels.

World Day of Prayer is at St Mary's on Friday 4 March at 10am.

The tea towels fundraiser last year was very popular so it was agreed to put out another order for 200.

The PC team also have a phone tree whereby we keep in touch with our parishioners during these challenging times. If you know of someone who would appreciate a call, please let us know.

**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 & starter kit), 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 the gardens are looking lovely. Since we said farewell to David, Margaret and Elsbeth who are enjoying new adventures in the South Island, our lawns are now looked after by Mason and Richard. Aren't they doing a lovely job? 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 our organiser 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.

Weaving at Winiata Marae

Last year, Trish Cross issued an invitation to the ladies of St Margaret's interested in the art of weaving to attend a weaving class. Having always been intrigued and interested in Māori weaving and the stories and history behind this 2000 year old craft, I eagerly took up the invitation. Trish in her own right is a master weaver and I was lucky to have her as my guide. We met at the old lounge area of the Marae which was ideal for spreading out our projects and keeping the required social distancing.. My project is a "Kete" (bag) which involves working with craft cotton and feathers. The art of weaving without any tools is intriguing in itself, but what really resonated with me is the sense of history and spiritual connection whilst working in this traditional way. Trish and her fellow weavers were so welcoming and encouraging. Thank you so much Trish and Whanau for this opportunity to share something so very special. There are some photos on our photo page of Trish and some of her weaving and the start of my project.

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.

We also support School starter kits for the new children starting school so that every new child has the same start in their educational life.

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.

Our hall is getting well used as many venues are disappearing from the Taihape scene. The Koha Shed has come to town and is using our hall as its base at the moment. Donations can be dropped off at the hall on Tuesday between 10am and 2pm and the Hall is open for browsing and collecting 8am—2pm and 5-7pm every Wednesday and every alternate Fridays in conjunction with the Taihape market 10am -8:30pm. It is also being used by private functions which helps with our running of the hall.

We have set our AGM date for Sunday 20 March in the church. 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 Margaret's Church Taihape.

Lis Riley, Administrator and Parish Buildings Manager.

Funerals

Raewyn Pauline Hinsley DOD 3/11/21 Service 3/11/21

Neil Kenneth Deighton DOD 13/1/22 Service 19/01/22

Jennifer Jones DOD 21/8/21 Service 5/2/22

Our condolences and prayers go out to the families

Marriages

Sarah Grace Williams to Hamish Colin Neilson Baird

24/10/21 at St Stephens Church, Kawhatau.

There were no Baptisms 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 postponed due to the latest Covid restrictions.

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

MISSIONS

Missions has had a very good start for this year, \$209 has been donated. Thank you very much for your generous support

We have decided to change our projects this year to support our Pacific neighbour Fiji. The two projects are "Water for All" and The House of Sarah.

The water for all project helps to provide and install water tanks in isolated communities. Water of course is vital for health and well being of these people.

The House of Sarah helps many women and children receive education, health care and general wellbeing

Thank you for your support

Margaret Benson
Mission Motivator

News from Anglican Movement

Kia ora Taihape Parish

Welcome to this special edition of News for our Movement.

From this coming Monday 21 February, we are inviting you to join with us each day in prayer:

- for 10 minutes,
- at 10am or 10pm,
- for 10 days.

As easy as 10 x 10 x 10!
Or simply, **Take 10.**

Why?

We know there is much in our world, our nation and our communities at present that brings anxiety. But we are a people who are reminded, as we read in Philippians 4:6-7 to 'not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

How should we pray?

We would like to encourage each and every one of us to spend time intentionally entering into the peace of God's presence and to dwell in the hope, peace and joy that are eternally found in God's faithfulness and love and to pray for this love to fill ourselves and our world. This particular invitation is therefore not to spend time in heavy intercession, but rather to hand any spirit of anxiety and worry over to the God who sees us, loves us and whose plans and purposes are true and good.

We offer you this simple prayer to begin and end each of your daily times with God:

**Great Loving One,
In Whom we all live and move;
Together we bring to You
ourselves and our world:
May Your love and light
surround us, bless us, heal us.
We are in Your hands.
Amen.**

Set your calendar reminders now to begin on Monday, and please share with all your networks. Pray together, if you can do so safely within Covid-19 guidelines. Otherwise, just make the most of this opportunity to sit quietly in the presence of God.

In Christ,
+Justin and +Eleanor

Christmas Celebrations



Carol Service @
Awastone

Children's Service



Advent & Christmas

Trish Cross



Dessert Evening in aid of Missions



Weaving Project



Koha Shed at the Hall



TAS Card and Gift Basket



What is your passion? What is your gift?

We really need your help

We have the following volunteer vacancies

Is your passion to clean and serve?

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 is currently cleaned by the hirers, but must be checked for anyone that wants to use the hall for a private function. The person you would be replacing has left the district. There is always at least one other helper if it is a function)

Is your passion in organising?

Administrator assistant.

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

Is your passion in gardening?

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
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 (now \$1.50 per stamp)

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 Mary'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 England Ireland and Wales Christian Community

Please come and join us in this special event.

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