

# THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### St Margaret's Church

47 Huia Street

Taihape

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### St Stephen's Church

Kawhatau

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### The Batley Memorial Chapel

Moawhango

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### St George's Church

Mataroa

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June 2022



## Challenging Times

We've certainly been experiencing some wild, wet and windy weather over the past few days! Winter is upon us! This weather can make it challenging to do things, whether that is out farming, or gardening or just going out and about one's life.

This is a reflection of our life in general isn't it. We seem to be constantly challenged, and the lasting effects of COVID seems to have made life more difficult for many, whether that be paying bills on line now or planning larger events or getting in to see a doctor or specialist.

Where do we find hope and resilience to keep going? Statistics show that those who regularly read and apply the Bible report greater levels of hope and resilience than others.

A process of reading, studying and applying the truths of the Bible offer so many more benefits that just knowledge about what the bible says.

By reading and applying what the Bible tells us, we can find wisdom and direction for the tough choices we often have to make. We can experience a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with God who loves us. We can know a sense of community and belonging with Christians everywhere

And we can experience much-needed hope and encouragement for our toughest days. All of these aspects we can enjoy, but only if we make time each day, to read it, study it, and apply it to all our lives. There is a big difference to between simply reading a Bible passage and really studying it, to gain greater wisdom, insight and meaning for our life.

There are lots of different types of Bible studies one can do, and it can be helpful to be part of a small group study. Let's not give up meeting together and encouraging one another, through these challenging times we live in. God didn't design us to do life on our own. He calls us into community so that we can support each other. We apply what we learn from reading our Bible, in community. What we feed our spirit reflects back in how we believe and what we say.

Pray that the Spirit will increase your desire to read God's word regularly, that you may abound in hope, joy, love, peace, in your inner-most being and so that you can help others know all these blessings too.

Amen

## Special dates

24 July—Church with Arcadian Singers

31 July—Moawhango Service 5pm

6 August—Diocese Training Day Palmerston North

Children's Service 21 August & 18 September

## Pastoral Care Team

In April, Tracey talked to a junior class at TAS about the meaning of Easter, and was able to give each child an Easter Egg and Palm Cross.

On Mother's day, following the service everyone was given a chocolate heart and camellia flower. This coincided with a children's service and was a busy but very happy celebration.

A successful Film evening was held at the end of May. "Operation Mincemeat" proved to be a good choice, based on a true story of deception and a brilliant plan to trick the Nazis. Many thanks to all who contributed in making this evening an enjoyable social occasion, as well as a financial boost for church funds.

A special thanks to Simone who has helped us choose many films over her time at the theatre, and has always gone the extra mile in setting up, having the theatre warm, and her welcoming smile. We have really appreciated your support, you will be missed.

As a church fundraiser, another 200 Taihape Tea Towels were ordered and these have been selling well. They are still available to purchase by contacting Lis on 021 1085 380 or Vicki on 06 3880035.

The Pastoral Care team continue to keep in touch with our parishioners. If you know someone who would appreciate a call, please contact Vicki on 06 3880035.



## 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 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 [ang-taihape@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ang-taihape@xtra.co.nz) or contact Lis on 021 1085 380

and we will add you to our gardening group.

## 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.

## Missions

This past month \$212.10 was donated to Missions, many thanks for your support. This brings our present total to \$783.20. Our yearly target is \$1600, hopefully we will reach and exceed it by the end of the year.

Our current project is "Water for all"! This is to enable remote villages in Fiji to have clean water, something we take for granted.

The Rev. Michael Hartfield, Chief Missions Officer in the Wellington Missions office, is going to speak at our St Margaret's service on the 23rd October. Michael is a good speaker and a very pleasant person. We will have a small raffle in October and Michael will draw the lucky winner.

I hope you will be able to attend

Margaret Benson

## Hospitality Report

Our Movie Fundraiser was held late in May, a great success 76 attended, ( Our Best Ever!) " Operation Mincemeat" a war WW2 true story of deception, which saved thousands of lives! A social time ahead of the movie, was enjoyed, followed by a tasty supper

Thank you to Simone, The Pastoral Care Team, and everyone for their continued report!

D McKinnon

## Art Auction

Planning is underway for our next affordable Art Exhibition and Sale. Proposed dates are March 23rd to 25th March 2023. This is gaining a lot of excitement as our previous Affordable Art exhibition was a huge success with participation from TAS school, local artists and other beautiful Art works. Please mark this in your diaries.

### **Funerals**

Teresa Bernadette **ILLSTON** 2 April 2022

Roy **HORTON** 4 April 2022

Our condolences to the families

Marriages—None

### **Baptisms**

Hunter Nathaniel Quilter **GUY** Baptised 12 March 2022

Son of Merrin and Richard Guy

### **Children's Services**

21 August Children's Service—Walk through the Church + Eucharist

18 Sept Children's Service—Creation month

9 October St Frances Day Children's Service - bring your pets.

4th December Advent Children's Service

We are currently looking for empty shoe boxes- to be used by the Children to keep their Prayer Messages in. We will be needing 20 to start with... Please contact Heather 3880762

### **Meet our Vestry Team**

Rev. Tracey Peters—Priest in Charge

Elizabeth Cottrell—Peoples Warden, Synod Rep and Chairperson

Lis Riley—Property Manager—Administrator /Treasurer & Minute taker

Vicki Cottrell—Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain co-ordinator

Heather Gilbert—Children's co-ordinator

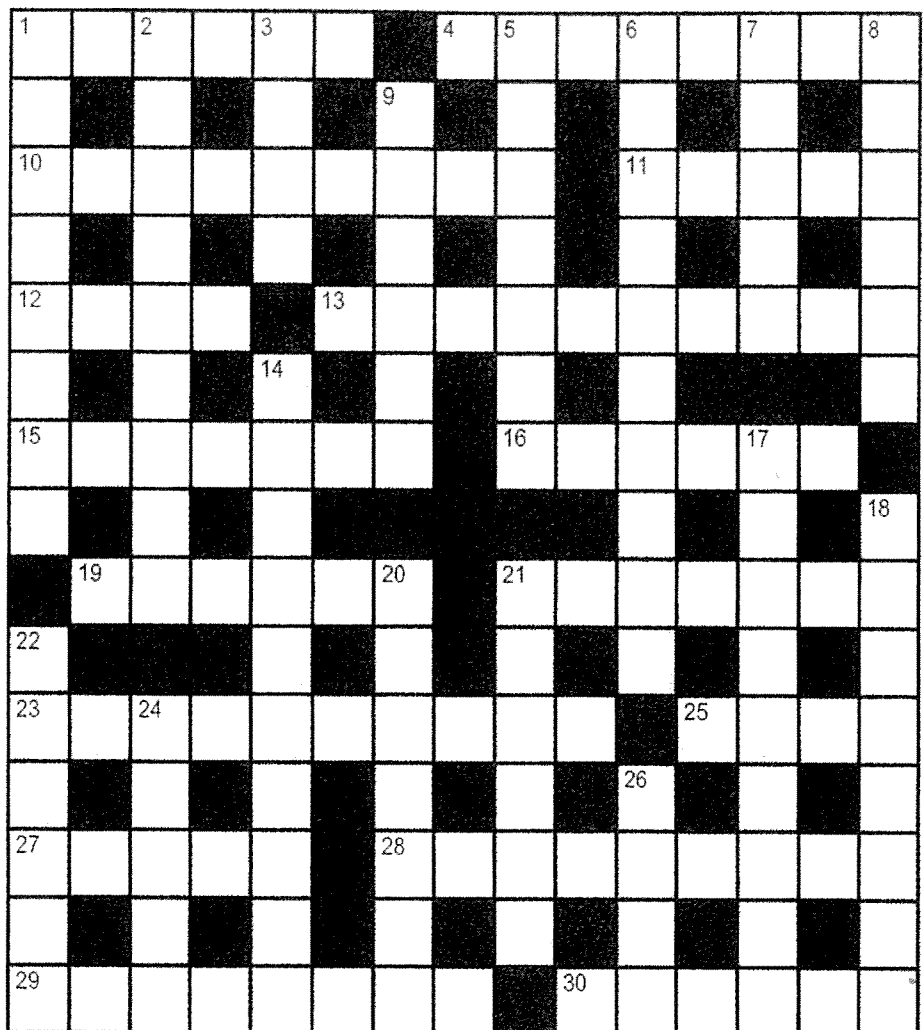
Sheryl Jones—Garden co-ordinator

Frances Hodgson—Vestry member

# BIBLE CROSSWORD I

## Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a \_\_\_\_ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)



by Philologus

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- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

## Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)
- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but \_\_\_\_\_ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

*Only a few attended our AGM again this year again. It is such a shame the majority of our parishioners do not know what is happening in our Church community.*

*On the following pages you will see something of what we have been doing during the previous 12 months.*

## **Pastoral Care Report January – December 2021**

On behalf of the Pastoral Care team I would like to present the following report for the 2021 year.

At our first meeting in February, we were able to review our December and Christmas services, and then plan for the year ahead.

This has not been easy with COVID, but I think as communities we have had to come to terms with being flexible. Many have found this a very unsettling year and we planned services and events for the church, which when the time came often had to be postponed or cancelled.

At the beginning of March we hosted the World Day of Prayer service – this is always a special celebration which is beneficial to share with our other Taihape Churches.

Harvest Festival was held on 14<sup>th</sup> March – a time of thanksgiving and celebration for all we receive. TAS breakfasts and Meals on Wheels were very appreciative of all the produce delivered to them.

In April Tracey visited a junior class at TAS and was able to talk to the children and staff about Easter, leaving Easter eggs and palm crosses.

A garden working bee was held in April and with the gardens mulched, the agapanthus removed, and a huge cutback, the gardens have continued to look good. Thank you Sheryl for the extra time you often devote to on-going maintenance.

In May we celebrated Mother's Day at our Sunday service giving a chocolate heart and camellia flower to all our ladies.



## **Pastoral Care cont...**

The Art Auction was a resounding success in May drawing many from the community, some who were unaware of the existence of the Anglican Church hall. As well as being a great community outreach, it was also a hugely successful fundraiser. Thank you Elizabeth.

In August as a fundraiser, but also a community get together, a film evening was held. Queen Bees was a fun film with a serious message. And 4 days later we were back in another lockdown!

The Pastoral Care team resumed with our ringing lists making contact with our parishioners, to check they had support and were ok. We had intended having a children's film service the following week, so this was postponed, as well as Café church, which we had planned to have at Gumboot Café. Our Father's Day service also had to be cancelled.

Just over a month later with joy we tentatively joined our bubbles to meet again for Sunday services.

In November we travelled to St Stephen's Kawhatau for combined Sunday worship, followed by a shared lunch at Tim and Diana Deighton's. We always appreciate the warm welcome.

The following week a children's service showed a film, followed by hot chips.

Our community carol service was held at Awastone, down by the river in a majestic setting. Attended mainly by Anglicans, but a special time of singing, praise and reflection heading into Christmas.

The church scholarship was awarded again last year to a very worthy applicant, Paparangi Kavanagh. Paparangi has begun a Veterinary Science degree this year at Massey, and we are able to support her in her studies with \$3000.00

The Plimmer family generously gave a \$1000.00 donation to St Margaret's in memory of Warren. We have had a wooden seat made which will be placed at the bottom of the office steps, with a plaque, once a small retaining wall is completed.

## **Pastoral Care cont...**

We have been able to give mince and venison to needy parish families, thanks to a generous donor, as well as, New World vouchers over the year. The Pastoral Care team again donated to International Needs Ministry, which aids villages with basic needs, such as woman's hygiene and water purifiers.

Our Christmas collection from under the tree went to the Meals on Wheels Christmas boxes, that Katrina collates, and 30 jellies and 32 drinks were donated.

The TAS breakfast children had designed and made a beautiful large card for us, the church, with many appreciative comments and thanks for all we do for them during the year. This was accompanied by a basket of goodies for us.

To the Pastoral Care team, thank you. Life is day by day at present and the extra time and caring and compassion that you give to our parish and community is really appreciated. I really appreciate the support we give to each other, as we are a small team, and are often the "ideas team" behind Sunday worship, parish and fundraising ideas. Grateful thanks to each of you, Tracey, Dawn, Anne Mould, Margaret, Dianne, Ann Hylton and Alison Duncan.

The one who stands among us sends us forth.

The Spirit of Christ empowers us to serve.

Nourished by word and nurtured by sacrament we can be confident in the lives we must live.

Let us go in peace to love and serve God.

In fellowship

Vicki Cottrell



## Father, I wanted a car, Not a bible

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As graduation day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.



Finally on the morning of his graduation, his father called him to his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather bound bible, with his name embossed in gold.

Angrily he raised his voice to his father and said, "with all your money you give me one bible?" He stormed out of the house leaving the bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realised his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since his graduation day. But before he could make the arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse,

Matt 7: 11, "and if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?" As he read these words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words ..PAID IN FULL.

**How many times do we miss God's blessing because they are not packaged as we expected?**

Author unknown



***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)*

*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)*

***Vestry members.***

*Email Lis at [angtaihape@xtra.co.nz](mailto:angtaihape@xtra.co.nz) for more information.*

## **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 giving 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.

## The Topic of Money

Money is a topic that we don't like to talk about, and we don't want to be known as a church that is after people's money. But it is important that we do talk about it at times.

Jesus talked more about money and wealth than He talked about love! The way we use – or don't use- our money, reflect a lot about our relationship with Jesus. In order that we can effectively carry out church Mission in our community, we need to have money in our parish.

One of Vestry's important roles is to ensure that our parish doesn't run out of money, and that we have sufficient to maintain our buildings and especially that we have sufficient to be a blessing to our community, both to those inside our church and those outside it.

At this present point of time, we are, as a Parish, experiencing quite a lean period, in terms of the money we have available, so, we are asking our Anglican Parish to think about the amount of money you are giving regularly to this Parish. One off gifts are great and welcome, but having regular amounts allows us to plan, and to use that money wisely and more prudently, for our ministries. If you call the Anglican Church of Taihape – whether that be St Margaret's, St Stephens, The Batley chapel – your church, but you don't give regularly, then we would love you to consider making regular contributions.

If you are a regular giver – thank you! We are grateful, but we are asking, that, if you can, are you able to increase the amount you give. Most of our regular givers, give quite small amounts. The number who give more than \$50 a week is very small. Now, I know that many can't give even that amount each week. If that's you, then we do appreciate what you do give.

As Christians we aren't required to give anything – what we ultimately give is up to us. But the bottom line is that we can't and won't have a healthy parish if our giving remains at the current level. So we are asking those who can to step up.

## Why should we give?

Christians are givers for two reasons. Primarily giving is an act of worship to God, because we know that everything we are and have belongs to God. We also know our primary reliance is on God, and not on our money. For most people that is a very weird concept. Their money is theirs, and a key life aim is to earn more money, so they feel happy and safe. That's not where our faith as Christians lies.

Second, we give because we recognise the inherent value of the people and things we are giving to- it's a way of loving our neighbour.

Throughout history Christians have prioritised giving to the mission of the church, and to the poor. But Christians give to all sorts of things, sports, arts, health, civic life and the environment, and so we should.

How then should we give?

Firstly, we give freely. We get to choose who we give to, and how much. Guilt and pressure simply have no role here. Some of us, who can, use 10% as a guide and that figure has good biblical pedigree. But there are no rules around this.

Second, we give wisely, and our giving should be planned, taking into account all our responsibilities – including our future.

Handling our money in a Godly way isn't just about what we give – it's also about what we earn, what we spend, and what we save and invest.

Third, those who can should give generously and sacrificially. Our giving should be meaningful, and cost us something. It shouldn't be a token.

That said, one of the big reasons we want to be strong and healthy parish is to support those amongst us who are in need. If you are struggling or pressured financially, then we are not asking you to give more – in fact we want you to be free to be part of our church without giving any money at all. There are enough of us here who have enough to support the parish, and of course there are many other ways to support the parish (such as by volunteering time and talents).

If you would like to start giving, our details are on page 13.

# Profit and Loss

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## Taihape Anglican Parish 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

31 Dec 21

### Income

Cash Offerings	3,455
Church Hire	696
Direct Credits	10,785
Donation in	3,044
Envelopes	8,830
Fund Raising	4,956
Fundraising for outreach	40
Hall Hire	174
Interest Cattle Account	11
Interest Income	2,388
Lenten Appeal	110
Missions	2,160
Other Revenue	274
Sale of Cattle	21,463
Sale of goods	43
Special Missions Projects received	287
TAS Breakfasts	1,480
Transfer	(9,000)
Vicarage	10,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,597</b>

### Gross Profit

**61,597**

### Less Operating Expenses

ACC Levy	11
Administrator	9,292
Allowances	2,096
Bank Fees	5
Book Purchases	609
Budget Share	6,180
Cattle Purchases	20,211
Consulting & Accounting	986
Donations out	2,240
Freight	773
General Expenses	552
Grounds	1,567
Insurance	5,008
Licence and Registrations	117
Light, Power, Heating	2,519
Miscellaneous Expenses	725
Mission Payments	2,160
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,812
Office Expenses	2,010



## Profit and Loss cont.....

	31 Dec 21
Organ Maintenance	1,340
Outreach - Local	418
Payroll Management	180
Pension Fund	379
Postage	165
Rates - Church and hall	1,055
Rates - vicarage	3,189
Repairs and Maintenance	10,129
Special Missions Project out	397
Stipend for priest	11,401
Tas Breakfast payments	600
Telephone & Internet	1,072
Training	400
Transfer of money	(9,000)
Vicarage Repairs and Maintenance	3,550
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>87,149</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(25,553)</b>

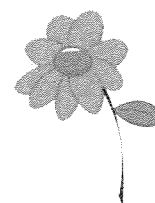
This is the financial report presented to the AGM in March 2022 showing our income and expenditure last financial year.

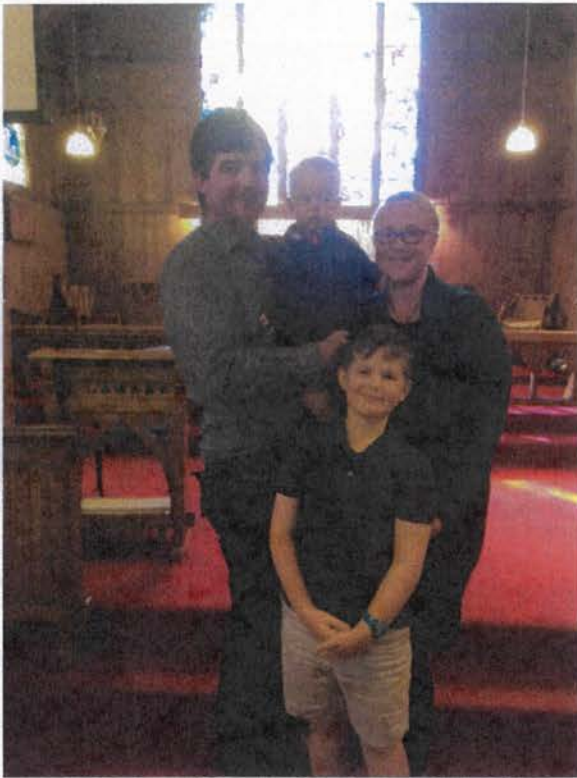
*Dear God*

*So far today, I've done alright,  
I haven't gossiped, lost my temper,  
Been greedy or grumpy, been nasty,  
Selfish or overindulgent.*

*I am very thankful for that  
But in a few minutes, God,  
I'm going to get out of bed.*

*And from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more  
help*



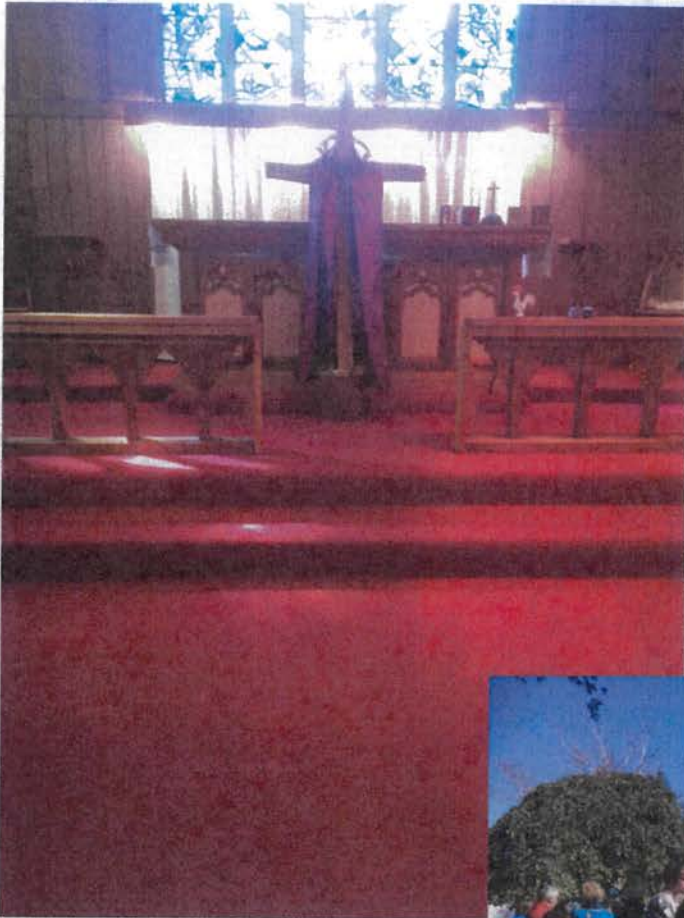


Baptism of  
Hunter Nathaniel Quilter GUY  
17 April 2022

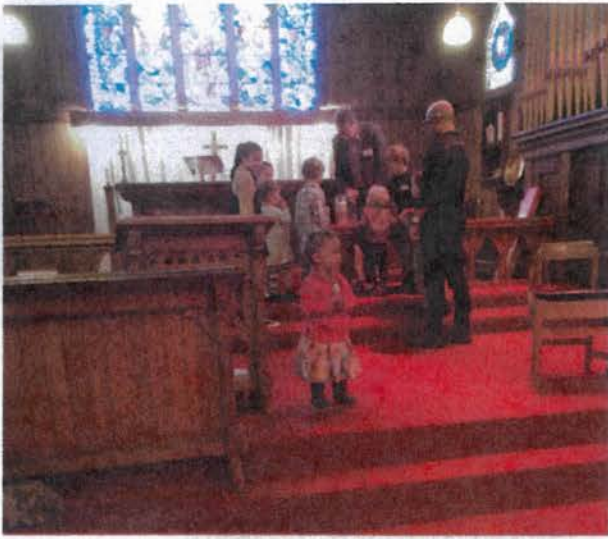


Harvest Festival

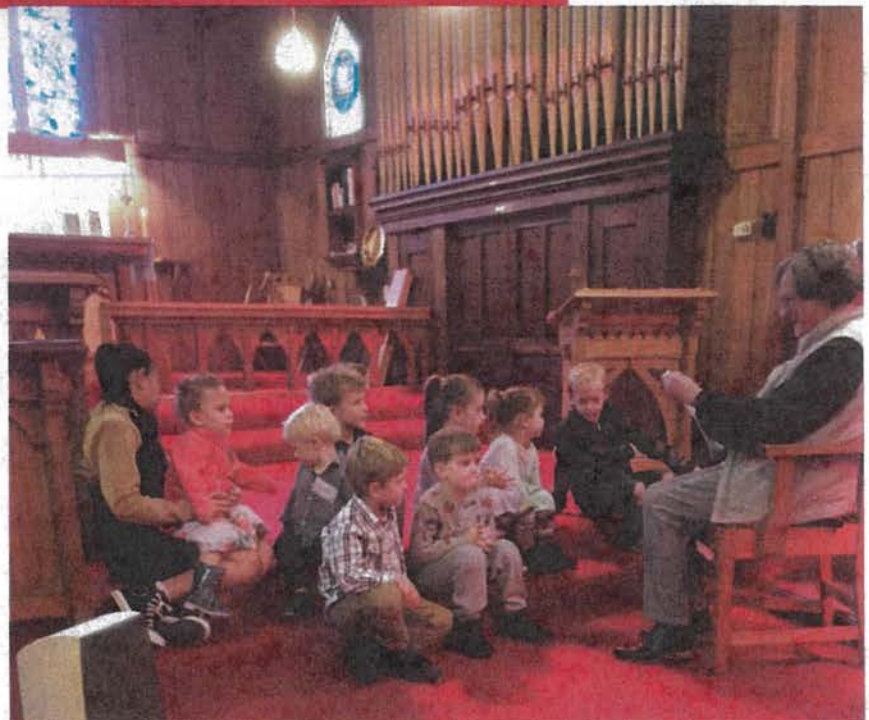
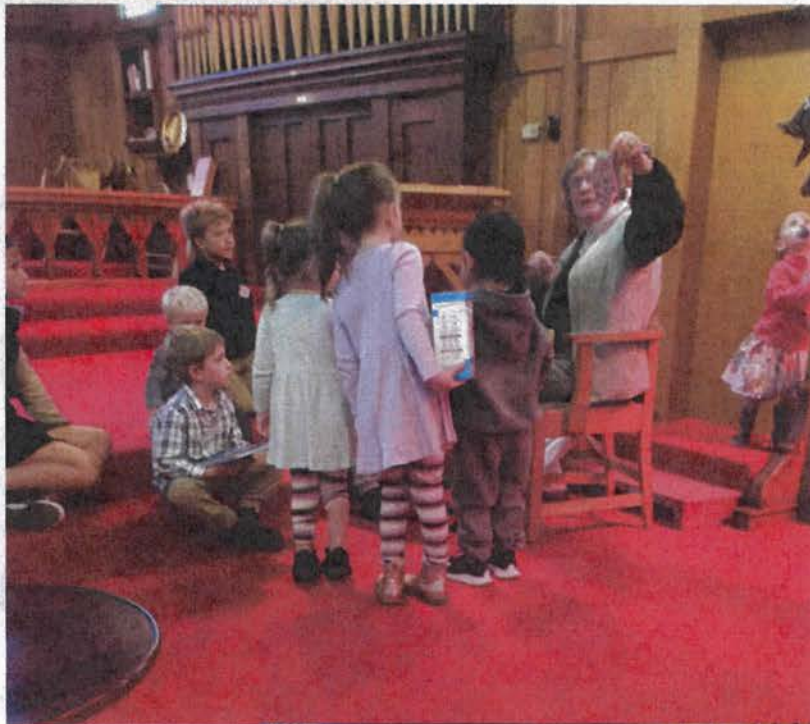
EASTER Day Celebrations



Enjoying the new bench



Mother's Day/Children's  
Service May 2022



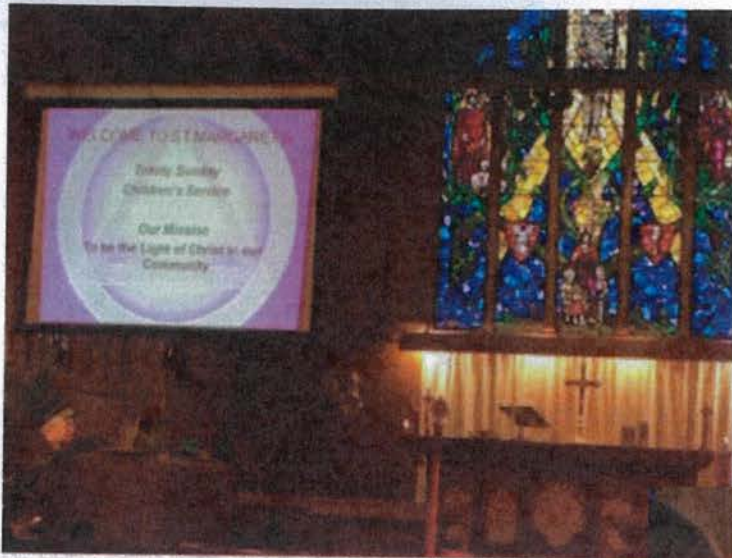


Fellowship meeting at the Café Telephonic

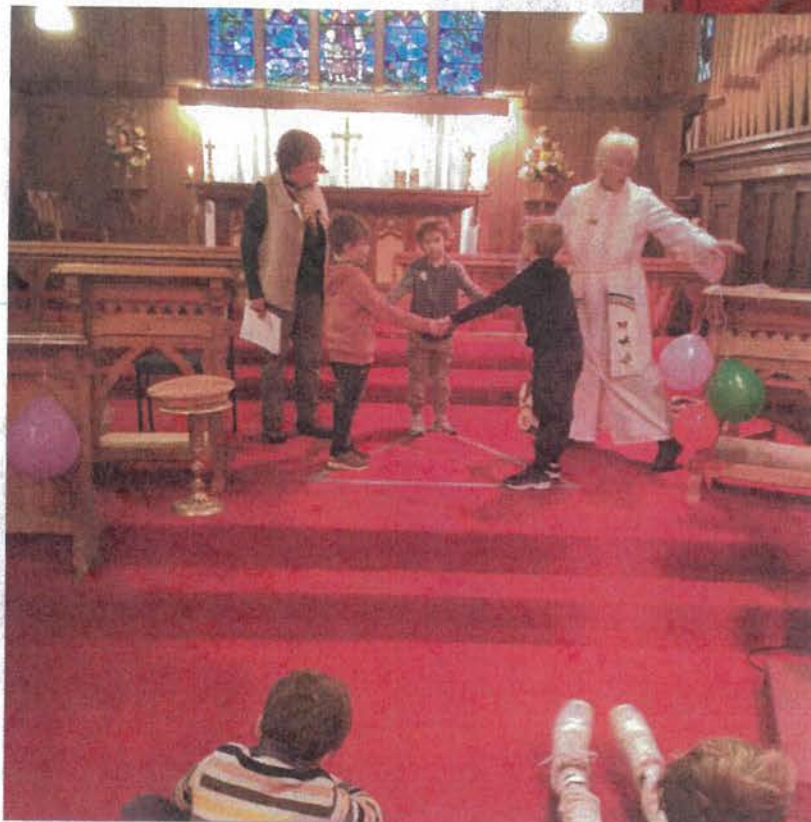
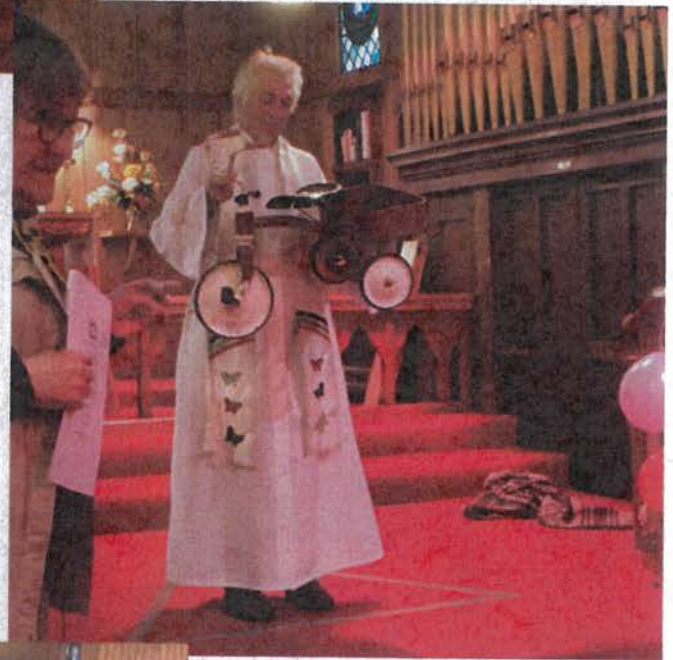


Fundraiser Movie night at the Majestic





Children's Service June  
Explaining the Trinity



## Patience

Sometime I wish I might do  
Just one grand idea before I die,  
And by that one grand deed reach up  
To meet God in the sky.  
But such is not Thy way. O God  
Not such is Thy decree,  
But deed by deed, and tear by tear, our souls must climb to Thee.  
As climbed the only Son of God From manger unto Cross,  
Who learned through tears and bloody sweat,  
To count this world but loss;  
Who left the Virgin Mother's arms  
To seek those arms of shame,  
Outstretched upon the lonely hill  
To which the darkness came.  
As deed by deed, and tear by tear  
He climbed up to the height,  
Each deed a splendid deed, each tear  
A Jewel shining bright.  
So grant us Lord, the patient heart, To climb the upward way,  
Until we stand upon the height ,And see the perfect day.  
(Studdert Kennedy)

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