

THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Nov/Dec 2022

St Margaret's Church

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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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From: The Anglican Parish of Taihape, PO Box 134, Taihape

A Different December

Here we are, 6 weeks from Christmas! How does that make you feel? Stressed, harried, expectant, joyful, are just some of the emotions that this lead up to Christmas can bring, with stress perhaps the main one, with exhaustion just at the thought of Christmas.

How sad, if this is your main feeling. For too many people this time is a challenge, a time of financial hardship, often family tensions and strains.

We are nearly the time of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas day. It is a time, an invitation, to re-think our priorities. What does Christmas mean, after-all? There is actually a tension remembering again this first coming of Jesus in our world as a new born baby. This is the only thing most people think of, when they think of Christmas. But it is also a reminder that Jesus is coming again to Earth, this time as Lord and King over all the Earth. Are we prepared for this kind of Jesus? Most people prefer to think of little baby Jesus, who we can put away after Christmas, until next year. A baby who demands nothing of us, except our oohs and ahs at how lovely He is. The thought of a second coming of Jesus, for Christians, should evoke hope and joy, when greed and injustice will be dealt with.

Many of us long to do December differently, to get away from the consumerism and social pressures which too often dominate the count-down to Christmas. Are there ways that we can do this? As Christians, can we show the world that there is another way, a better way, to approach Christmas Day? Let us stand to make a difference for good, in the lives of those around us and those who know Jesus, and those who don't, lets celebrate the small differences we can each make, to reclaim the Advent time, as we wait expectantly for the coming of Lord Jesus.

May this Advent and Christmas be for each of us, a time of joy and hope

An Advent Prayer

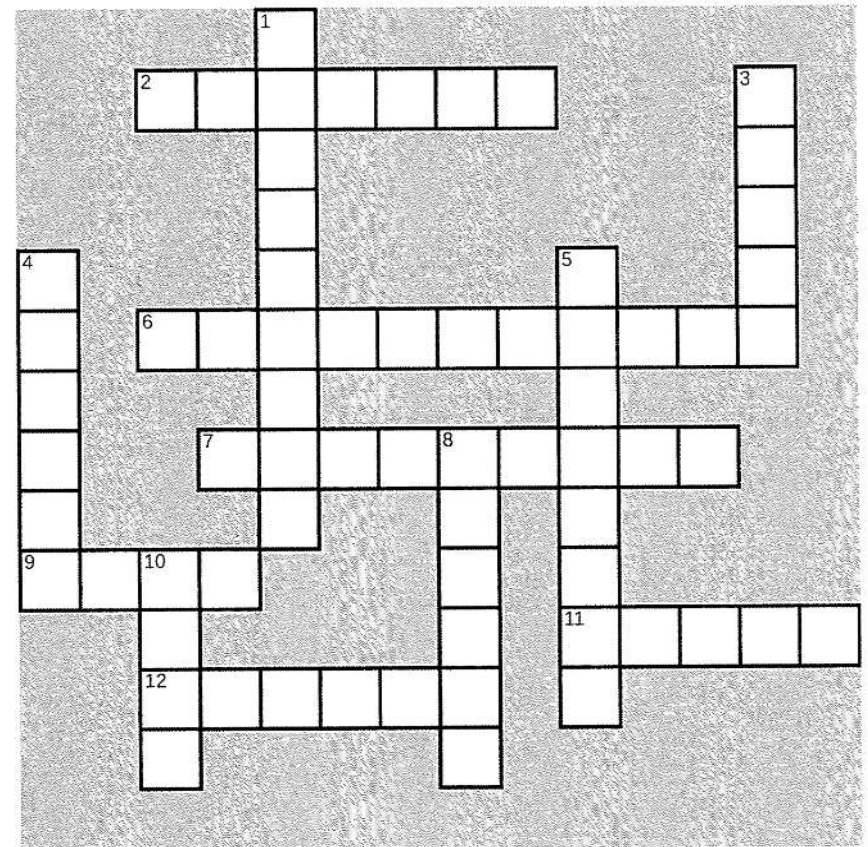
Come, Lord Jesus.

Visit us now as we wait for your coming. May we watch with anticipation, as all creation strains towards your coming in glory. Give us courage to live differently, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. Fill us afresh with Advent hope, Because the Saviour is drawing near.

Amen

Rev. Tracey Peters

Bible Trivia



Across

- 2 After the flood, what sign did God give that He would not destroy the earth with a flood again?
- 6 What river was Jesus baptized in? (HINT: Add river to the end of your answer)
- 7 What job did Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, do?
- 9 What is the name of Jesus' mother?
- 11 Who was the son of Abraham and Sarah?
- 12 How many disciples did Jesus have?

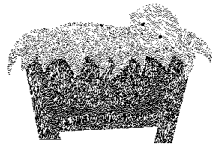
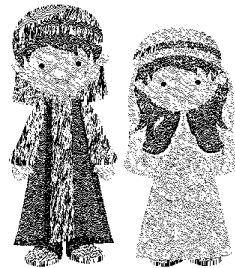
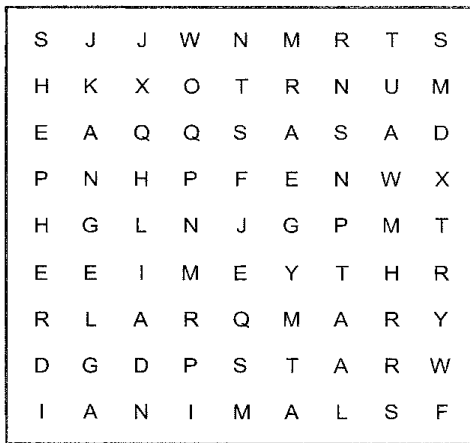
Down

- 1 What did Simon Peter do for a living?
- 3 Who denied Jesus three times?
- 4 What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
- 5 How many books are in the Bible?
- 8 How many brothers did Joseph have?
- 10 Who did Boaz marry?

Children's Puzzle Corner

Name: _____

Christmas Word Search



Jesus
Mary
Joseph
Angel
Manger

Infant
Star
Shepherd
Animals
Magi

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Special dates

Combined Service @ Kawhatau—Sunday 13th Nov 10am

Coffee and Dessert Evening—Friday 25 November @6pm. 9 Kokako St

Community Carol Service w Arcadian's—Friday 2 Dec St Patrick's Mangaweka @ 6pm

Children's Service—Sunday 4 Dec St Margaret's @10am

Blue Christmas—Tuesday 6 Dec 5:30pm

Advent Service with Arcadians—Sunday 11 Dec St Margaret's @10am

Mataroa Carol Service—Sunday 11 Dec, St Georges Mataroa @ 2pm

Moawhango Carol Service—Sunday 18 Dec, Batley Chapel @ 5pm

Kawhatau Carol Service— Thursday 22nd Dec, St Stephens @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Service—Saturday 24 Dec, St Margaret's @ 8pm

Christmas Day Service—Sunday 25 Dec St Margaret's @ 9:30am

Scholarship

St Margaret's awarded its annual Scholarship this year to Hannah Waghorn, a year 13 student at TAS.

St Margaret's was blessed several years ago with a reasonable amount of money from the sale of a parishioners house. As we were blessed, we wanted to bless our community in some way, so decided to award a \$3000 Scholarship each year to help a student go on to further study.

Hannah is going to Otago University next year to begin a 3 year BSC. Focussing on Marine Science. She hope to go on with this to work with, and protect endangered species world-wide.

This scholarship will help with accommodation costs, or go towards course-related equipment..

We wish her well in her future.

Spring in God's garden. A new season, my favourite. Where the plants all burst back into life, renewed, cheerful and resilient. Giving us beauty, making us happy and getting us off the couch, out into the sunshine. Every day a new creation. God's love for us on display through the beauty of His nature.

No matter what we have been through or have yet to experience, if we follow His (garden) path, we will be strengthened, become brighter and have endurance to grow. We can't always be fighting needs!

I do have lots of seats in my garden, (hope you do too), to appreciate God's creation, be grateful and to reboot.

Come try our new garden seat at the Church. A peaceful place for reflection or if you have an interest in some garden yoga, come join in, we have free lessons!

Peace and blessings to you

Sheryl

Looking after our Church gardens at St Margaret's Church

The gardens were tidied, weeded and sprayed 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 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.

Contact: Sheryl on 022 100 4607

An Unspoken Bible

Author Unknown

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Christian recently while attending college.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative Christian church. One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The church service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat.

The church is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit and, when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behaviour at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before!

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, an Elder is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the Elder is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly Christian man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane.

All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The minister can't even preach the sermon until the Elder does what he has to do. And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the minister gains control, he says, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read."

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Another busy few months for the church supporting our parishioners and community, organising services and preparing for Christmas.

In September we participated in the SPRING FLING, selling our Taihape tea towels and a raffle - this was a great fundraiser and valuable to be out in the community, a very social day.

Our tea towels have now all sold - 500 in all, over a couple of years.

We are sorry to be fare welling Dianne McKinnon from the Pastoral care team. Dianne has been involved for over 20 years as part of the original Mutual Ministry team, when we moved from having a vicar, and then onto the Pastoral care team. When Elizabeth Buchanan departed for Taupo in 2007 Dianne stepped into the hospitality role coordinating many functions and organising and presenting food with her artistic flair.

Dianne is going to leave a large gap in our team and we wish her and John all the best for Feilding.

If you know someone in our parish or community who would appreciate a call please contact Vicki Cottrell 3880035

Meet our Pastoral Care Team

Rev Tracey Peters

Vicki Cottrell

Anne Mould

Ann Hylton

Margaret Benson

Alison Duncan

Missions

These past few months, Missions has been well supported. Thank you everyone.

Last month, October 23rd. The Rev. Michael Hartfield and his wife Jane, were at our St Margaret's service. Michael is the Head of Missions based in Wellington. It was great to have Michael and Jane with us and to have Michael speak to us and draw our small raffle. The lucky winner was Janet Riach.

The raffle raised \$80 for Mission which was most welcome and brought the total to \$1430.60. Our target of \$1600 is certainly not too far away.

This month, November 25th, we will have our annual event, The Coffee and Dessert evening, being hosted this year by Lis Riley at 9 Kokako Street at 6pm. Many thanks Lis. This is always a most enjoyable evening, I hope you will be able to attend.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Margaret Benson

Missions Motivator

Art Auction

Planning is underway for our next affordable Art Exhibition and Sale. Proposed dates are March 30th to Saturday 1 April 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.

Matthew 11:28-30² "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Funerals

Raymond George Coster 12 July 2022

Wendy Marie Totman 5 August 2022

Roger Fannin 17 August 2022

Memorial Services for

Bruce Jensen 20 August 2022

Valerie June Joyce 27 August 2022

Our condolences and prayers for all the families.

Childrens Service

Advent Xmas

Sunday 4 December

10 am

Greetings to you all

It is hard to believe that this is the last Children's Service for 2022this year our Service is on the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation, getting ready for Christmas festivities and preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus into our lives. Often it is a season that is skipped over because people are looking ahead to Christmas. During our Service we will be singing Xmas Carols and have a few Christmas decorations, so it will be a combination of Advent and Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all in December...

Blessings and good wishes for the Christmas festive season,

Heather

During the course of Synod we learned about wonderful work that so many in our diocese are doing for people in need. We learned there is on-going work with Refugees with Anglicans, Catholics, and the Red Cross in the region. We had a report on the Wellington City Mission which started in 1904. This fantastic Anglican organization is building a new building, chapel, café, complete with financial management aid, housing, social workers, even a GP and Podiatrist, laundry and grocery store will be available for people staying there temporarily while they work on returning to the community. This year's Anglican Advent appeal will be to go towards this new facility. The City Mission already has two large op-shops in Wellington and Petone. They are also in the process of tripling the size of the Taranaki Street Store. Our Diocese, from all of us, gave \$500,000 towards the new Wellington City Mission.

Next year's priorities for our diocese are protecting creation, continuing with housing needs and helping refugees. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of these inspirational meetings representing St. Margaret's we are allowed two Synod Reps. Please talk to me if you are interested or just curious.

Elizabeth Cottrell

Your Synod Rep and People's Warden.

Commemorative plaque on pews

Several Years ago, we gave people the opportunity to have a plaque in honour of their family placed on one of our church pews. This does cost, \$400. This gives you the choice of an inscription on a plaque on a pew. You choose the words, let us know and we will get it done and secured to a pew. We would then, during one of our Sunday services, bless the plaque. We would love for you to be a part of that. Let us know if this appeals. This is part of our fund-raising campaign, a way that gives more people the opportunity to contribute.

Report from Synod - St Paul's Paraparaumu 2022

This year's programme was full in inspirational speeches, talks, presentations, worship, and singing. Bishop Justin chaired the meetings, and his charge for us all was to remember the story of Jesus and the loaves and fishes. He encouraged us to be generous and it will multiply. He spoke of human dignity and our need to served the least, lost and last in our communities. He said we should also be joyful and hopeful; that joy and hope are God's gifts.

Bishop Justin also spoke of the "Mountain Top Moment" when Bishop Ellie spoke at Lambeth, the conference of Anglican Bishops from 165 nations held only once every ten years. You can see her speech on the Anglican Movement website and probably elsewhere on the internet. I highly recommend it. Bishop Ellie was the only woman bishop to speak at the conference. It was huge for her to be asked and she was in the minority being a woman and a westerner.

During the two days at synod we accomplished a lot of business that so many people in our diocese had put a lot of research into. One such motion passed was to make the money that each parish pays to the diocese for stipends/salaries fairer between large and small parishes. There is so much to think about running the diocese and I enjoy the nuts and bolts.

We also attended different workshops one afternoon and I was able to visit Ngatiawa River Monastery in the hills behind Waikanae. Bishop Justin and his wife Jenny and family bought an old abandoned Presbyterian school camp years ago before he was ordained. They had been looking after street people on Cuba Street and knew they needed to get out of the city. Justin tried at that time to get a loan to buy the property, but he didn't realize you had to have a job to get a loan! Finally, a Christian bank manager gave them the loan and the Duckworths and all who have lived there on and off over the years have built a wonderful sanctuary. The chapel is especially sacred and special.

News from our Vestry

Some of the items on our Agenda every month includes Health and Safety, Social Housing, Garden and Building maintenance which are always on-going. We have also put some improvements in place such as our speaker system. The old personal mics were so poor and broken, they were held together with sticky tape. Trevor Benson and his wife Margaret offered to pay for new ones and what a difference. Thank you Trevor and Margaret. We also had a new heat-pump installed at the front of the Church which has replaced all the small heaters which were constantly overloading the system. This has also made a difference to our power bill which is always a blessing. A grant for a portion of this was received from 4 Regions trust and a donation was received from Norman Richardson to cover the balance.

Thank you Norman and 4 Regions Trust. What a difference it has made.

Many one off situations and proposed expenditure is discussed and actions and although this is an important focus of our meeting, it is not done without a prayerful start and finish to the meeting. We all agree this is an essential part of the meeting as every thing we do is for the glory of God.

One of our real concerns is the increase in bills and the decrease in giving. This is due to many things, people moving away through work, going to retirement villages or moving to be in Gods Kingdom. As a Church, we still want to be a blessing to our community and we can only do this with your help. We continually look for fundraising ideas but even that is not enough at this time. So please, if you can, please help so that we, in turn can keep our church alive.

Meet our Vestry Team

Rev. Tracey Peters—Priest in Charge

Elizabeth Cottrell—Peoples Warden, Synod Rep and Chairperson

Lis Riley—Property Manager—Administrator /Treasurer

Vicki Cottrell—Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain co-ordinator

Heather Gilbert—Children's co-ordinator

Sheryl Jones—Garden co-ordinator

Frances Hodgson—Vestry team member

What is your passion? What is your gift?

Are you looking to volunteer your time into something that really makes a difference

We really need your help

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 hospitality?

Hospitality

Our Hospitality organiser has now retired outside our district and we need someone who loves to entertain with good organisation skills to fill this role. If you love to give this a try with the assistance of a team of helpers for functions, then this is for you.

Is your passion in keeping a place looking good

Hall Committee

We are setting up a new Hall Committee members to help run our hall functions. Also to help plan and apply for funding for Hall renovations in the future. I

If you have some experience in this we would love you to come on board.

For more information, please contact Lis on 021 1085 380

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

Amy Ball

Raffle winner



Rev. Michael Hartfield

Head of Anglican Missions and his wife Jane with Rev Tracey

Rev Michael Hartfield with Marga-





Dianne & John McKinnon's
farewell



Plimmer Bench



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 received.

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.
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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.

Children's Service
September



Children's Service
St Francis of Assisi Day
Blessing of the
Animals

