

THE TAIHAPE ANGLICAN

PARISH NEWSLETTER

March/April 2023

St Margaret's Church

47 Huia Street

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St Stephen's Church

Kawhatau

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Life here and there

Here we are into March already, and what a year it is proving to be for so many people. We have been blessed to have kept safe over Cyclone Gabrielle, even if we haven't had much of a Summer. The whole world seems to be in turmoil, whether through human conflict or with catastrophic weather events. But when we believe and trust in God, we know that we are eternally safe, with our future secure, regardless of what will happen to our bodies here on earth. Which is easy to say when our daily lives are o.k. For the people of Hawkes Bay and beyond, who have lost so much, faith and trust in God is suddenly much more relevant. We all need to realise that this earth, this world, is not our personal, eternal residence. Our hope lies in the One who made the heavens and the earth, and who has promised to those who believe in Him, a much more glorious and safe future than what we will ever experience here on Earth. We are not to cling so tightly to the things of this present age that when we loose them, we are destroyed. Once again, easier said than done, I know. Sometimes that is the only way that God can get our attention.

Here we are in the second week of lent, where we are called to examine our lives in relation to Jesus Christ. Are we growing more like Him? What do we need to do, or not do, to become more like him? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify those areas of your life that doesn't look Christ-like. He will, but not in condemnation, but with love, to help you and me live the life that we have been created to live. As we do that, we help bring the Kingdom of God into our midst.

We are holding a 5/6 week Lenten Study, starting Thursday 9th at 1pm @ 9 Kokako Street, based on 1 Peter, and what was held at the Lambeth Conference last year.

Some of our sermons this month will be Videos from +Justin about this Lenten Journey. Do feel free to come along, even if only to some of them—the Lenten Study, and Church. Discussions on faith are a great way to get to know Jesus better and thus grow more.

May this year and this Lenten time leading up to Easter, be a year and a time of blessings and of experiencing more and more of abundant life that Jesus came to give us.

Amen

Special dates

9 Mar to 4 Apl Lenten Studies each Thursday 1pm @ 9 Kokako St

12 March—Garden Working Bee after church with shared lunch

16 March —Art Exhibition & Sales opening night with Cheese and Wine 7pm

17-18 March Art Exhibition and sales together with 2 raffle prizes
Fri 9-5 Sat 10-4

26 March—AGM after Church Service

2nd April—Children’s Service—Palm Sunday

5 April 7pm Chrism Service - St Johns Feilding

6 April 7pm Maundy Thursday Service, St Margaret’s

7 April 10am Good Friday—Combined Churches Walk of the Cross

9 April 9.30 am Easter Sunday with Eucharist

13 May 9.30-3.30 Dlo Training Day, Palmerston North

Pastoral Care Team

Our first meeting of the year was held Monday 20 Feb at 1:30pm

Christmas Services and carol services were discussed. The food under the Christmas Tree was donated to the Koha Shed, and a collection of drinks were given to the Meals on Wheels Christmas Boxes.

The March services were discussed with a possible AGM date of Sunday 26th. Also World Day of Prayer on March 3rd at St Mary's 10am.

The Art Exhibition is on 16-18th March. And a raffle proposed with two prizes. Donations for a mixed basket and the other with a donated Alpaca blanket. The following services were discussed - 2nd April Palm Sunday which is also a Children's Service, 7 April Good Friday – Walk of the Cross, 9 April Easter Day.

There is also the up and coming Garden working bee. We would welcome anyone who wanted to come. See below

Looking after our Church gardens at St Margaret's Church

Gardening Bee on March 12 after Church followed by a shared lunch. All those keen gardeners, mark this in your diary.

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 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

Missions

So far this year \$260.30 has been donated to missions which is very encouraging. Thank you for your support. I am sure our target of \$1600 will once again be exceeded. Our Missions project continues to be Water for All - Fiji.

Last Year our total collected was \$1952.30.

Thank you for your support

Margaret Benson

St Margaret's Anglican Church

Art Exhibition and Sale

We are once again having this fundraiser from Thursday March 16th to Saturday March 18th. St Margaret's Hall, 47 Huia Street, Taihape. If you would like to donate, sell, or exhibit an original art piece please contact Elizabeth Cottrell

Phone 06 388 0524 or email m.e.cottrell@farmside.co.nz. This year we will be selling on commission as well as accepting donations. The commission will be %40 for the church and %60 for the artist. We have invited the Taihape Art Society to join us, and we will once again have quite a few other local artists on display including Tim Pekamu and Gwen Jones. Thursday is Opening night with a \$20 entry including wine and cheese from 7pm-9pm. Friday March 17th's hours will be 9 to 5, Saturday, 10 to 4 free entry for both these days.

If you have any "OPEN" signs or signs that we can write "ART" on would you please let Elizabeth know. We would like to hang one on the boards just out of town too.

Please come along with your friends and neighbours to enjoy the wide range of art on display and for sale. There will be something there for all ages, I assure you, so bring your children and grandchildren too. We also have a very special raffle made and donated by Alison Bruce Duncan. It is a home spun alpaca and merino baby wrap. See you there!

**Our AGM is on March 26th 2023
following our church service.**

If you want to be part in the governance of your church please complete the electoral role at the back of the church which is available from this Sunday.

We are also taking nominations for the following positions

Vestry Members

Synod Rep

Treasurer

Peoples Warden

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Lis, Tracey or Elizabeth for assistance and Information on these roles.

We look forward to seeing you there

Funerals

Alma Helene Wold Herbert 8 Nov 2022

Alma was a long time serving member of our Parish before she moved to Palmerston North. Condolences to the family

Bettina Garmonsway 20 Dec 2022

Condolences to Talbot, Rev.Tracey and family

Marriages

William Paul Duncan to Annabelle Starink 4 February 2023

Robert William Bruce to Bonnie Jean Struthers 25 February 2023

Congratulations

Baptisms

Chloe Louisa Leigh Gordon Baptised 18 December 2022

Harry John Ross Gordon Baptised 18 December 2022

Blessings

“Being a Christian” is more about a relationship with God than beliefs about God;

more about the presence of God than the proofs of God;
more about intimacy with the truth than the tenets of truth;
more about knowing God’s activities than knowing God’s attributes.

It is time to move from a religion that seeks to comprehend God to a relationship that seeks to encounter and be a home for God—to move from points and propositions and moralisms to mystery and paradox and participation in the divine life.”

Leonard Sweet

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.

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.

**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
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On Line Banking

With 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
4 December



Baptisms of Chloe and Harry Gordon



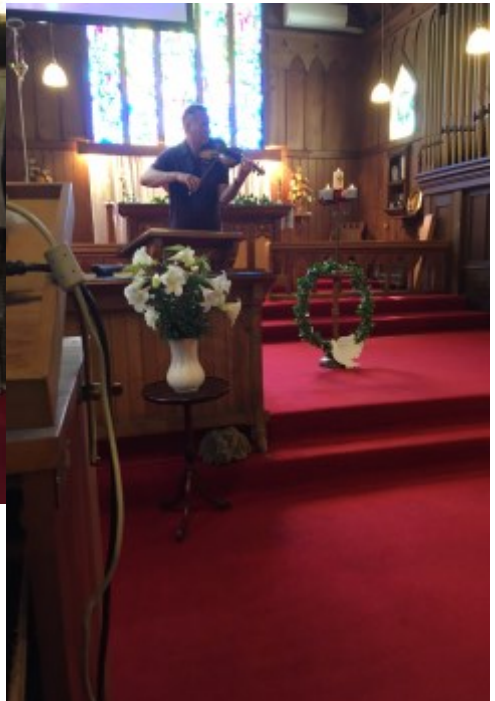
Carol Service at Kawhatau



Christmas Eve at St Margaret's



John Seager delighted all on
Christmas Eve



Mowhango Batley Chapel Christmas



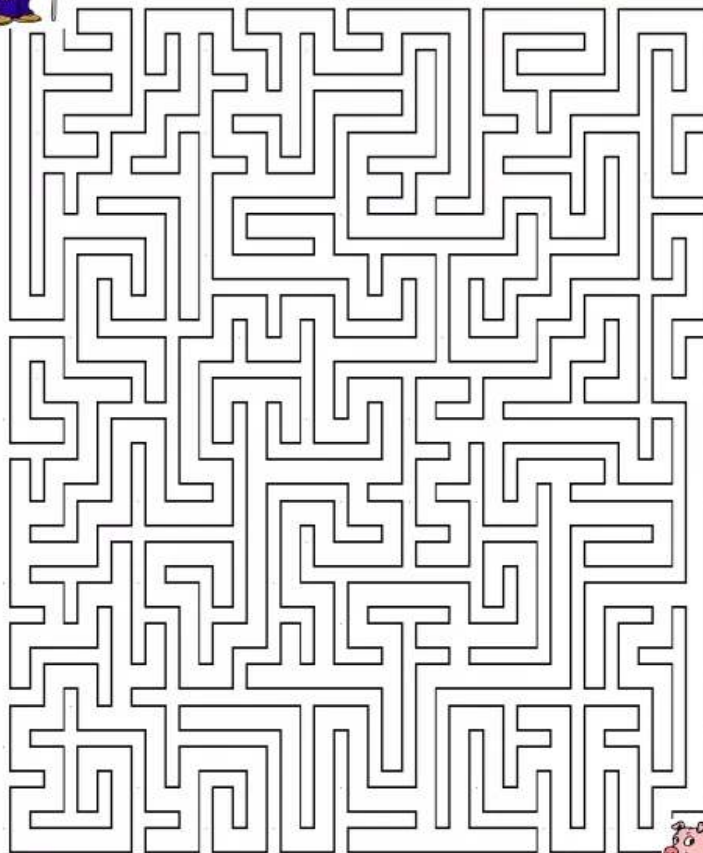
John Marshall having help with the pew plaque in memory of his parents.



Children's Puzzle Corner



Help the Farmer find his pig



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Quiz Questions

Answers on page

1. Who plays Hannah Brown in the 1948 American musical film *Easter Parade*?
2. Easter Island belongs to which country?
3. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
4. In 1873 which company introduced the first chocolate Easter egg in Britain?
5. Which governor of the Roman province of Judaea presided over the trial of Jesus?
6. Which poet wrote the poem *Easter, 1916*? (It describes the poet's emotions regarding the events of the 1916 Easter Rising.)
7. Which light fruit cake, with two layers of almond paste or marzipan, is traditionally eaten during the Easter period?
8. The Saturday before Palm Sunday is named after which biblical character?
9. Which Russian jewellery firm is famed for designing elaborate jewel-encrusted eggs?
10. On what Christian holy day are hot cross buns traditionally eaten?
11. What was Simon of Cyrene made to do by the Romans?
12. Who directed the 2004 American biblical drama *The Passion of the Christ*?
13. Which Christian holy day of prayer and fasting falls on the first day of Lent?
14. At Easter, the British monarch distributes small silver coins known as what?
15. A sign was affixed to the top of the cross stating "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" which according to the Gospel of John was written in which three different languages?

The Power of Prayer

The day was long, the burden I had born
seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
and then it lifted—but I did not know

Someone had knelt in prayer;
Had taken me to God that very hour,
and asked the easing of the load,
and He, in infinite compassion,
had stooped down and had taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes, but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Someone had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!

So many, many hearts have need of prayer:

Oh, let us pray!



Thought for Today

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff, they comfort me.”

Psalm 23.4

These words of comfort from a familiar psalm are a further help to us when we begin to worry about some trouble in our lives. These wonderful words of reassurance have helped many a person, almost at the end of their endurance, in times of suffering and fear, and we can use them, too, to relieve our own stress and worry.

This morning, I noticed some sweet-pea plants growing up a wall. Only five plants had grown as the garden was not well cultivated, but the plants were strong leaved and one was flowering. They set me wondering about how our world would survive if all the seeds that were sown worried about germinating in the dark soil, and were fearful of what their shoots would find above the ground. How many beautiful flowers etc., would be denied us if seeds worried like people?

Because that’s what worry and fear does to our lives. They prevent us from growing and reaching our full potential as human beings. We think too much about ourselves and deny ourselves the joy of Interacting with other people. These words from Psalm 23 assure us all that there is a God, a power that we can switch to when we are worried and fearful. We do not need to suffer on our own; there is a God who will share our problems and allay our fears if we ask Him. In God’s power we can learn to forget our own fears and worries, we can lose our self-centredness and find peace and joy in reaching out to other people.

From an unknown source:

“Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow”.

Doreen McKendrick, Elder at St Paul’s Presbyterian Church.

Cyclone Gabrielle Response

Message from Our Diocesan Office:: Teams needed for Cyclone response

“A mountain of need” is how Matt Crawshaw, Diocesan Social Transformation and Community Development Manager, describes the scene in Hawke’s Bay after arriving with a team to support the Cyclone Gabrielle response. His team is on-the-ground providing fresh energy for weary folk by cleaning, washing, digging and sorting through the destruction wrought on the Hawke’s Bay and Tairāwhiti regions. To demonstrate our aroha in this challenging time our diocese is working with Waiapu Bishop Andrew Hedge and Anglican Missions to coordinate teams of volunteers who can give the practical and physical support that’s needed. We invite willing and able volunteers to register interest in helping the recovery. If you are fit and healthy and can go with less than a week’s notice then please register by logging on

<https://anglicanmovement.nz/blog/teams-for-cyclone-response>
Further information about logistics will be provided after registration.

We also urge those who are able, to support Anglican Mission Board’s Cyclone Gabrielle Emergency Appeal. Financial support is still the number one need for communities, as supplies and infrastructure is purchased to recover and rebuild. Please give generously.

And from the Missions office:

Michael Hartfield from Anglican Missions, shares information about the Provincial response to Cyclone Gabrielle, called Hapaitia.

As well as the immediate call for financial aid, this group has a longer term vision of healing and restoration. Read more here: <https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/humanitarian-emergencies/gabrielle/>

The Anglican Parish of Taihape has already raised over \$3000. If you wish to donate, you can either do so through the church (A/C No. on page 9— do remember to put your name and “Cyclone” as reference) or through either of the web sites listed above.

Quiz Answers:

1. Judy Garland
2. Chile
3. Palm Sunday
4. Fry's (J.S. Fry & Sons)
5. Pontius Pilate
6. W. B. Yeats
7. Simnel cake
8. Lazarus Saturday
9. Faberge
10. Good Friday
11. Carry the cross for Jesus
12. Mel Gibson
13. Ash Wednesday
14. Maundy money (distributed on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday)
15. Hebrew, Latin and Greek

How many did you get right?

Thanks David Scott for putting together this quiz .

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