



*Growing in Christian faith, love and action we responsibly
and joyfully care for God's earth and all people.*

Johanna's Jottings

As I write it is a bright sunny day, but cool. The wind is blowing strongly. The grass and weeds are taking off and bumble bees are exploring the blossom on my few broad beans.

It seems to me that in my life as a minister in our parish and in the wider Presbytery there are also signs of Spring growth and turmoil. Over the past two weeks four of the congregations in Nelson have voted on a proposal to dissolve themselves and form one Nelson parish. I was very keen to hear the result yesterday, and it is extremely positive; three resounding yes votes! and sadly, one no. This week Alpine Council will follow up with the formal motions required at Presbytery level. There is a service of celebration planned in Nelson on 16th November and I plan to attend as Deputy Moderator of Alpine Presbytery.

Next week I go north to attend the General Assembly. I have a folder of papers to read beforehand and some hard thinking about some of them to do. I find it hard to respond positively to some changes and proposals, and yet once I really hear the reasoning behind the proposals during the Assembly I may become very enthusiastic.

After the Assembly I'll spend a couple of days with Mum and then journey south again on the train and ferry. I'll get back here on Monday 13th October.

I'll miss our Garden Tour but hopefully I will not miss all of our planned fundraising events.

Isn't it lovely to be back in the hall, at least until the steel is 

brought in! Haven't we been blessed by such a great building team. If you have been in and out during the week you will have had a chance to observe the careful work and cheerful accommodating way all the tradesmen have worked with us. Well done to all of you for all your innovative ideas and hard work as we pay for the strengthening.

God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ,

Johanna

Johanna will be attending General Assembly on behalf of our parish. She will be away from 29 September till 13 October

We Remember

BRYAN CLELAND WILSON 19.11.1927—24.9.2014

Affectionately known to many as “Uncle Willie”, Bryan served St Andrew’s as parish Minister from December 1975 till December 1982. He is well remembered for his pastoral ministry, his community involvement and his wicked sense of fun.

*Messages can be sent c/- H Morris Funeral Services,
31 Ocean View Road, Northcote Auckland 0627.*



REMEMBERING SERVICE

2:30 pm Sunday, 19 October

St Andrew's Church

All welcome.

**A half hour service for remembering and grieving
with a cup of tea to follow.**



Rest Home Services

You are invited to any of these services. It's good to have people to help with hymn books, share the singing and so on. And the residents really enjoy having others come. Takes about 30 minutes. Mark these dates now.

<i>October</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday, 21 st	Johanna	Ashwood	2pm
Friday, 24 th	Marion	Aberleigh	11am
Tuesday, 28 th	Johanna	Lakewood	11am
<i>November</i>			
Wednesday, 12 th	Johanna	Redwood	10.30am

HELP NEEDED FOR DISABLED REST HOME PREACHERS

Yes, you read right. The preachers who go into the Rest Homes on your behalf now consist of only David, Johanna and myself and the problem is that we only have two hands each and one mouth each. This makes the handing out of books together with singing and preaching certainly difficult and a lone voice in the desert. Many of the Rest Homes have parishioners who used to worship with us and love to see familiar faces. I also feel that it is important that just because these people cannot get to church does not mean they should give up group worship that used to be such a big part of their life. Some of these people also gave much to us in their active years. If you can shake hands, pass out books, have kind words and if not able to sing then at least to hum, we want you. Please consider giving one hour a month to help at one of these services. Of course many thanks to those who come to play the piano for us and those who do already support the three of us by coming along.

Want to know more? — you can ring me, Marion Rowe 5782272 or tap me on the shoulder at church.

Lectionary The following readings are set down for the next few weeks in a lectionary used by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in New Zealand. In St Andrew's we normally follow the lectionary except when other readings are required for special circumstances. You may wish to follow the readings even if you are unable to attend services.

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
5 October Pentecost 17	Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Ps 19	Phil 3: 4b-14	Mt 21: 33-46
12 October	Ex 32: 1-14	Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23	Phil 4: 1-9	Mt 22: 1-14
19 October	Ex 33: 12-23	Ps 99	1 Thes 1: 1-10	Mt 22: 15-22
26 October	Deut 34: 1-12	Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17	1 Thes 2: 1-8	Mt 22: 34-46
1 November All Saints	Rev 7: 9-17	Ps 34: 1-10, 22	1 Jn 3: 1-3	Mt 5: 1-12
2 November Pentecost 21	Josh 3: 7-17	Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 1-12
9 November Pentecost 22	Josh 24: 1-3a 14-25	Ps 78: 1-7	1 Thes 4: 13-18	Mt 25: 1-13

Annual General Meeting

The 145th Annual Meeting of the parish was held on Sunday 28th September. The main points covered were:

- Raewyn Buchanan was appointed Parish Clerk
- Gail Hodson and Jane Heywood were appointed as new Parish Councillors
- Dawn Neal stood down as required after three terms as Councillor
- Jennifer Willis has stepped down as Treasurer and thanks were expressed to her for many years' work. Finance Committee will appoint a new Treasurer in due course.
- A budget for the coming year was presented and accepted.

kidz@andrews

For Father's Day, the kidz@andrews team cooked sausages to give to the men and asked the ladies to buy them. A delicious morning tea.

Currently the children are working on a display to go into the church. We are focusing on our Creator God's gift to us of a whole universe. At the moment they are carefully colouring the words of the display. It is lovely to see the imaginative way they approach their work and how they encourage and inspire one another.

We do thank you for the cardboard cylinders, collage materials, and so on that you regularly drop off for us. It is very inspiring for the planning team to have these boxes and bags of "junk" come in. If you have never been asked to help in any way and would like to see the children in action do come out to join them for a while, or ring Raewyn Buchanan, Marion Gardiner or Johanna to offer your services. Do tell us if there are some activities you feel more confident to help with or if you could do something we have never thought of with the children. We'd like the children to get to know more of the congregation and we do not want to overburden any one person or team with responsibility for the kidz@andrews activities.

WE WANT YOUR BLING!!! That is if you no longer want it.

Some time ago we received some jewellery from an estate and it started off the jewellery stall at our fair. Despite some contributions over the years the supply is now very low. If you are having a clean out or have friends who are tidying up their jewellery boxes or even have a loved one who has died and has jewellery the family does not want to keep, please keep us in mind. Any donations can be dropped off at the church or leave a message requesting that it be collected.

Many thanks. Marion Rowe.

At Last Month's Parish Council

- Dawn Neal and Sipa Robson will finish their terms on Parish Council at the AGM on 28 September.
- Church Officer training will resume after Johanna returns from Assembly.
- Approval was given for Property Committee to sell two pews from the hall which will no longer fit.
- A five year plan is to be considered in the new year.
- A budget prepared by the Finance Committee was presented prior to being presented to the AGM.
- St Andrew's will join Wesley to celebrate 150 years of Methodism in Blenheim on 29 March. This is also Palm Sunday and 5th Sunday of the month.
- Johanna reported on attending a lay preachers' seminar in Christchurch after the Alpine Presbytery meeting. The two main addresses are to be published and a copy will be available for anyone to read.
- A seminar on Pastoral Care was held in Nelson in September and disappointment was expressed that no one from St Andrew's had been able to attend.
- Marion Rowe suggested and offered to coordinate a Christmas Light Show in the church for four nights, to be advertised by media along with lighted houses to visit. (See page 9)
- Action on Alcohol was discussed and Johanna agreed to make contact with a Social Issues group in Christchurch for information on resources etc.
- December meeting will be held on 16th, normal meeting date.

Next meeting 18 November at 7.30 pm



Reminder — Don't forget to save used stamps



It was lovely to be back in our own hall for Cruisey Church this month. The children were welcomed into the foyer and spent some time having fun with a maze, for climbing on, over and through. Then they began their activities with making a model of the sort of house that the friends of a paralysed man came to as they sought out Jesus. They had their friend on a



stretcher, but couldn't get near so went up the side steps to the roof and lowered him down. It was great fun attaching the steps to the house and making pipe cleaner people and a stretcher. There were maze puzzles to solve which tested the brain. Also a paper sheet house to cover with cut out people, to represent the crowd surrounding Jesus.

Then tea was enjoyed with sausages wrapped in bread and then wrapped with bacon. Since it was Cruisey's 4th Birthday we later enjoyed a delicious chocolate cake with chocolate icing and rainbow sprinkles, made by Sipa Robson. Thank you Sipa, you make the best chocolates cakes.

The next Cruisey Church will be on Saturday 18th October, at 5pm.



HAND BELLS RINGERS CONCERT

The Christchurch Hand Bells Ringers Concert is to be held in our Church on **Sunday, 2nd November at 2.30pm. Admission \$10.**

This will be a unique concert featuring some of the hand bells donated to the group from the late Jack and Grace Liley, who were members of our parish many years back. Their daughter, Margaret Moore, has been able to keep in touch with the group over the years.

The group are coming to St Andrew's to do a fundraising concert with support from the Blenheim Lions Club to help raise funds for the completion of strengthening our Church hall. They do a lot of concerts in Christchurch and are part of the Cathedral bell ringers too. There will be guest musicians also taking part.

Please support this concert as it is very rare to hear hand bells.

CHRISTMAS AND CRAFT FAIR

This exciting event is happening on the 7th, 8th and 9th of November.

On **Friday 7th** we will have a Preview 4.30pm to 8pm, by ticket, with hot or cold drinks and food, and a chance to get in early and purchase gifts of all sorts or new Christmas decorations. The cover charge will be \$5.00 and this applies only to Friday night.

Saturday we will be open to coincide with Garden Marlborough Tours, hours not finalised.

On **Sunday** we will be open from 9am to 4pm.

Stalls include Christmas Trees; Christmas crafts; Sewing Stall; Cards for all occasions; Delicatessen stall; Plants and Garden stall; Lemon Stall (Lemonade, lemon marmalade, Muffins, Lemon honey); Tea Cosies etc.

There are many ways you can help:

- Helping serve on a stall or in the kitchen. Even an hour will help greatly.
- Making Jam, Muffins, Slice, Lemon Honey – Lemons and sugar available.
- Donate some sugar for someone else to use, or craft supplies and material, or a monetary gift we can use for supplies.
- Making something crafty, be it a decoration or a gift type thing, for any age.
- Clean out the garden shed and donate unwanted tools or plant pots etc.
- Think of a brilliant idea, or even an average one, and let us know!
- Make a Raffle Prize.

The Accent is on Homemade, with the exception being garden tools etc. Ring and let us know your thoughts. **Marion Rowe 578-2272, Rae Garnham 578-3727, Raewyn Buchanan 578-0747.**

HOW ABOUT SOME TRUE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS?

Remember how much fun it is driving around looking at the houses decorated for Christmas. I would like to enter our church this year but we will depict the true Christmas story. I plan to open the church for four nights during which we will have a stable scene, flowers and background sounds and music. In the hall we will offer free hot drinks with a piece of Christmas cake. If we have Christmas items left from the fair we will have a sales table but this will **NOT** be the focus of the event.

So far I have costumes for the manger scene;

Joshua has offered to make a light show;

I have offers of help in the kitchen;

I potentially have offers for people to do flowers.

BUT we are open to having more people to help. If you have any ideas or are able to help could you please contact me –

Marion Rowe, 5782272.

I will soon contact people for a meeting.

Request – does anyone have access to life size mannequins we could borrow to dress up?



Father: What did you learn in Sunday School this morning?

Son: We learned about how Moses went behind the enemy lines to rescue the Jews from the Egyptians. Moses ordered the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After the people crossed he sent bombers back to blow up the bridge and the Egyptian tanks that were following them. And then . . .

Father: Did the teacher really tell it to you like that?

Son: No, but if I told you what he said you would never believe it.

TURAKINA MAORI GIRLS' COLLEGE

A book telling the Maori myths of creation in poetic form was printed 11 years ago and given to the College. There are still a good number of copies available for \$25 (including p&p).

Here is an illustration from the *World Awakens, Te Puawai o te Ao*, in which the sons of Rangi and Papa are meeting to find a way to gain their freedom.

*“At a hui gathered they to discuss their discontent.
How could they each stand alone?
How could they achieve a change?”*

Friends have these books for sale, so if you would like one write to us at: Friends of TMGC
Treasurer, 7 Logan Grove, FEILDING 4702

If you wish to use direct banking the account is:

03 0683 0137021 00

Our annual donation of \$100 to TMGC was again raised this year by the sale of hand-made chocolates provided by the Outreach Committee. Thank you. They were much sought after and appreciated.



ST ANDREW'S GARDEN TOUR



As this issue goes to print, twelve gardens around Blenheim are being prodded, poked, pruned and groomed for the fund-raising garden tour on 10 and 11 October. Many thanks to those people who are prepared to have us invade their property to admire and be inspired. We are very grateful.

Please take every care when you visit these gardens, both of your own safety as there could be tripping hazards and uneven surfaces, and of the gardens themselves so that we do not leave any damage. If you still do not have a ticket you can get one for \$15 from Selmes, Springlands or Roseland's Garden Centre or Cresswell's Shoes.

NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE

No matter what distressing times I face,
When rain and storms replace the sunny weather,
When things I counted on fail to sustain me,
There's nothing we can't handle, Lord, together.

If those I thought were friends act more like foes,
If I start to lose the things I hold most dear,
I know that I can tell it all to You;
You want to listen to me and to hear.

When my earthly world dissolves before my eyes,
When problems seem too great for me to bear,
You'll always be there for me, Lord, I know;
I can come to you on bended knees in prayer.

It's such a comfort, Lord, to realize,
You'll always be my King, my Lord, my Friend;
To share my burdens, worries, and my cares,
You'll love me and support me to the end.

By Joanna Fuchs

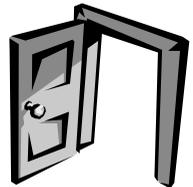
St Andrew's: Calendar & Contacts

Special this Month

Thursday, 2 nd	Outreach Committee, Foyer, 1.30pm Joy Ministries 5.15pm
Sunday, 5 th	World Communion Sunday combined at Wesley
Friday, 10 th & Saturday, 11 th	(Garden Tour 10am-4pm (
Tuesday, 14 th	Property Committee, 7.30pm Finance Committee, 7.30pm
Thursday, 16 th	Afternoon Tea Service 2.30pm
Saturday, 18 th	Cruisey Church 5pm
Sunday, 19 th	Remembrance Service 2pm
Tuesday, 21 st	Parish Council 7.30pm

November

Sunday, 2 nd	Hand Bell Concert 2.30pm
Thursday, 6 th	Joy Ministries 5.15pm



All welcome

Regular Services

Sundays	Mornings 10am, Evenings 7pm
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Regular Events

Tuesdays	Sewing Group, 9.30 am
Thursdays	Craft Group, 10.00 am

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