



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

Johanna's Jottings

Towards the end of last year I set out to prepare written notes relating to the Sunday reading/s. Some of these have been printed in the Chronicle. [November and December] They were also available in the foyer. Over the Christmas and New Year period I have not prepared any. How many of you would still appreciate them in the Chronicle or the foyer? Or is there some similar thing we could offer which you would use more? Please let me or someone on the Outreach Committee know.

In the coming year all our usual ministry activities will continue. They happen because some of you get involved and make them happen. They are supported by background preparation and by prayer, as much as by the hands-on work of those present. Do you know what they all are? Are you curious? Is there someone you know who might like to attend one of these?

They only grow because someone brings someone, and maybe this year it will be your turn to bring someone along to try something new. Here is a brief description, but perhaps you would like to come yourself to check it out; that is always fine, and it is great if you want to support someone else in trying one of these.

Joy Ministries meets monthly on a Thursday evening. We worship and eat together. Our group includes some physical and some intellectually disabled people and a few supportive friends.

Cruisey Church meets monthly on a Saturday evening. We aim for activities suitable for preschool and primary school aged children. We craft together, worship together and eat together. We encourage parents or grand-parents to join in. This year



we are trialling a small extra to provide something a little more challenging for children who are 8 years old or older. We can always give you an invitation with further details.

Afternoon Tea Service is on a Thursday afternoon once a month from April to November. We meet in the church to worship at 2:30 pm, then, sit at the tables in the hall or foyer for a lovely afternoon tea. Rides can be arranged. Some of those who attend are from other churches in Blenheim. This is a lovely social occasion. Anyone is most welcome.

During February as usual I will take the service at Rapaura on the second Sunday. I will also be taking two weddings, joining my leadership cohort in Wellington one day, leading a Presbytery meeting here in Blenheim and attending an Alpine Presbytery meeting in Christchurch. March will be much quieter, and I will see more of you all.

I hope this year will, for all of us, include some busy exciting times, such as weddings, and some quiet times in which we can enjoy finishing projects off or just doing nothing much.

Your sister in Christ,

Johanna

Parish Register

Marriages: 28.12.13 Tiffany Jade **McCutcheon** to
Daniel John **Lane**
10.1.14 Joanne Jean **Knight** to
Christopher Shaun **Plant**
11.1.14 Jessica Margaret **Norton** to
Christopher Aidan **Kerr**

Funerals: d. 04.01.14 Gwendoline Mabel **Fowler**
d. 07.01.14 Nancy **Gardiner**
d. 10.01.14 Flora **Smith**

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>February</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Time</i>
Friday, 14 th	Marion	Aberleigh	11am
Tuesday, 25 th	Johanna	Lakewood	11am
<i>March</i>			
Tuesday, 4 th	Johanna	Ashwood Park	2pm
Wednesday 12 th	Johanna	Redwood	10.30am

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

St Andrews singing group begins the year in March. We have two practices a month, held on a Saturday 4 - 5pm in the Church - a practice is one hour, and we sing to the congregation on the second Sunday of each month.

This group enjoys bringing music to the people, a variety of favourite hymns and modern songs (no auditions).



If this interests you, please ring Katherine Bailey 578.9883 for more information. We are always keen to welcome new members.

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
2 February Epiphany 4	Micah 6: 1-8	Ps 15	1Cor 1: 18-31	Mt 5: 1-12
9 February	Is 58: 1-9a (9b-12)	Ps 112: 1-9 (10)	1 Cor 2: 1-12 (13-16)	Mt 5: 13-20
16 February	Deut 30: 15-20	Ps 119: 1-8	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Mt 5: 21-37
23 February	Lev 19: 1-2, 9-18	Ps 119: 33-40	1Cor 3: 10-11, 16-23	Mt 5: 38-48
2 March Transfiguration	Ex 24: 12-18	Ps 2 or Ps 99	2 Peter 1: 16-21	Mt 17: 1-9
LENT				
5 March Ash Wednesday	Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17	Ps 51: 1-17	2 Cor 5: 20b-6: 10	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-21
9 March Lent 1	Gen 2: 15-17 3: 1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5: 12-19	Mt 4: 1-11



Advance Notice

Please note in your diary these events in March.

Friday 7th March — World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army

Sunday 9th March — Communion and Flower Sunday

Sunday 16th March — Harvest Festival



CLEANSING STREAM COURSE FOR BLENHEIM CHURCHES

2014 PLAN

Is your relationship with God all you want it to be? Cleansing Stream can help. Your past does not define your future – discover more of God's amazing plan for your life!

We would encourage you to register for the next Cleansing Stream course and retreat. You will be glad you did!

The course will start **Wednesday 19th March** in the Multi Purpose Building at 7.00pm **and will run for 7 weeks**. The one day Retreat will also be held here at Blenheim Assembly of God on Saturday 10th May 2014 (9am to 5pm).

Cost: Workbook \$60.00
Retreat: \$60.00 (If repeat retreat: \$50.00)

Please sign up on the clipboards and pay for the workbook by 5th March 2014, to enable the workbooks to be ordered in time for the course. The cost for the Retreat can be paid by installments if preferred.

If anyone owns the following books, could we please borrow them for the course participants:

“Winning Spiritual Warfare” by Neil T. Anderson

“Forever Ruined for the Ordinary” by Joy Dawson

*“Protecting Your Home from Spiritual Darkness”
by Chuck D”. Pierce & Rebecca Wagner Sytsema
(also titled “Ridding Your Home of Spiritual Darkness”)*

World Day of Prayer

This wonderful ecumenical service is prepared by women from different countries around the world. This year the Salvation Army are hosting the service. Join us on **Friday 7 March**, if you possibly can, at **10am** at the corner of Henry and George Streets.

At Last Month's Parish Council

- Church Property Trustees have approved that we may go ahead and use the funds we have in Wellington for strengthening the hall.
 - The Marlborough District Council has given us the appropriate permits and building consents.
 - Occasionally we need someone who is au fait with using Trade-me to sell donated items of value. Ralph Heywood will be our go-to person for any future sales.
 - **Presbyterian Support** - some councillors felt we should have more information about their activities in the Marlborough region.
 - A letter is to go to Ray Alexander giving our thanks for his work in updating our Memorial Book.
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LYNDA REVEALS A LITTLE HISTORY

Part 9: Graveyard Benefits

On the stonewalls of St Peter's Church in Banburgh, near Rotherham, is carved a wild-cat. It recalls a fatal fight between one of the animals and the Lord of the Manor, Sir Percival Cresance, in 1477, which ended with both dying in the Church porch. Such dangers are a thing of the past, but they remind us how closely the village church is linked to its graveyard, which first appeared in Saxon times as a burial ground but soon had sound financial reasons for wider use. Possession of a burial ground entitled the local congregations to hold back a third of the tithe for repairs to the church fabric, money which would otherwise have gone to the priest or commonly, to church authorities higher up, including bishops such as Wilfred of Ripon who were notorious for expensive tastes in food, wine, comfortable housing and rich vestments.

Memories

Recently Johanna gave us her Reflection on Memories as being a kind of random selection of moments or events when looking on one's life. Only on very rare times does it replay like a movie.

When reading the book "The World Of Forever" by Derek Tangye I came across this extract from another of his books, titled "A Cornish Summer":

"When did it happen? Three, five, ten summers ago? Incidents merge into each other leaving timeless intervals. I do not remember the summer when the drought dried up Monty's Leap, or the summer when I killed an adder outside our door, or the summer when a hoopoe paraded on the grass in front of the cottage, or the summer when I caught a conger eel in my lobster pot, and scared Jeannie when I brought it to her in the kitchen. Important incidents at the time, they have faded into one summer; so too have the pleasant hours I have watched Lama, the little black cat, and Boris, the Muscovy drake sitting incongruously side by side, the one purring, the other ready to raise his head feathers and hiss harmlessly the second he was disturbed; so too have the stares of Penny and Fred the donkeys, looking down at us from the field above our porch, demanding our attention.

When did it happen? I do not know which summer it was when we watched the fox cubs playing in the field on the other side of the shallow valley, fearing that some stranger would see them too, and disturb them. All soft scented days when woodpigeons clapped their wings in courtship, when a raven grunted overhead, when green woodpeckers called to each other in the wood, belong to one summer; all still nights when voices of fishermen, a mile or more out to sea, sounded so loud that they were like ghosts talking in the front garden. There are no dates in my memory."

Note: There is much to enjoy and think about in all Derek Tangye's books about Minack in Cornwall.

Cruisey Church



Cruisey Church is a relaxed family oriented Saturday evening Church.. We gather with a game.

We explore our theme with craft activities.

We celebrate with God, then we share food together.

Everyone is welcome
at Cruisey Church

Dates for 2014

February 15

March 15

April 12 one week earlier to miss the Easter holiday break

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 13 once again a week earlier in the month

We next meet on Saturday 15th February and you are most welcome to come and find out more. There is no charge but we invite you to give a gift of time or money if you can. Parents please plan to stay with your children as they will enjoy the activities more with you to support them. We meet at St Andrew's Church, corner of Henry and Alfred Streets..

Questions?

Phone Johanna 579 1164

PCANZ is presently promoting the following product offer across the whole church.

Christian Supply Chain Product Offer

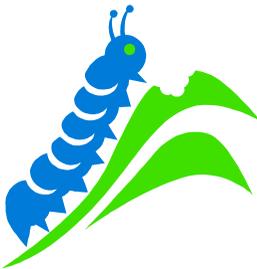
In 2011 PCANZ and CSC (Christian Supply Chain) negotiated a partnership in which All Church Services Ltd, in partnership with CSC, have negotiated substantial purchasing discounts with major retailers. This includes Office Max, Mobil, Bunnings and Noel Leeming. A full list of suppliers is to be found at <http://csc.org.nz/catalogue/> (You may like to copy and paste this into your web browser and check it out).

Buying group membership is open to all Presbyterian parishes, employees and individual parishioners. Membership applications made through the CSC website (csc.org.nz) **DO NOT** identify you as a PCANZ member so if you decide that you want to join up, you should use the application form that can be collected from the church office. Membership is free and there is no minimum spend required.

Once you have joined you receive a membership card to use when making purchases. This will ensure you obtain the relevant discount at the retailer.

The full details as notified in PCANZ Finance Newsletter 159 can be read on the noticeboard in the church foyer and copies of the membership application can be collected from the office.

Disclaimer. *The promotion of this offer in no way indicates that Parish Council approves or supports it. It is up to individual parishioners to make their own enquiries as to the suitability of the offer for their circumstances.*



If nothing
changed
there would be
no
butterflies



PARTY TIME COMING UP

Saturday 5 April is a date to mark on your calendar NOW because you won't want to miss this fun event. If you have been at St Andrew's for a long time you may remember the much talked about Progressive Dinners we had a couple of decades ago. Outreach Committee is organising another of these functions as a fundraiser for our earthquake strengthening. Several people have volunteered to each host a group of 6 to 8 folk for the first course of a meal after which we all change places and go somewhere else with a different group for a main course. Provided no one gets lost we all meet at the hall (or another venue if the hall is under construction) for dessert and coffee. You can be sure of good food and good company. More details and ticket prices next month, but in the meantime, keep the date clear.



WHAT GOES AROUND . . .

One of our parishioners, Minna Holdaway, has for many years maintained contact with her friend Doreen in her home town of Dumfries in Scotland. Recently a donation was received from this Scottish lady to go towards the strengthening of our hall, a reciprocal gift following one Minna made in the past to her home church of St Michael's when work was needed to be done on its spire. We are informed that the lady concerned is a distant relative of the Rev T.D. Nicholson, her father being William Nicholson. It's a small world!



PARENTING AND RELATIONSHIPS

Ian and Mary Grant, who do very good work with parents, are visiting Blenheim from 12th to 17th April this year. There is a comprehensive programme with the couple speaking at churches and colleges. Look for it on our noticeboard.

The organisers have arranged some sponsorship but is also asking churches to contribute to the costs. They ask for prayer. If you would like to be involved look out for more information next month.

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and [obey](#)."

"Don't look back caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by [fear](#),
No, live in this moment, for I am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my [grace](#), let yourself fall."

So, at last I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give him my everything. All that I am.

[Mary Fairchild](#)



St Andrew's: Calendar & Contacts

February

Tuesday 11

Presbytery at St Andrew's
Property Committee 7.30 pm Vestry

Saturday 15

Cruisey Church 5pm

March

Sunday 2

Family Service - 10am

Thursday 6

Joy Ministries - 5pm

Friday 7

World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army

Sunday 9

Communion & Flower Sunday

Tuesday 11

Property Committee Vestry 7.30 pm

Finance Committee Office 7.30 pm

Friday 14

Youth Group 8.30 pm

Saturday 15

Cruisey Church - 5pm

Sunday 16

Harvest Festival - 10am

Sunday 30

Combined Service at Wesley



Regular Services

Sundays

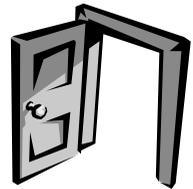
Mornings 10am

Evening Discussions 7pm

Regular Events

Tuesdays Sewing Group, 9.30 am

Thursdays Craft Group, 10.00 am



All welcome

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