



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

Johanna's Jottings

As you read this I am away on holiday for two weeks. I am flying north at Queen's Birthday and will get to see my new house, which is tenanted already. Then Mum, my sisters and brother-in-law and I will spend a lovely week together at the beach not too far away from Whangarei. My nephew and his family will come out to join us for the weekend. There will be time to talk and not talk, read and play games and (mostly for everyone else) do craft. Hopefully there will be some lovely days for walking on the beach. On this frosty morning I cannot imagine swimming!

In May I attended the Alpine Presbytery gathering, as did David and Marion Gardiner. It was held in the rebuilt Knox Church, Christchurch and was very well organised. We did some business, some exploring and learning during a series of workshops and worshipped together. The main celebration focused on the ordination of women as elders 60 years ago and as ministers 50 years ago. It was very refreshing and also good to see a few people I had not seen for a while. Are you aware that if you are curious about what is going on in the church you can receive the weekly Alpine Newsletter. It is sent by email every Thursday and covers local and national events. If you do not have email you can ask Kim for a copy.

You know that I have been busy with Whakatu and Takaka. In July I will be released from the extra responsibility in Whakatu Presbyterian, but will still need to go over to Takaka fairly regularly. Thank you all for being so supportive.



Sometimes these extra tasks are a nuisance, but they can also be a blessing. I learn from good ideas, that I see in practice. I learn from the skills and insights within a wider network, and can bring inspiration back to us.

There is a review of our concert in this Chronicle. If you got there, you know what a treat of gorgeous singing and instrumental music it was. I have been feasting on music this month as I have also attended the Opera and the Ballet in Wellington. I'm lucky to have Paula to stay with when I go over, and on one of my trips we also toured a couple of art galleries before she went back to work and I to the ferry.

May winter be for you a blessed time for rest, for cleansing of the extra 'stuff' from your life, and preparation for renewed growth

Your sister in Christ,

Johanna



SOME FACTS ABOUT ALPINE PRESBYTERY

- The Alpine Presbytery covers West Coast, Nelson, Marlborough and Canterbury.
- There are **sixty-two** parishes.
- **Only twenty-two** have permanent full time Presbyterian ministers,
- four have part time,
- three have Anglican,
- six have Methodist
- and several have lay ministers.
- **seventeen** have interim Moderators.

Thank you to Marion Gardiner for bringing us these statistics. It certainly appears that St Andrew's parish is one of the lucky ones.

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>June</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesday, 2 nd	Johanna/John	Ashwood Park	2pm
Wednesday, 17 th	David	Maxwell Care	11am
Wednesday, 24 th	Johanna/John	Waterlea	10.30am
Friday, 26 th	Marion	Aberleigh	11am



QUIET TIME

A quiet time alone each day
Is what one needs, a time to pray
Too oft the world goes rushing by
Heeding not their soul's heart cry
And burdens seem to greater grow
If seeds of prayer we do not sow

Seems to be such a simple task
Just to pray and only ask
Our God above to lend an ear
To all the problems pressing near
But just you try a prayer or two
And see what work it is to do

So may the best planned project of your day
Be that quiet time you take to pray

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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
7 June Pentecost 2	1 Sam 8: 4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11: 14.15)	Ps 138	2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1	Mk3: 20-35
14 June	1 Sam 15: 34-16: 13	Ps 20	2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17	Mk 4: 26-34
21 June	1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49	Ps 9: 9-20	2 Cor 6: 1-13	Mk 4: 35-41
28 June	2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27	Ps 130	2 Cor 8: 7-15	Mk 5: 21-43
5 July	2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10	Ps 48	2 Cor 12: 2-10	Mk 6: 1-13
12 July Pentecost 7	2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19	Ps 24	Eph 1: 3-14	Mk 6: 14-29

OLD TIME FILM EVENING

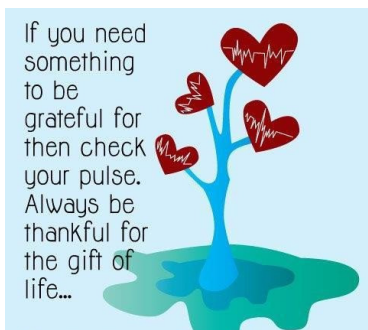
Saturday 4 July

7pm

Genuine Old Time films from
the days of Laurel and Hardy.

A fun evening at St Andrew's

\$10 charge for supper.



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This Sunday we had Charlotte Chapman returning for a visit and several of the Samoan Congregational Church children. What a pleasure it was to have such a keen bunch of children. They have decorated the window with the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. They were so keen on their work that Marion Gardiner has promised that when we dismantle the display we will give them their disciples to take home.

On some Sundays the planning team have been disappointed; the activities are ready but no children. Have you missed the children, too?

LUNCHTIME LAW AT THE LIBRARY



**Free Legal Education at
Marlborough District Library
12.10-12.50PM**

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY IN JUNE



Wednesday 10th June

Traffic Infringements & Offences

- Traffic Infringements & Offences
- Driving and alcohol
- Rights of Police



Presenter: Marion Elvy, CLM Caseworker

Wednesday 24th June

Limited Licence Application

- The what, why, how, where and when of application for a limited licence.

Presenter: To be advised

At Last Month's Parish Council

- A Parish Retreat will be held on 25 July at Picton Union Church from 10am till 3pm.
- A working bee on Monday 18 May cleared and cleaned all meeting rooms so they are now ready for use.
- Volunteer Marlborough is to hold a Workshop day on 17 June on the subjects of strategic planning and succession planning. Three councillors indicated they would attend.
- Marion Gardiner attended Alpine Presbytery as our Presbytery Elder and submitted a very full report for which she was commended.
- An Old Time Film Evening will be held in the hall as a fund-raiser for St Andrew's on Saturday, 4 July at 7pm. There will be a \$10 charge for supper.
- Parish Council agreed that St Andrew's change from MYOB to XERO accounting software as recommended by PCANZ.
- PCANZ Moderator has arranged a Nelson/Marlborough event on Friday evening, 31 July. Disappointment was expressed at the unsuitable timing for Marlborough people as driving over the Whangamoas in the dark in winter conditions is not acceptable for most of us.

Next meeting Tuesday 16 June at 7.30 pm



We could learn a lot from crayons.

Some are sharp, some are
pretty, some are dull, while
others are bright. Some have weird
names, but they have all learned to
live together in the same box.

At our last Cruisey Church our theme was God's love for us. In worship we celebrated the promise God makes in Isaiah that we need not fear even though we walk through fire and flood, for God will be with us and has called us by name. Rose took a lovely photograph of us marching around the sanctuary with our instruments as we sing our faith in God.



Look on the Mission Board in the foyer for this photo and others. Rose always pins them up the week after Cruisey Church. You can also see some examples of our craft. We made a beautiful felt flower and wrote "God picked me" on its leaves. We also made a hanging reminding us that God loves us. We cut out our initial and made a stamp by gluing it onto a block of wood.

Remember you are welcome to visit us at Cruisey Church any time. If there is a family you would like to send an invitation to just ask Rachael, Kim or Johanna.

Next Cruisey Church is on Saturday 20th June at 5 pm.

ST ANDREW'S RELICS



We have many items in our church which have historical significance. As our congregation ages we are in danger of losing the history of how these came to be in the church. If you have stories or information about any of these items we would love to hear from you. Please contact Chris Grant on 5776981 or email chgrant@value.net.nz or contact the church office.

St Andrew's Classical Concert

Our classical concert this year took place on Sunday, 24 May. Once again we had a full house and an appreciative audience.

We broke with tradition and moved the entry from \$5 to \$10, thanks to rising travelling costs for out of town performers. The concert is still excellent value for money and but a fraction of the cost when overseas artists perform in town.

Our popular Master of Ceremonies, Wayne Chapman, once again introduced the musicians in his usual pleasant manner which happens to relax and warm up the audience. Thanks, Wayne, for your pleasant presentation and for travelling across from your new home in Nelson. A special vote of appreciation must also go to Liz McKay who entertained us with incidental music for almost half an hour before the concert opened. Liz sang, accompanying herself on the Steinway.

The artists all displayed tremendous talent. Several had been born overseas and performed with world famous conductors. Sunday's performers included:



Lois Johnston – soprano;
Lissa Cowie – cello;
Elin Tomas – mezzo soprano;
John Robinmson – clarinet;
Anne Robinson – viola;
Olivia Sheat – soprano; and, of course,
Marsha Stringer —pianist .

Marsha accompanied several artists in her usual professional, competent and sympathetic manner.

This year's St Andrew's Concert proved a real "boomer". We must sincerely thank Barry and Marsha Stringer for all their hard work in setting up this vital segment in the life of St Andrew's, Blenheim.



ST ANDREW'S 2ND HAND FAIR

on 27 June 10am to 2pm

Gone!
Going...
Going...



There will be a grand Auction at 1.30pm.

We need goods to sell.

STALLS -

White Elephant
Books,
Children's,
Theo's,
Jewellery,
Stamps
Cakes,
and Lunch.



Please have a turnout at home and send saleable items to the Church, or bake/preserve, or give a donation for the lunch ingredients, or your time to help on the day. Whatever you can manage will be gratefully received.

Ring: Celeste Rudd Ph:579 2486
Gillian Mutch Ph:578 3140
Elsa Cresswell Ph:548 3351

VOLUNTEER MARLBOROUGH WORKSHOPS

Session 1: Strategic Planning

Do you know what you want your organisation to look like in 2, 5 or 10 years' time?

Do you know what needs to happen to take your organisation from where you are now to where you want to be?

Session 2: Succession Planning

Does your organisation rely on just one or two people to make all the decisions or do all the work?

Do you worry that your organisation is 'dying out' with no-one new coming through?

These questions and more, all applicable to our parish, will be tackled by Volunteer Marlborough on 17 June. Cost is \$10 per session and you need to register by 10 June. For more information phone VM on 577-9388 or email vm@volunteermarlborough.org.nz



HERE IS HOPE

Here is hope, sunshine,
rain, laughter, tears.



A smile, a kiss.
Hope is here,
with a kind word –
with humbleness.

With patience,
with each new day,
within us all.



Hope is the unshakeable belief
that goodness will triumph,
that we are loved –
that each moment matters
that nothing is impossible.



Hope is the resurrection for us all.

[Sarah Galbraith, Auckland]

From 'The journey'

St Andrew's: Calendar & Contacts

Special this Month

Thursday, 4 th	Outreach Committee 1.30pm Joy Ministries 5.15pm
Sunday, 7 th	Worship with Ian Crumpton 10am
Tuesday, 9 th	Property Committee 7.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm
Sunday, 14 th	Worship with Ian Crumpton Communion 10am
Tuesday, 16 th	Parish Council 7.30pm
Thursday, 18 th	Afternoon Tea Service 2.30pm
Saturday, 20 th	Cruisey Church 5pm
Saturday, 27th	Second Hand Fair 10am-2pm
JULY	
Thursday, 2 nd	Joy Ministries 5.15pm
Saturday, 4th	Old Time Film Evening 7pm



Regular Services

Sundays Mornings 10am, Evenings 7pm

Regular Events

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



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