

Worship Schedule

Brighton 10.30am (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Green Island 10.30a.m (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Mornington 9.30a.m.

St Kilda 11a.m. (Morning tea served from 10.15a.m.)

Midweek service

1pm @ Holy Cross Hall, St Kilda.

Southern Coastal Deanery

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St Mary's 3 Whitby St, Mornington

Holy Cross 5 Bellona St, St. St Kilda

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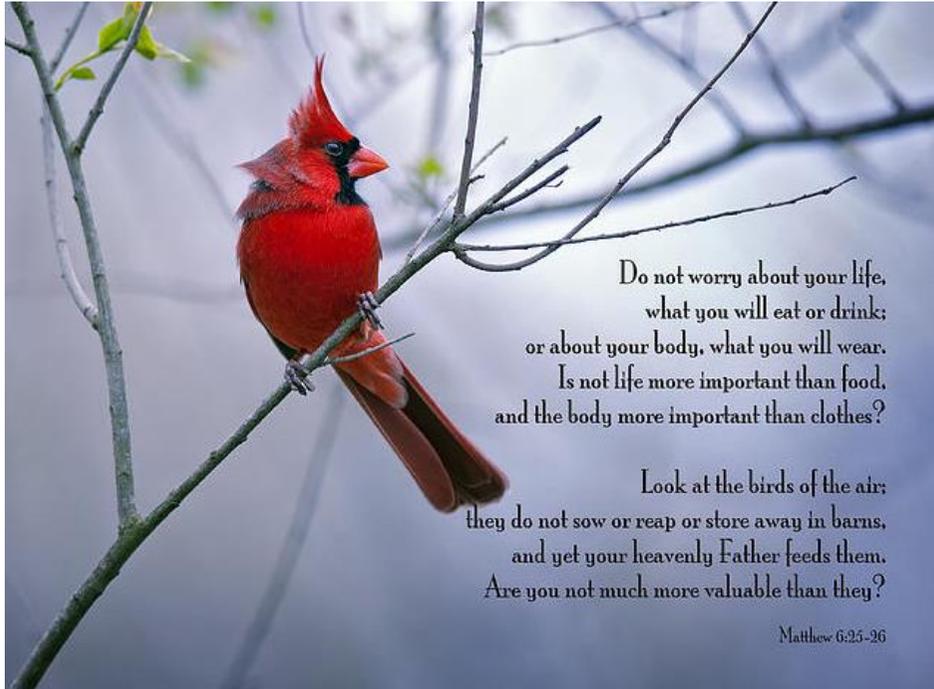
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The Magazine of the Anglican Southern Coastal Deanery

Pentecost - June 2019



Green Island – Brighton, Mornington, St. Kilda



Editorial: "DO NOT WORRY" (Matt 6: 25ff and Luke 12: 22ff)

I worry a lot, but I couldn't tell you what much of it is about because I can't remember.

It worries me I worry, because I know the energy and time doing it stops me attending to what is important as a Christian: loving my neighbour. I can't do that if my life is full of self. It becomes impossible to attend to "the one thing that is needed" (Luke 10:41).

To the question by the Pharisees about "when the Kingdom of God would come", Jesus replied: "not with your careful observation, nor will people say 'here it is' or 'there it is', because the Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20).

This fundamental teaching about the Kingdom is what the Apostles could not "hear" until the Holy Spirit filled and transformed their lives. When we are bothered by worry; anxiety or fear, we lose awareness of the Spirit of God dwelling in us and that we are His home (The New Zealand Prayer Book, p168). The Love that makes us truly alive dries up.

It is by the practice of contemplation, meditation and prayer that we

become aware God is Love and are then enabled by the Holy Spirit to love our neighbour (A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Love of God, p 78).

The worry and anxiety about the future of the Anglican Church in New Zealand (and even of the Christian Religion) is usually framed within statistical evidence of ever smaller congregations. "Solutions" proposed and increasingly acted on include centralizing worship in bigger centres, with more people, thus increasing the ability to scale up mission work. But I wonder if this really addresses the problem of why Christianity is dying in our communities. Maybe we need to focus on the one thing needed.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer Thank you to all those who participated in the call to prayer this year.

During the first 72 hours of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' period this year we joined in prayer for the Diocese, a special call Bp Steve asked us to take up. We then continued praying for those God placed on our hearts. There is something special knowing we are joining with others around the world praying.

If you found a particular way of praying for others helpful and would like to share this with others please let Jan Clark know.

Where in God's name is the Southern Coastal Deanery Going? (Alec Clark)



In a study leave report (Blue Pears in the Wilderness: The task of the Inherited Church in the Neutral Zone) I wrote 3 years ago I made three suggestions as the basis of the report;

1. That change is happening to the Church (and the rest of the world) whether we want it or not. Whether we engage it or ignore it, change remains a truth.
2. Many of us are waiting for someone else to come and tell us what to do about this change, and how to be into the future. These people are not coming. We need to decide for ourselves what we will change and how we believe God is calling us to be into the future.
3. Many people see the current decline of the church as a dip in the road, and that shortly we will be restored to strength and glory. I believe God is inviting us to image and practise living in the dip or the desert, where we are forced into an intimate relationship with God for our very survival.

From these starting points I made suggestions about how we might respond to the reality I see. These are my suggestions and the Southern Coastal Deanery will need to decide for themselves whether this is the way that God is calling them, and what they are going to do.

1. Grow closer and deeper in our own relationship with God. We are all on this journey anyway, but as we move out of safer and more known ways of being Church, it will be easier if we have an alive and lively personal relationship with God
2. To grow to know and trust the people we live amongst. This has two parts, growing this relationship with the Deanery family, who we will need to be able to trust to support and care for us if we launch out into different ways of being God's love for the world. We already are good and kind to each other, looking out for one another when people are unwell. This just needs to be deepened by more connection with each other and sharing together our relationships with God. The second part is growing closer to the communities we find ourselves part of in our daily lives. This is where God wants us to be loving and supportive. To help people to know that God is wanting to be in relationship with everyone.
3. Begin to Disciple other people. Having grown a deeper relationship with God and each other we now need to work at passing on what we have learnt to those who most need to know it. This is not about making new members of the congregation (though great if that happens), but it is about making sure that people who need to know about God's love do ... and that they know how to live with and share this in their world.

I really look forward to further discussions in the deanery about what we are going to do to meet the challenge God is setting before us. I hope our discussions will be robust (it will help us to grow closer together) and that we will come up with suggestions that are realistic for us as a community and that we are prepared to commit to doing something with. I don't know the answer for what God is asking of us. That answer is to be found in our discussion together, but I am willing to put in my opinions as we walk forward together with God and each other.

Deanery Council are planning ways to continue the discussion began at the Pentecost Service on the 9th June. Watch the pews for details.

Thank You and well done!



On Pentecost Sunday, the 9th June, the Deanery gathered at Holy Cross for a combined service. The new ALLM licenses were presented to our team of Layministers, Jan Aitken, Catherine Caley, Ruth Matthews, Gerald Harley, Alyson Manning, Liz Sharman, Christine Shaw, Felicity Sim, Robin Versteeg. We are blessed to have such a great team of people willing to serve God in the Deanery and beyond. We thanked Helen Humphrey for the service she has offered as a layminister, Helen is taking a sabbatical for a time. Helen you have been a star – thank you.

The day offered the opportunity to raise some funds for the Oxfam ration Challenge that Sandy Baird is participating in. \$318 was raised for support refugees through a sales table and raffle. By the time the magazine is distributed Sandy will have lived for a week on the same rations given to a refugee for a week.

Well done Sandy.

This year in NZ we've raised \$317,021
... enough to provide food for 1,063 refugees for a whole year!



Upcoming Events

Relay for Life 2020 – Whilst this may seem like a long way away, it's time to get our fundraising started. We had a massive success last year in a short period of time. Imagine what we can achieve if we start now. If you keen to help with cheese rolls, pizza dinners and much more then let me know. If you're interested in being part of the team for 2020 then let me know. Contact me by emailing thebairdfamily@xtra.co.nz and let me know if you would like to help in any of the following ways.
Fundraising Organiser
Fundraising Participant
Relay for Life Team Member.



Ministry Conference 2019

10am 23rd July -3.30pm 25th July

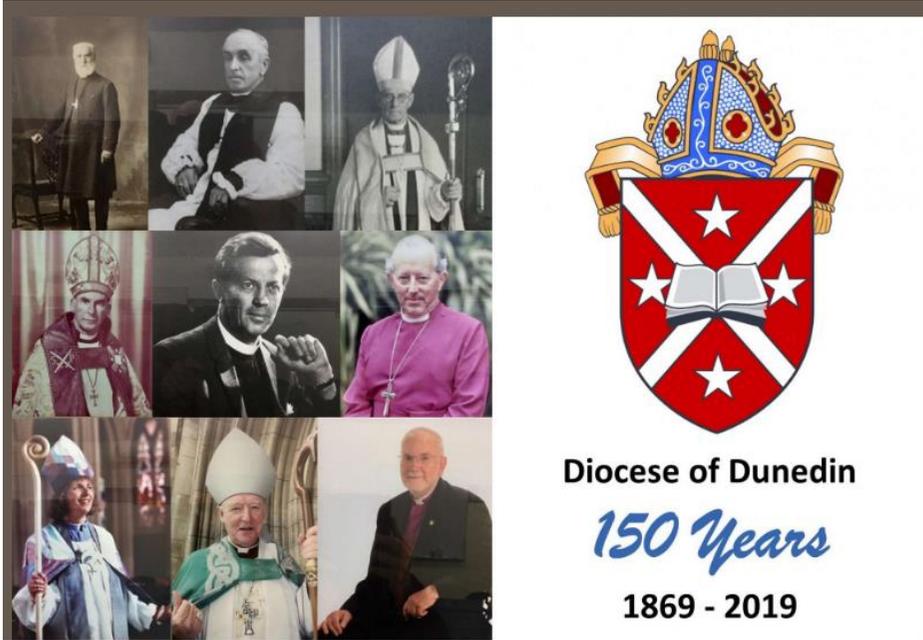
at Burns Lodge, Mosgiel.

For more info see the registration forms on the noticeboard.

CURSILLO DATES 2019

3rd August Cursillo Ultreya - St. John's, Roslyn

9th November Cursillo Ultreya - Gore



Synod will convene on **Friday 13th September at 7.00 pm** with the Synod Eucharist (venue to be confirmed). It will reconvene Saturday 14th at 8.30am at St John's Roslyn and will conclude no later than 3.00 pm on Sunday 15th September.

We are also planning a **service at the Cathedral on Sunday 15th at 10 am** as part of the weekend to celebrate 150 years of the Diocese of Dunedin being in existence.

The Deanery will join in the celebrations at the Cathedral on the 15th September so there will be no other services across the Deanery on this day. **Come and celebrate 150years together.**

As part of the celebrations a photo video clip is being made of each parish or Deanery, we need photos that can be incorporated into the clip. If you have photos of the Deanery in action please talk to Jan Clark.

**Dunedin Night Trust Shelter - Appeal week
Tuesday 20th August to Saturday 24th August.
Volunteers and help needed.**

Bake for Bibles

Do you treasure your bible? Do you love to bake? We need you to help us by baking for Bibles! We need bakers like you to help us bake and ice cookies to sell to your family, friends and in your church to raise funds for Bible mission in China. Last year, bakers from all over New Zealand completed our Bake for Bibles project raising over \$9,000 for Bible mission. You can be a part of this! A Shortbread recipe follows.

Ingredients

250g butter, softened

3/4 cup **Chelsea Icing Sugar**

1/2 cup cornflour

1 1/2 cups standard flour

Method

Preheat oven to 150°C bake (140°C fan forced). Grease oven tray or line with baking paper.

Beat butter and **Chelsea Icing Sugar** until pale and fluffy. Mix in cornflour and flour until the mixture comes together and forms a dough.

On a floured surface, roll out dough to 1 cm thick and cut into shapes using biscuit cutters. Alternatively, roll dough into a log and slice into rounds, using a floured knife to prevent sticking.

Place on prepared tray and bake 25 – 30 minutes, until shortbread is pale but crisp. Cool on a wire rack and store in an airtight container.

Diocesan Council News Update

Cathedral Dean: we are currently short listing applicants for the Dean's position and Cathedral and Diocesan nominators are looking to interview in the next few weeks.

Bishop Richard Wallace from the Hui Amorangi O te Waiponamu is visiting on 30 June and he will spend the weekend with us, preaching at the 10am service at the Cathedral on Sunday 30 June.

Petition for Faculties - a faculty has been given to Caversham Parish to proceed with earthquake strengthening work for St Peter's Church.

Rev'd Juan Kinear – has ceased ministry at Wakouaiti his last Sunday is 9th June 2019.

Diocesan Educators - Ministry Conference details are nearly finalised, we are also reviewing the content of Boundary Workshops. John Graveston spend some time with Diocesan Council exploring the challenges, strengths and "what needs to happen" in Children and Youth Ministry.

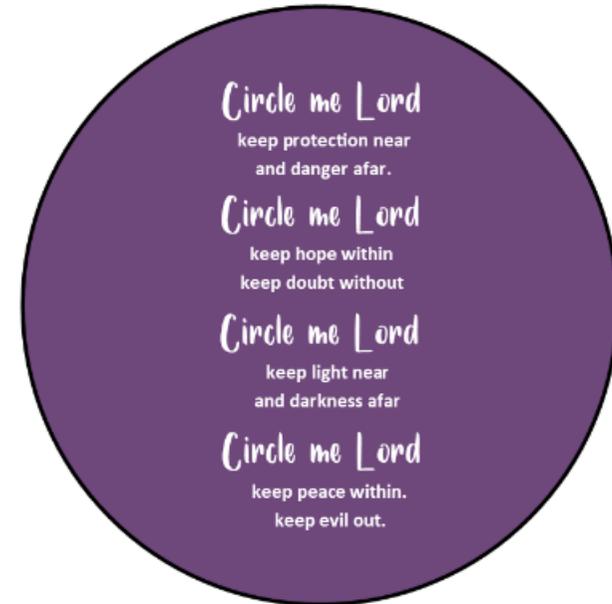
The Social Transformation Committee is looking to advertise funding applications on a three monthly basis. Watch this space for more information.

Selwyn Consultation Panel Update - Submissions to the Selwyn Consultation panel closed on Monday 10 June, the panel is reconvening on 20 June. Just under 50 written submissions were made to the Panel.

Diocesan Registrar's report - The Diocesan office has made a transition to a **new IT provider**. Our **website** has suddenly disappeared, we are trying to speed up the transition to the new one and have a temporary portal in place.

Takitimu Home - this has now closed and final tidying up of the operation is taking place. Planning is also underway for the Diocesan office to connect in with the Board to support them in future processes.

Circle Me Prayer.



Prayer jar



Collect stones, put one in a jar of water when you remember to pray. Looks pretty, and serves as a good reminder