

Worship Schedule

Public Worship is suspended until further notice as we act together to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Lent - Easter 2021



Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

Green Island – Brighton, Mornington, St. Kilda



As we prepare to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter, here is an easy guide to help you and your kids understand the different days of Holy Week and ways you can observe them as a family.

[What is Holy Week?](#)

Holy Week recounts the final days of Jesus' life including his death, burial, and resurrection. Discover the history of honoring Holy Week and more details about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

[Holy Week History: What is Palm Sunday?](#)

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday – a celebration of Jesus fulfilling the prophecy from Zechariah with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We celebrate Christ as king on Palm Sunday.

[Holy Week History: What is Maundy Thursday?](#)

Maundy Thursday honors the Last Supper, when Jesus established the Lord's Supper. Churches celebrate Maundy Thursday by taking Communion.

[Holy Week History: What is Good Friday?](#)

Good Friday is marked by somber reflections on the death of Christ. When we meditate on what Jesus did for us, we are reminded of Jesus' suffering and how powerful our sin is. Jesus took on our sin and experienced the ultimate separation from God so that we will never have to experience that.

[Holy Week History: What is Easter Sunday?](#)

Holy Week leads up to the celebration of Jesus' triumph over death on Easter Sunday. The Resurrection gives us hope that one day we will also have eternal life with God!



String Eggs

You will need;

Sugar

Water

Embroidery string or other natural fibre string

Balloons (water balloons are good)

A bowl

Instructions for String Eggs;

In a medium pot, combine 1 cup of sugar with 1 cup of water and heat until the sugar dissolves. Cool the sugar mixture, so you don't burn your fingers when you dip the thread.

Slowly coil a string into the mixture and gently press it into the liquid.

Take an inflated balloon and wrap the sticky string around it making sure to wipe off the excess liquid.

Let dry for 24 hours.

Once it is completely dry pop the balloon. If any of the balloon sticks to the string pull them off with a pin or tweezers.



Bible Society 175th Anniversary Celebration Event

There are not many organisations in New Zealand that can claim to have celebrated a **dodransbicentennial** (or in simpler terms, 175 years)! In fact, we have only found three – St John’s Theological College, the Police and the Army. Bible Society New Zealand is about to join this illustrious list, having been founded in September of 1846, just six years after the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. The Auckland Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was founded by Rev Walter Lawry in what William Canton describes in his 1904 history of the British and Foreign Bible Society as a “six-year-old two-streeted town of about 5,000 inhabitants.” A Wellington Auxiliary followed in 1848 and the first South Island Auxiliary established in 1862 at Christchurch.

However, Bible Society’s role in spreading the Gospel in Aotearoa began much earlier. In 1827 the New South Wales Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society paid £41 to print the first ever Scriptures in the Māori language in Sydney. Church catechisms, prayers and hymns, along with the Scriptures made up almost all of the works printed in Māori for the next 8 years, when finally the first book ever printed in New Zealand emerged off Colenso’s press at Pahia in 1835. This famous edition of course contained Ephesians and Philippians in Māori. Colenso would print the Māori New Testament a couple of years later in 1837.

The Gospel spread like wildfire throughout Aotearoa, as did Bible Society’s work of distributing the Scriptures to Māori. Regional auxiliaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society sprung up everywhere. Later they were amalgamated into one organisation which then broke away from the British mothership, to become known as Bible Society New Zealand.

It’s impossible to imagine how many Bibles, Scripture tracts, flyers and booklets have been distributed by Bible Society in New Zealand over nearly 175 years, but it’s fair to say it would be in the millions. Bible Society has had a huge impact on Christianity in New Zealand, an impact worth celebrating.

To celebrate, we will be undertaking a four-month long road trip, visiting 17 towns and cities around the entire country kicking off in April 2021. The events will be interactive, fun and will of course, feature a birthday cake (but maybe not with 175 candles)!

Everyone is invited to come and hear more about the early story of the Bible in New Zealand, Bible Society’s role in that and where Bible Society hopes to be 200 years after that first official meeting took place in Auckland.

City/Town: Dunedin

Date: Saturday, 10th April

Venue: Dunedin City Baptist Church

Venue Address: 19 Main South Rd

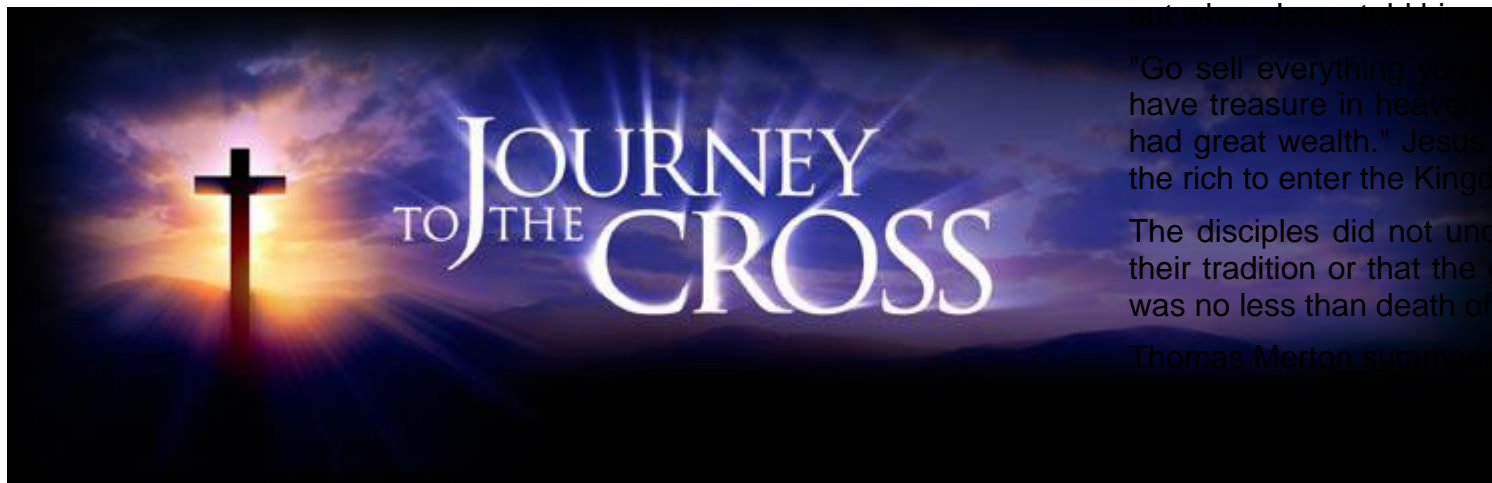
Start time: 7 pm

Bishop Steve will celebrate St Mark’s Festival with us on 2nd May, 2021.

Venue: St Mark’s, Green Island
Time: 10.30am, followed by potluck lunch.



Editorial: Lent: your Journey to the Cross



Jesus taught hard lessons, as the disciples found as they walked a radical new way of living and loving.

One was particularly hard to understand. That was his requirement that to follow Him, we must first empty ourselves of all we believe gives value to our lives: money; possessions; power and authority over people and Creation. And our neediness for attachment to things and people.

You are told to "die" to your false self (your ego), so you may arrive at your true self in union with God, who is ground of your being and is Love.

This is a journey of profound transformation which makes us new people, entirely liberated from our false selves.

In Paul's words (Galatians 2 v20):

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer I live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Jesus makes no bones about how hard the journey to the Kingdom of God and eternal life is, as the Rich Young Man found out when he was told to

"Go sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." The man went away sad "because he had great wealth." Jesus said to his disciples: "How hard is it for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!" Mark 10:21-23

The disciples did not understand this at all within the context of their tradition or that the goal of their spiritual journey with Jesus was no less than death of self and rebirth in the Spirit.

Thomas Merton summarizes this mystery beautifully:

"To know the true self, one must die. That is to say, in order to know the true self, the false self must die. In order for the inner self to appear, the outer self must disappear: or at least to become secondary, unimportant." (Thomas Merton. Love and Living. P198).

I share this prayer with you:

" My pain and my joy are beyond comprehension

I turn everything over to you

All judgements I release

Emptying the thoughts of craving, fear, dislike

I know the light can then be free to shine

Your light, our light

Thank you for the life that is my journey.

Let me be entirely changed, so that only clear Being remains.

By Wendy Wolters, quoted from: Prayers for Hope and Comfort, Maggie Oman Shannon.

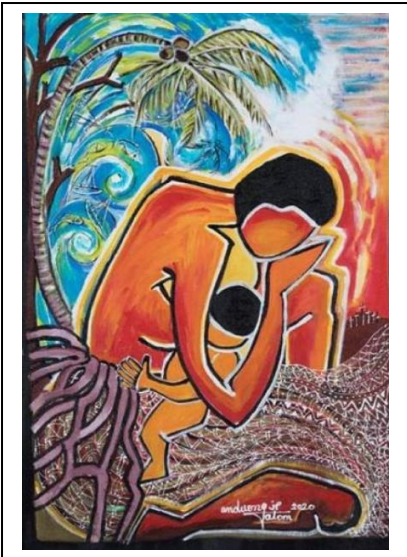
Robin Versteeg: *Editor*

News from the Diocese

End of an era: church deconsecrated: A service in St Michael's and All Saints, in Matau St, Clyde, on 29 January, 2021, secularised the church, marking the end of 158 years of Anglican ownership of the 2580sqm site and its 144-year-old church

VARIETY CONCERT Presented by Judy Bellingham Fundraiser in Support of Leslie Groves Hospital **Sunday 14 March 2021 - 3pm** at St John's Roslyn, 373 Highgate Dunedin

Tickets (\$20) available at St John's Roslyn church office (9.30am – 12.30pm ph 464 0240) Leslie Groves @ Sheen Street and Wakari and online c/o Brian Tegg Contact 0274135400



World Day of Prayer

5th March, 2021

Prepared by the women of
Vanuatu

Hosted by Dunedin South
Presbyterians.

Watch the pewnews for
confirmed times and other
venues

Chocolate Bird's Nests



Ingredients:

4 cups rice bubbles
1 cup desiccated coconut
1 cup icing sugar
250g coconut oil
3 tablespoons cocoa

Method:

1. Cut squares of grease proof paper to line your muffin tins, and set aside.
2. In a larger bowl combine the rice bubbles, desiccated coconut, icing sugar and cocoa.
3. Slowly melt the coconut oil in a sauce pan on a low heat. Allow to cool slightly. Add to the rice bubble mix, stirring until well combined.
4. Spoon the mixture into the lined muffin tins, making a well in the middle to form the shape of a nest.
5. Refrigerate until set.
6. Once set, lift out the paper lining with the rice bubble mix and carefully peel away the paper. Fill with small coloured eggs and serve.

Welcome to a Quiet day for the beginning of Lent

brought to you by the letter "r" - revelation, reflection, redemption, repentance, remembrance. Lead by Rev'd Vivienne Galletly. **Saturday 20th February 2021 10am - 4pm @ St Margaret's Anglican Church, 4 Seaview Terrace, Brighton.**

- Please bring: Bible, journal, pen, your own lunch. Hot drinks provided.
- Participants are invited to make an offering of a Koha to defray expenses.

(Offered in conjunction with Southern Coastal Deanery).

To register and for more information please phone Maureen 03 456 0573 or 021 1071401 by Wednesday 17th February.

Lenten Studies; in a group or at home

Rebuilding the Ruins

What new world might we see when we listen for God's invitation to rebuild the ruins? Join us for Lent 2021 as we look at the ruins in our lives, our Church, and our world – and seek God's direction as we rebuild what has been destroyed.

The 2021 Lenten Studies will be available soon and all parishioners are invited to join a Lent Group to nurture faith in God and grow in grace.

This is a collaboration between Christchurch and Wellington Dioceses so we look forward to a fresh approach.

Turning:

The Diocese of Waiapu is preparing a series suitable for small groups and/or individual study:

turning towards God

turning towards God's world, starting at the margins

This study picks up the themes identified by the Bishops as they worked and prayed together.

From the Bishops within Tikanga Pākehā

As Christians we believe that all people are made in the image of God; unique and beloved of God. We believe that we are called to build a world in which each unique person may live out their potential and contribute to the whole. We believe that God's creation is sufficient for all and that we are to cherish and care for the whole creation so that present and future generations might benefit. It is God's earth and our home. We are called to care for each other and care for the earth.

We identify two priorities at this time:

Turning towards God

God invites us into a relationship. Prayer helps us to be open to this invitation. We want to offer opportunities for all our people to find a way and a rhythm of prayer that enable each to experience the daily transforming, sustaining love of God.

Turning towards God's world; starting at the margins.

Among the many obstacles that get in the way of so many being able to live out their full God-given potential the growing inequality within Aotearoa New Zealand requires urgent redress.



Good Friday 2nd April, 2021

Mornington Walk with the Cross 9.30am: Begins at the Catholic Church (concludes at St Mary's. Following the service, we share hot cross buns.

St Kilda – Stations of the Cross 3pm at Holy Cross hall.

Green island – Tenebrae at 7pm at St Mark's.

Easter Day 4th April, 2021

Brighton Sunrise service on the beach followed by Eucharist and breakfast at St Margaret's. Sunrise is at 7am – gather in the beach carpark.

Mornington 9.30am Eucharist with renewal of baptismal vows.

St Kilda 11am Eucharist with renewal of baptismal vows.

Appointment of Diocesan Community Ministry Enabler



Rev'd Dr Anne Van Gend has been appointed as our new Diocesan Community Enabler.

This is a new role resulting from a successful application to St John's Trust which made resources available to Dioceses looking to explore new ways of enabling faith following the impact of COVID-19, especially in more rural areas of the Diocese.

Anne has a wide range of experience including an undergraduate degree in music, and postgraduate in education and theology, including a cross-disciplinary PhD (theology and literature). She was ordained 25 years ago and has worked as a secondary teacher and priest cross-culturally in Zambia, South Africa and the Northern Territory of Australia prior to returning to Aotearoa New Zealand in 2013. She is more recently known to more of us in her role as Executive Director of the Anglican Schools Office and Deputy Vicar General (from 7 July 2020). She is married to the Ven. Dr Michael Godfrey, Diocesan Ministry Educator.

Anne will be beginning work with us on 1 March - more details to follow. Please join with me in welcoming Anne to this exciting new position and keep her in your prayers as she transitions into this role.

Retirements;

Rev'd Hugh Bowron (Caversham), Rev'd Dr Peter Ross (St Matthews), and Rev'd Penny Sinnamon (Dunstan) are all preparing to retire. Please pray for them as they begin the next stage of their journeys.

ARE WE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

COMMUNITY HUI

Learn how our community can be better prepared for flooding, earthquake, power outage or any other kind of emergency.

Come along and:

- Get updates on South Dunedin issues from Dunedin City Council and Ōtago Regional Council
- Meet your neighbours and make an emergency plan
- Sign language interpreter available
- Enjoy a free meal

5:30pm — 7:30pm
Wednesday 24th February 2021

Bathgate Park School Hall
213 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin

ALL WELCOME. FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT



Ash Wednesday - 17th February, 2021.

1pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Holy Cross
6.30pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at St Mary's.



Notice is given that The Southern Coastal Deanery will hold an Annual General meeting on the 14th March, 2021.

The AGM will follow a combined service of worship and will be followed by a pot luck lunch.

Please send reports to janclark8260@gmail.com before the 3rd March so they can be distributed the Sunday prior to the AGM.

The meeting will consider the reports and adopt a budget, and elect officers. The agenda will be distributed with the reports please let Jan know if you have any general business for inclusion.

Please pray for the meeting, those who will service in various positions across the deanery, and that we will be faithful to the call of God to serve in this place.



Distribution Centre's are operating every Thursday
Green island at St Mark's, 10.30am – 11.30am
St Kilda at Holy Cross, 4pm-5.30pm
Single bag - \$4, Couple bag \$7, Family bag \$14.00