

# The Messenger

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## Weekly Events for November

### Sundays

8am Holy Communion

10am Eucharist

10am Children's Church

### Tuesday 1 November:

12.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Chris Dann

### Wednesday 2 November:

10.30am AAW

7.15pm Vestry

### Thursday 3,17 November:

7pm Craft Group

### Saturday 5 November:

10am Pastoral Care – Prayer chain meeting

### Sunday 6 November:

5pm – Youth Group Cafe Night (see advert.)

### Monday 7 November:

10am Seeking the Light

### Monday 7,14,21,28 November:

12pm: Silent prayer in the Lady Chapel.

### Wednesday 9 November:

11.30 Communion

12.15pm Luscious Lunch

### Saturday 12 November:

9am – 12 FAIR

### Sunday 20 November:

5-7pm Youth Group

### Sunday 27 November:

5pm Taize service

*Note from the Editors: any articles not attributed to anyone are written by the editors. Contributions from parishioners will be warmly welcomed – subject to possible editing!*

## **A Living Hope**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:3-9)*

This passage was the theme text for our diocesan Synod, held at St Paul's Kapiti over the weekend of 24-25 September. There is indeed much in our life together as a diocese in which we see living hope, even in the midst of trials.

In his charge (address) to Synod, Bishop Justin reflected that we have been doing remarkably well to address the perfect storm of issues that existed at the beginning of his episcopacy (a highly secularised society, decline in attendances and finances, the need to address seismic strengthening, etc), and then to face Covid. While it has been a major challenge, Covid has also been a catalyst for new initiative and revelation. Everyone is tired of the turmoil in the world, and there is massive polarisation of views on issues... so we shouldn't put our heads in the sand. The challenge is that the church needs to wake up and be the church we are called to be. The invitation is to receive God's gift of joy and hope afresh.

Drawing on the accounts of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, the Bishop noted that Jesus performs this miracle immediately after the news of John the Baptist's death (according to the synoptic accounts) and as he then draws aside to be with the Father. In the feeding Jesus addresses the needs of the multitude in the midst of his own hurt. Multiplication then takes place as the boy offers his few loaves and fish, the little he has, and this is a reminder that we in our time enjoy the legacy of those who have done the costly work of sending out their best. We are meant to be multiplying and planting; not simply consuming what others have left us. The boy is generous. In this season we need to be generous despite our own struggling – generous with people, generous with money. This may seem counterintuitive, but historically the church grows where it has no money: here there is plenty of money, the tendency is to become compromised and idolatrous.

Bishop Justin sought (and has since advised that he has been successful in identifying) three volunteers to (1) help mobilise support for the missionary diocese of Zambesia (Mozambique); (2) act as a catalyst for moderate-sized

churches desiring multiplication; and (3) to coordinate refugee resettlement support in Wellington.

We got to spend an hour or so sampling one of the Kapiti “missional bites” on offer, learning about aspects of mission being undertaken in the parishes in the Kapiti region. A stimulating variety of things were available expressing something of the breadth of the Church’s mission: from creation care to seeking for justice; from sharing the gospel in the pub, to helping provide food in a way that is socially and environmentally just.

A significant highlight was an extended presentation by Wellington City Missioner, Murray Edridge, about the City Mission’s work, and especially about their Whakamaru building project. The focus is on wrap-around care while enhancing the mana of those who avail themselves of services there. The completed building (due to open in 2023) will include accommodation, shower and laundry facilities, a community café, a social supermarket, spaces for gathering and socialising, and what will probably be Wellington’s only 24/7 chapel. At the conclusion of Murray’s presentation, he was presented with the cheque for \$500,000, a contribution from our diocese to this inspirational project.

There were the necessary motions to update various Canons (the rules that govern the diocese). Prominent among them was an amendment to the approach for calculating the budget share – the mechanism by which the diocesan budgetary costs which are not funded from trusts income are shared among parishes. The focus of the amendment was to achieve greater equity of treatment: the previous approach tended to favour parishes that were already well off.

Synod approved the sale of Holy Trinity Avalon, given that the parish has been fallow for several years and there is no expectation of it being re-established. Local ministry is being provided by the several parishes in the vicinity. 25% of the proceeds of sale will be gifted to Te Hui Amorangi ki te Ūpoko o te Ika (the tikanga Maori diocese of our region). The motion as presented had proposed that 10% of the proceeds be gifted, but in the light of the Bishop’s charge around generosity an amendment was overwhelmingly endorsed to gift 25%.

Synod committed as a Diocese to uphold the safeguarding of all creation by encouraging all Mission Units to register as Eco Churches and inviting each Ministry Unit to complete the self-assessment for Eco Churches during 2023. You will hear more about this in due course.

The last Synod we had been able to fully hold “in person” was in 2019, so along with all the business, inspiration, and challenge there was a strong sense of joy in our being able to meet together as family. We have a diocese that is “alive and kicking” and that in itself is cause for hope.

*Stuart Goodin*

## **Deacon's Dismissal: Sharing God in the Workplace**

It is such a privilege and a joy to mentor those at the beginning of their career.

I completed my Bachelor of Theology degree through the University of Otago and graduated in 2007. A few years ago I got the opportunity to join a mentoring scheme to support students studying through the University. It works on a buddy type system where the University allocates mentors and mentees according to their common interests. Since then I have mentored several students.

This year I have been supporting a student in her first year of a Health Science degree. The first year is focused on general areas of health science. From year two of her study she will focus on a specific area of health. She is, at present, deciding which area of health to pursue a career in. My first 'homework' assignment from the student was to provide information on what areas pay well in health. I 'googled' it (!) and came up with a list of specialty areas in health and how well, or otherwise, they were paid.

The student has now narrowed the list down. The student is focusing on radiography, podiatry and speech therapy. I am guessing that she will want to know more about what each of these areas offers. I know something about radiography and less about the other areas. This may well be my next 'homework' assignment. I can't wait for my next assignment!

I am learning at least as much as the student. We are exploring the possible options together. It is amazing just how God moves and who/what He puts in our path. I am always up for an opportunity and a challenge! Let us watch and wait with anticipation. There may be an opportunity in our midst, especially in the church family. Stepping up, stepping out, having courage, taking a risk, and moving outside our comfort zone may be required.

*Faye*

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## Memorial Tree

A tree has been planted in the church grounds to honour the legacy of Queen Elizabeth the Second's reign. In July, prompted by initiatives in the UK and around the Commonwealth to plant trees to mark the Platinum Jubilee, Vestry resolved that we should do likewise. The tree chosen, a flowering pear (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Aristocrat'), was supplied by Palmerston North City Council in full bud so it became a matter of urgency to get it into the ground before it flowered.



As it happened, this occurred just under a week before the Queen's death. We then had to wait several weeks for an opportune time, and weather (!), to conduct a little ceremony of dedication.

The dedication was finally done following the 10am service on 9 October. The vicar read Isaiah 55:12-13, and led the prayers of dedication:

*In the faith of Jesus Christ,  
and for the enjoyment of his faithful people,  
we offer and dedicate this tree to the glory of God,  
and in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and for her 70 years of faithful service as our Queen;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Almighty God, Creator of life and Sustainer of seed and soil, of tree and flower;  
you have created this world and all that lives in it. We ask for your blessing upon this tree and upon us, that its life and ours might flourish to bear witness to your abundant love and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A suitable plaque is being organised to record the significance of this tree for posterity.

# From the Recent Pet Service



## **November is the International Day for Tolerance**

"Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human." It is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought, conscience and belief. Tolerance is harmony in difference. It is not only a moral duty; it is also a political and legal requirement. Tolerance, the virtue that makes peace possible, contributes to the replacement of the culture of war by a culture of peace.

Consistent with respect for human rights, the practice of tolerance does not mean toleration of social injustice or the abandonment or weakening of one's convictions. It means that one is free to adhere to one's own convictions and accepts that others adhere to theirs. It means accepting the fact that human beings, naturally diverse in their appearance, situation, speech, behaviour and values, have the right to live in peace and to be as they are. It also means that one's views are not to be imposed on others.

Tolerance in any community and nation requires just and impartial legislation, law enforcement and judicial and administrative process. It also requires that economic and social opportunities be made available to each person without any discrimination. Exclusion and marginalization can lead to frustration, hostility and fanaticism. In order to achieve a more tolerant society, nations should ratify existing international human rights conventions, and draft new legislation where necessary to ensure equality of treatment and of opportunity for all groups and individuals in society. It is essential for international harmony that individuals, communities and nations accept and respect the multicultural character of the human family. Without tolerance there can be no peace, and without peace there can be no development or democracy. As confirmed in the Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice, "All individuals and groups have the right to be different".

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**Bible verse:** Ephesians chapter 4, verse 2: Be always humble, gentle and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another."

*Rev Faye Davenport, RN*

## Lunchtime Concert

A large, appreciative audience was treated to a delightful concert presented by Angie Cook and friends. Entitled a “Spring-themed Musical Journey through Space, Time and Genre” it introduced some of Angie’s pupils ranging from 8 years old to early twenties. To add to this delightful mix, Angie played “Rustle of Spring” and “The Lover and the Nightingale”, both well-known pieces for the piano.



Angie also accompanied Ingrid Vlieg in a performance of “Concertino pour Clarinette et Piano” which both performed with their usual excellence.

In all, there were six other young performers. Felicity Feng (8), Mattias Ko (9), Judah Teulon (12), Sara Baxter (year 10 P.N.G.H.S.), Roman Walker (15), and Matthew Bowers who is completing his degree at Massey University.

The compositions they played covered several different genres including Bach, Debussy, Granados, and Chopin to the more modern Grovlez and a jazzy rendition of “La Vie en Rose”.

It was clear that the performers had prepared their pieces very carefully, and the audience was delighted with the professionalism of even the youngest pianists. It was longer than some concerts but no one minded and in fact could have listened to more from these talented people

Next month’s concert will be on 1st November when Chris Dann will bring his inimitable jazz skills to the piano. He will be playing light jazz and classical tunes. Hope you will be there.

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**In Memoriam:** Helen Mullinger 21 October 2022  
No Baptisms or Weddings

### St Peter's AAW

Our next meeting is on 2nd November beginning with communion at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the hall. We will then move to the choir vestry to assemble the Xmas boxes for the children in need at Terrace End school. Gifts or donations would be appreciated, and can be dropped into the office by Tuesday 2nd or contact Githa on 06 357 3859 or Christine in the office.



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# Advent & Christmas at St Peter's 2022

You are warmly invited to join our journey through Advent to Christmas.  
Unless the venue is specified, all services will take place at St Peter's Church.

## Sundays in Advent

8.00am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

## Wednesday 23 November

**7.00pm Blessing of Advent Wreaths – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit**

Our annual combined Service with the Cathedral Parish for the Blessing of the Advent Wreaths with music, readings and reflections. You are welcome to bring your own Advent wreath to be blessed.

## Sunday 27 November

**5.00pm Advent Taizé service**

Our final Taizé service for 2022 with an Advent theme.

## Sunday 4 December

**7.30pm Advent Lessons and Carols.**

A traditional service of Advent readings, carols and reflections.

## Thursdays 1, 8, 15, & 22 December

**7.00pm "Waiting for the Lord"**

A simple service of evening worship and reflection, and a time of fellowship.

(Venue will be advised closer to the time – keep an eye on the Fisherfolk or our Facebook page)

## Sunday 18 December: Sunday before Advent

**7.45pm Lessons and Carols - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit**

Christmas Lessons and Carols hosted by the Parish of All Saints

## Saturday 24 December: Christmas Eve

**11:30pm The First Eucharist of Christmas**

Starting with carols at 11.15pm, we celebrate the birth of our Lord with our traditional Midnight Christmas Eucharist starting at 11:30pm

## Sunday 25 December: Christmas Day

**8.00am Christmas Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer**

**10.00am Christmas Eucharist**





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## ST PETER'S YOUTH CHURCH CAFE NIGHT



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welcome.



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catering purposes by Friday 5th November.



## Vestry Vibes

The vestry meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the vicar's study.

The Bible reading was from Mark 13: 1-13.

The teaching moment was a further discussion on the Kairos Moment/Learning Circle. It is a basic tool of discipleship in which we inquire into what God is saying to us and then deciding what we are going to do about it.

- There was discussion about the arrangements for Covid since the Government has scrapped the traffic light system. It was agreed that communion will continue to be offered in one kind only as there is still need to be cautious.

- The Vicar's report focussed particularly on outcomes from Synod and especially the Bishop's charge which emphasised the need to multiply and plant.

- There were also presentations by the Wellington City Missioner and "mission bites" by various parishes in the Kapiti area. Further information about Synod can be obtained from the Vicar.

- Pastoral care developments are proceeding.

- Diocesan ordination is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

- David Chapple is hoping to have some design options for the tower in the next week.

- There was a positive response to the stewardship campaign.

- Preparations are in hand for the Summer Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

- Central Energy Trust have approved a grant of \$5,000 towards the cost of interior refurbishment in the hall. This is subject to further money being obtained to complete the job. No information has yet been received from the Lion Foundation.

- There have been instances recently of heaters being left on in the church. If external hirers do this, they will be charged but sidespeople need to be aware after services end.

- Repairs need to be made to the fence on the western side of the vicarage. New posts need to be concreted in.

The next meeting is to be on All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will follow the service in the evening.

The countdown is on!

# St Peter's "Summer Fair"

**November 12 – 9am to 12pm**

## Stalls

Sausage Sizzle

Raffles

Jumble

Cakes & Cookies

Pete's Pantry

Books

Café Kitchen

Trash & Treasures

Collectibles & Retro

Jewellery

Crafts

Plants

### **What can I contribute?**

The cake stall is always sold out! Cakes sell best but cookies and slices are most welcome. Otherwise, whatever fits under the stall headings above.

### **Where to bring your contributions?**

**General:** please bring these to the Parish Office from November 7. If items are too big, please contact Yvonne on 358 3962.

**Cake and cookies:** please bring these to the hall on Friday November 11.



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