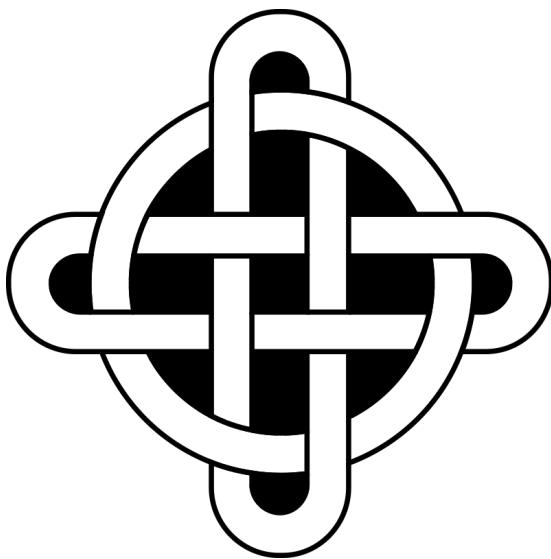




Little Acorns



August – October 2018

The Quarterly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

Winter Message

The Gospel reading for the last Sunday in July was John's recounting of the feeding of the 5,000 – a powerful and familiar event recorded in each of the four Gospels. It is one of many meals the Gospels record, but every time Jesus broke bread with friends it was a eucharist – a thanksgiving meal. Jesus followed the same pattern as he did at the last supper: "Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds." Take, bless, break, give: those are the actions of the eucharistic feast. Jesus wants us to take what we have, whatever it is, and bless it: in other words, give it to God. And then break it open, divide it up, and give it away joyfully.

Jesus does this with bread, every time he shares a meal. And he does this with his life: lives it for God, breaks it open, gives it to us. And this is what Jesus wants with our lives too: it's not enough to simply pray that God will change things, will feed the hungry and clothe the naked. God needs us to participate in this eucharistic action. God is calling us to take our lives, and bless them, and be broken open, and then given away in service of others.

It's the breaking that can be hard to face. But you cannot be a follower of Jesus without the risk of being broken. Serving a meal to a homeless person or taking communion to someone dying of cancer, often such an encounter is going to break your heart. It would be easier to stay safe where you never have to face that reality. But we don't have that option: take, bless, break, give. No matter how hard or impossible this seems, the end result is worth it: with the 5,000 everyone ate until they were satisfied. This vision is possible. We already have what we need, right here in our midst. The Kingdom is waiting to be born, we are asked join in this eucharist, in this thanksgiving, to make it a reality.

Arohanui, Rosie



Margaret Pinfold **1947–2018**

It was with profound sadness that we learnt of the death of Margaret Pinfold on Friday 27 July, after a long struggle with cancer. Margaret had a deep faith that was a well-spring of comfort throughout her life, particular over the recent years when she has had a number of health issues. Her calm and no-fuss positivity was an inspiration to us all, and something we all drew strength from.

Margaret was active member of the congregation from the time she arrived in Woodville many long years ago. She could always be relied on to help out at all kinds of events, from Sunday services to the bazaar and shared dinners, flower arranging to banner making and visiting the sick.

It is hard to say goodbye, although we take profound comfort in knowing that Margaret is at peace with her Lord and that the parting we now know is but temporary. Our deepest love, prayers and support go out to Noel and all the family.

Baptism

On Sunday the 29th of July we welcomed a new member into the Church with the baptism of Lennix Ealem. Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love.

Hall Upgrade

Anyone that has been in the Holy Trinity Hall over the last couple of weeks would have enjoyed the new heat pumps that have been installed. The heat pumps allow for the hall to be heated more quickly and thoroughly than the previous fan heaters – and make for much more comfortable meetings and events in the cooler months. They'll also be useful for helping cool the hall during large events in summer.

Woodville Food Bank

Woodville's Food Bank continues to provide food parcels to those in need. A big thank you to everyone who supports this vital community service! If you're able, please feel free to bring a can or packet of foodstuffs along anytime to a service – there is a collection basket at the rear of the church.



Volunteers at Waireka Home

Waireka Home in Pahiatua is looking for volunteers to help visit residents, spending time with them reading, chatting, playing cards or other similar activities. Volunteers only need to commit as much time as they're able, and any assistance is most welcome. If you're able to help out please let Rosie McMillan know and she can put you in contact with Waireka.



Young at Heart, Older Folks' Social Afternoons

2pm, the fourth Thursday of each month
in the Holy Trinity Hall

Please contact Rosie McMillan if you'd like help with transportation.



Monthly Prayer Group

9.30am on the last Friday of each month
in Holy Trinity



Bazaar and Flower Show
Holy Trinity Hall
Saturday 1st September 2018
Doors open at 12pm



- ❖ Baking, produce, raffles and white elephant stalls
- ❖ Soup and savoury lunch, \$8 a head
- ❖ Staging of flowers and vegetable novelties to be finished by 10am, to allow judging to be completed by noon



A Winter Prayer

There is a winter in all of our lives,
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn
for days that have gone
or put our hope in days yet to be.
Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.

Spring is full of expectation
buds breaking
frosts abating and an awakening
of creation before the first days of summer.

Now the sun gives warmth
and comfort to our lives
reviving aching joints
bringing colour, new life
and crops to fruiting.

Autumn gives nature space
to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour
mellow colours in sky and landscape
as the earth prepares to rest.

Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.
An endless cycle
and yet a perfect model.

We need a winter in our lives
a time of rest, a time to stand still
a time to reacquaint ourselves
with the faith in which we live.

It is only then that we can draw strength
from the one in whom we are rooted
take time to grow and rise through the darkness
into the warm glow of your springtime
to blossom and flourish
bring colour and vitality into this world
your garden.

Thank you Father
for the seasons of our lives.



Advance Notice: Armistice Day Concert

As part of Woodville's commemorations of the centennial of the end of World War One, there will be a free concert at 1.30pm on Sunday the 11th November 2018 in Holy Trinity. The concert will be followed by a cup of tea.

Pastoral Visits

As disciples we are constantly called to be the hands and feet of Christ. Please let Rosie McMillan know if you would like a visit, or you're aware of someone who would appreciate a visit.



Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea

A pink ribbon afternoon tea on the 18th of May, hosted at Marilyn Blatchford's home, raised over \$200 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. A big thank you to Marilyn for opening up her home and to all the helpers who made delicious treats and helped with the pink decoration.



2018 Mid-winter Dinner

Clowns, gypsies, ring masters, strongmen and a whole menagerie of animals could be found under the Big Top in the Holy Trinity Hall on the evening of 14 July, when nearly 70 people came together to enjoy this year's mid-winter dinner.

The theme for the evening was a night at the circus, so in between a circus inspired three-course dinner, people enjoyed quiz rounds, games (including walking the tightrope), a mystery envelope auction (which raised over \$200 for the Cancer Society), and the awarding of a diverse selection of prizes. It was a lovely evening of fun and frivolity, and work has already started on planning next year's dinner.



Hawke's Bay Regional Conference and Waiapu Synod

Sandra and Ian Riley attended the Hawke's Bay Regional Conference on Saturday the 30th of June as Holy Trinity's representatives. There was a lot of discussion about the resolutions made at the General Synod, which had been held in New Plymouth in May. Information about the General Synod is available in the Anglican Taonga magazine, copies at the rear of Holy Trinity. Ian and Sandra are both available to talk about the Regional Conference discussions and

Rosie and Brian McMillan will be attending the Waiapu Synod on the 22nd and 23rd of September as Holy Trinity's representatives. There will be any motions from other regions to consider, along with any amendments to canons, the receipt of reports and financial statements, and approval of the future budget. We'll let you know details of the Synod agenda as soon as it is available, so that you can let Rosie or Brian know of any perspectives or comments you would like raised at the appropriate section of the Synod.



General Events

August 2018

- Friday 17th 10.00am Anglican Women's Group meets for coffee at Café 88
- Thursday 23rd 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall
- Friday 31st 9.30am Prayer group meets in Holy Trinity

September 2018

- Saturday 1st 12.00pm Holy Trinity Bazaar and Flower Show
- Friday 21st 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group in the Hall
- Thursday 27th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall
- Friday 28th 9.30am Prayer group meets in Holy Trinity

October 2018

- Friday 19th 10.00am Anglican Women's Group trip to Feilding
- Thursday 25th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall
- Friday 26th 9.30am Prayer group meets in Holy Trinity



Church Services

August 2018

- Sunday 5th 9.30am Family service
- Sunday 12th 9.30am Eucharist
- Sunday 19th 9.30am Eucharist
- Sunday 26th 9.30am Union service

September 2018

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Morning worship
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Family service
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	Eucharist

October 2018

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Family service
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Union service

Participating in Services

We're always on the look-out for people to take part in services. Please let Rosie McMillan know if you'd be happy to do a reading, lead the intercessions or act as sidesperson.

Key contacts

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