



# Little Acorns



August – October 2019

The Quarterly Newsletter of  
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

## Responsible stewardship

Since September includes New Zealand Clean Up Week and October includes the feast of St Francis of Assisi, it seems a good time to reflect on our calling as Christians to care for all creation.

The Bible calls us to be stewards of the earth. We humans do not own the world or any part of it. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein," said the psalmist. The early writer of Leviticus heard God saying, "The land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me." We humans are guests and stewards here, not owners.

We often quote John 3:16 as a summary of the way for getting to heaven: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." We sometimes overlook the importance of those first five words: "God so loved the world." Christ emerged from God's love for the world, not God's love for a new world, a perfect world, or a redeemed world, but the world as it was and is. Belief in Christ is all about belief in the inherent preciousness of the world.

So when we destroy nature, as humanity has done time and again, we are flinging God's gifts into God's face. The Bible gives us permission to use the gifts of nature but not to ruin or waste them. In the biblical view we are holy creatures living among holy creatures in a world that is holy.

What is a holy place for you? Christianity has sometimes nurtured the idea that the only holy place is the church. We think of the church building as God's house. But Jesus taught that God is present in all places to hear our prayers and accept our worship. St Paul preaching in Athens, said, "God that made the world and all living things dwells not in temples made with hands." God lives in the heart of all creation.

Nature is food for the body, beauty for the eyes, and nourishment for the spirit. Nature is the harmony of silence and sound, forming a single whole. For our own happiness and wellbeing we must recognise our oneness with all creation. We live in a web of unity, and the world is full of the glory of God!

Something will have gone out of us as a people if we do not love and protect creation, and that something will be our soul. If our actions as a species can destroy, they can also heal. To truly know that we are not independent, self-enclosed beings, but rather dependent upon the environment in which we live, can transform us. Such an understanding and a care for all creation helps nurture in each one of us a deeper wisdom and reverence of the soul.

Arohanui, Rosie



### **In Memoriam**

The last few months have seen the deaths of a number of Woodville and former Woodville folk. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families and friends of the departed. We remember:

- ⊕ Pat Sharkey
- ⊕ Ray Allott
- ⊕ Lyne Beale

### **Baptisms**

On Sunday 14 July we welcomed Rory Hutchinson, Grace McBride and Callum McBride into our church family, joining with their families to celebrate the three children's baptisms. Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues throughout our lives.



# Bazaar and Flower Show

Holy Trinity Hall

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Doors open at 12pm



- ❖ Baking, produce and raffles stalls, with display by local artist
- ❖ Soup and savoury lunch, \$8 a head
- ❖ Staging of flowers to be finished by 10am, to allow judging to be completed by noon



## Bazaar Bag Making

The Anglican Women's Group has spent a couple of meetings making beautiful cloth carry bags that can be purchased at the Bazaar – Holy Trinity is playing its part in trying to reduce plastic!

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

Prayer meetings are held at 4.00pm on the last Friday of the month in Holy Trinity, all are welcome to come along!



## **Young at Heart, Older Folks' Social Afternoons**

2pm, the fourth Thursday of each month

Holy Trinity Hall

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



## **Stand Up and Sing group**

Stand Up and Sing, the community singing group (which will be the Christmas Choir when Advent rolls around), has been formed, currently meets at 6.30pm on Monday evenings in Holy Trinity. All very welcome!

## **Waiapu Synod**

Rosie and Brian McMillan will be attending the Waiapu Synod on 21 and 22 September as Holy Trinity's representatives. There will be motions, 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.



## National Clean Up Week

It's a given that everyone wants to keep New Zealand the beautiful place it is! So, every year, the charity Keep New Zealand Beautiful coordinates national clean-up week. The year the week runs from 9 to 15 September.

Keep New Zealand Beautiful provides resources for community groups, individuals and businesses to get out in their communities and clean up their patch. Whether it's roadside, a park, business area, or school, we don't want to let rubbish represent our nation, so rally up some mates, roll up those sleeves and get involved!

To see a list of already registered events, or to register a new one, you can visit [www.knzb.org.nz](http://www.knzb.org.nz), email [info@knzb.org.nz](mailto:info@knzb.org.nz), or call (09) 264 1434. Keep New Zealand Beautiful will then send out a pack containing everything you need to help take part.



## Animal Blessing Service

A service blessing animals is being held on Sunday 6 October (at the usual time of 9.30am, as the Sunday nearest the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Please bring your pets along to be blessed – all are welcome whether furred, woolly, feathered or scaled.



## 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.



## Pink Ribbon High Tea

A high tea was held in the Holy Trinity Hall on Saturday 25 May, which raised an amazing \$553 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. A big thank you to everyone who came along, those who made the delicious selection of treats that everyone enjoyed, and the helpers on the day. Dot Johnson won the prize for best dressed – it was a difficult choice as a lot of people had broken out the pink, but Dot was very worthy winner in her wonderful outfit. It was a fun afternoon in support of a great cause!



## **Tree Pruning**

In mid-June the wonderful team of arborists from Guardian Tree Services came in to remove dead branches and open out the canopies of the oaks, prune other trees and remove a number of stumps. The pruning help ensure the oaks will last at least another century, and the other trees will also be stronger and more vigorous. Vestry are looking at planting some fruit trees on the Fox Street side of the grounds to help supply the foodbank and wider community with fresh fruit.



## **Advance Notice – Quiz Night**

We'll be holding a quiz night in the Holy Trinity Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 9 November. Details will be advertised closer to the time.





### **Mid-winter Dinner**

The rocket cleared the tower and the aliens came in peace to Holy Trinity Hall on the evening of Saturday 20 July for this year's mid-winter dinner. In honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, the theme was '2019: A Woodville Space Odyssey'.

In between a three-course dinner that reflected a combination of 1960s classics and out of this world cuisine, people enjoyed quiz rounds, games, a 3-draw raffle (thanks to Jude and David Challies for two of the prizes and Vicky McMillan for the third), and the awarding of a diverse selection of prizes for amazing costumes and victory in the quiz and games. It was a great way to pass a cold winter's evening, and planning for next year's event has already started.

### **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.



## Events

### August 2019

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| Thursday 22 <sup>rd</sup> | 2.00pm  | Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | 4.00pm  | Monthly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity      |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> | 12.00pm | Holy Trinity Bazaar and Flower Show         |

### September 2019

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| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | 2.00pm | Anglican Women's Group meets in the Hall    |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00pm | Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 4.00pm | Monthly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity      |

### October 2019

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| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.00am | Anglican Women's Group meets at the Hall to then visit Mt Bruce Wildlife Centre |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00pm | Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall                                     |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am | Monthly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity  |



## Church Services

### August 2019

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service followed by Vestry
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Union Service

### September 2019

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist followed by Vestry
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist

### October 2019

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Animal Blessing Service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist followed by Vestry
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Union Service

## Key contacts

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