



Little Acorns



February – April 2019

The Quarterly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

A feast on the move...

Easter moves around a lot from year to year. Unlike Christmas, which always falls on 25 December, Easter can fall on any Sunday between late March and late April. This year it's just about as late as it can get, and Lent doesn't begin until early in March with the sombre beauty of the Ash Wednesday service.

Time has always been important to Christians since our redemption takes place in time. Christ lived among us in time and history. He was born. He grew up. He preached the kingdom, and he died. And as the Gospels tells us, on a particular day of the week Christ's empty tomb was discovered, and the proclamation of his Resurrection began. That proclamation continues to this day.

It is no wonder that over centuries the Church has been so precise about the timing of such an important feast. But determining the date of Easter Day is only part of the story. The Resurrection is something unique – it occurs beyond our experience and senses. No one saw the Resurrection. No one knows just when it happened or how. The tomb is open and empty, abandoned except by a couple of angelic figures and a few devoted women. There is quite literally nothing to this story.

An empty tomb. Our great Christian symbol of life and hope is found in something missing, something not there. But the empty tomb is full of meaning. From the empty tomb, cut in rock, we draw forth all of our faith and hope for this world and for the kingdom to come. At the empty tomb we find the Christ of eternity alive in the here and now. From the grave, a symbol of death and defeat, comes forth victory and life itself.

We do not know how this happens. Just as our lives today are in some real sense mysteries we shall never understand, so the Resurrection is for us a sharing in the mystery of God's own life. Or perhaps more appropriately, it is a sharing by God in our lives.

After the Lenten season of contemplation and preparation, each of us comes to Easter with our own thoughts, meanings, and prayers. But we come to Easter itself united: united in celebrating a mystery beyond mortal understanding, united in celebrating a mystery of love.

In the weeks of Lent ahead, and in the great mysterious joy of Easter, may you find comfort, peace and unity!

Arohanui, Rosie



In Memoriam

Our sympathy, love and prayers go out to the family and friends of David Timmins who passed away at the beginning of November. We hold Julie in our prayers, and are here to help her in any way possible!



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.
(* Except for April when, due to ANZAC Day, it is Thursday the 18th)

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Prayer meetings are held at 9.30am on the last Friday of the month in Holy Trinity, all are welcome to come along!

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service is being held in Holy Trinity at 11am on Friday 1 March.



Harvest Festival

Sunday 3 March 2019

The Woodville Foodbank has been experiencing a high demand over recent months. To mark harvest festival and help keep the Foodbank stocked, please bring along tinned or packaged food items to the service. All donations are most gratefully received.



Ash Wednesday Service

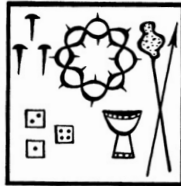
Mark the start of Lent at the joint Holy Trinity – St Columbkille's Ash Wednesday service at 7.30pm on 6 March 2019, at St Columbkille's Church

Lenten Studies

On Wednesdays in Lent (starting on Wednesday 13 March) at 7pm, the Rev. Jo Crosse will be leading Lenten Studies in Holy Trinity. They're a set of studies prepared by the new Bishop of Christchurch, the Rev Dr Peter Carrell.

Liturgical Refresher Training

After the service on Sunday 24 March, Rev. Jo Crosse will be conducting refresher training for everyone involved in tasks during a service. It would be great to have everyone there!



Holy Week Services

Thursday, 18 April, 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Holy Trinity

Friday, 19 April, 9.15am

Good Friday March of Witness starting at St Columbkille's

Sunday, 21 April, 9.30am

Easter Eucharist at Holy Trinity



AMB Lenten Appeal

During Lent there'll be a 'bring and buy' table at the back of Holy Trinity to raise money for the Anglican Missions Board's annual Lenten Appeal. Please bring in produce, preserves or crafts to sell, as well as buy.

The Board has different projects it is raising money for, focused on supporting vulnerable, disabled, and malnourished children in partner countries. There will be more information on the 'bring and buy' table.



Lent

The cosmos dreams in me
while I wait in stillness,
ready to lean a little further
into the heart of the Holy.

I, a little blip of life,
a wisp of unassuming love,
a quickly passing breeze,
come once more into Lent.

No need to sign me
with the black bleeding ash
of palms, fried and baked.
I know my earthen place.

This Lent I will sail
on the graced wings of desire,
yearning to go deeper
to the place where
I am one in the One.

Oh, may I go there soon,
in the same breath
that takes me to the stars
when the cosmos dreams in me.

Joyce Rupp

Advance Notice – Mid-Winter Dinner

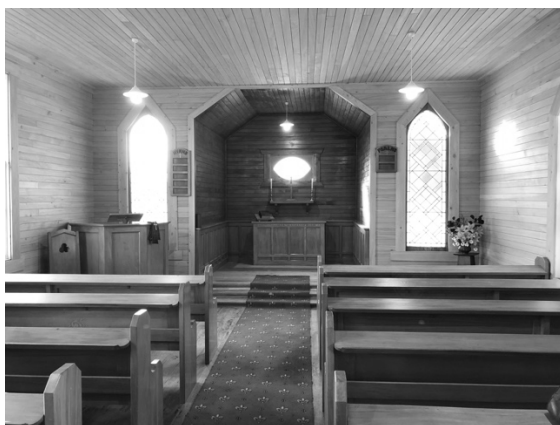
Please keep the evening of Saturday 27 July free, Holy Trinity is hosting its annual mid-winter dinner. Details will be published in the next magazine, but as a hint you might want to think about fuelling up your rocket ship and packing your moon boots – July is the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing after all!



Remembrance Banner and Armistice Day Concert

Jill Hutchinson has made a beautiful remembrance banner for the church. It had its first display at the Armistice Day concert on 11 November 2018, and joins the poppy banner from St James to be used on ANZAC and Armistice Days in the future. A big thank you to Jill!

The concert included performances by a number of very talented singers, recitations of war poems, readings from a selection of diaries and letters from World War One, and sing-alongs by the audience. A big thank you to everyone involved



St Andrews Renovations

As part of the Christmas service of lessons and carols on Sunday 16 December at St Andrews, the congregation offered prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for the completion of the renovations of the community church.

Spearheaded by Ian Fountaine, with a committed group of assistants and builder [Patrick Allen], the Kumeroa folks have done an amazing job! The relined church is much lighter and brighter, and feels much larger. The pews and altar from St James have been resized and installed – it's great to keep them in the district. And Wilfred Poulton's stained glass window now seems to really "pop". The church is all set for decades to come.

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal

We raised \$280 for the 2018 CWS Christmas Appeal. Big thanks to the Anglican Women's Group who made a major top-up donation. The money goes towards making sure refugees have food, shelter and education, small farmers have seeds and water to grow food, and children have medical care when they need it. CWS and its global partners do an amazing job finding ways to bring fullness of life to those in need.

Christmas Events

While we are heading into Lent and Easter, it is important to highlight some of the many wonderful events held over the Christmas period, including the Christmas Eve and Day Eucharists at Holy Trinity, and the service of lessons and carols held on Sunday 16 December at St Andrew's Kumeroa.

Big thanks to the Dannevirke Brass and Pipe Bands for their lovely Concert on the evening of Sunday 25 November. The gold coin entrance fee went towards the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.



The Holy Trinity-sponsored Christmas letterbox decorating competition was great fun, with a number of people around the town going to a fabulous effort of making their letterboxes look festive. Well done to all the entrants, congratulations to the winners (1st Annabelle Longuet Higgins, 2nd Joanne Field and 3rd R Fryer and J Jones) and many thanks to the judges.

Woodville enjoyed fine weather for the Christmas Parade on 8 December, which saw the many spectators enjoy a great array of floats and participants. While Father Christmas was as popular as ever, the Woodville Churches each had a strong presence that helped remind everyone just what the season is all about.



That focus on the meaning of Christmas continued on the following evening with the Woodville Combined Churches' Christmas sausage sizzle and carol service in Fountaine Square. Thanks to everyone that helped with the cooking.

The Holy Trinity Christmas dinner for Woodville's seniors was a cheering seasonal event, greatly enjoyed by the approximately 55 people able to attend on Monday 17 December. Along with the tasty meal there was a musical sing-along, led by Abraham Parker with assistance from Ian Riley. Many thanks to all who were able to help out!



The Holy Trinity Christmas Choir, featuring a range of Woodville talent, made a rousing start to the Holy Trinity Christmas Eve Family Eucharist, with a half-hour of traditional Christmas favourites. The Friday before the Choir had brought some seasonal cheer to Waireka Home when it went carolling in the early evening.



Events

February 2019

Thursday 14 th	2.00pm	Anglican Women's Group meets in the Hall
Friday 22 nd	9.30am	Monthly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity
Thursday 28 th	2.00pm	Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall

March 2019

Wednesday 13 th	7.00pm	Lenten studies in Holy Trinity
Friday 15 th	2.00pm	Anglican Women's Group meets in the Hall
Wednesday 20 th	7.00pm	Lenten studies in Holy Trinity
Wednesday 27 th	7.00pm	Lenten studies in Holy Trinity
Thursday 28 th	2.00pm	Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall
Friday 29 th	9.30am	Monthly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity

April 2019

Wednesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Lenten studies in Holy Trinity
Wednesday 10 th	7.00pm	Lenten studies in Holy Trinity
Wednesday 17 th	7.00pm	Lenten studies in Holy Trinity
Thursday 18 th	2.00pm	Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall
Thursday 25 th	ANZAC Day	commemorations in Fountaine Square
Friday 26 th	9.30am	Monthly prayer meeting in Holy Trinity

Aquarobics

At 5.30pm every Tuesday and Thursday there are aquarobics classes at the Woodville public pool. It's a great way to enjoy exercise that doesn't put stress on your joints.



Church Services

February 2019

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Family Service, followed by Vestry meeting
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 17 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	Morning worship

March 2019

Friday 1 st	11.00am	World Day of Prayer service at Holy Trinity
Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Harvest Festival Eucharist, followed by Vestry meeting
Wednesday 6 th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday service at St Columbkille's
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Eucharist, followed by the parish AGM
Sunday 17 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	Eucharist, followed by liturgical refresher training for everyone involved in services
Sunday 31 st	9.30am	Eucharist

April 2019

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Family service, followed by Vestry meeting
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist
Thursday 18 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Friday 19 th	9.15am	Good Friday March of Witness starting at St Columbkille's
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	Easter Day Eucharist
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Union service

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.

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