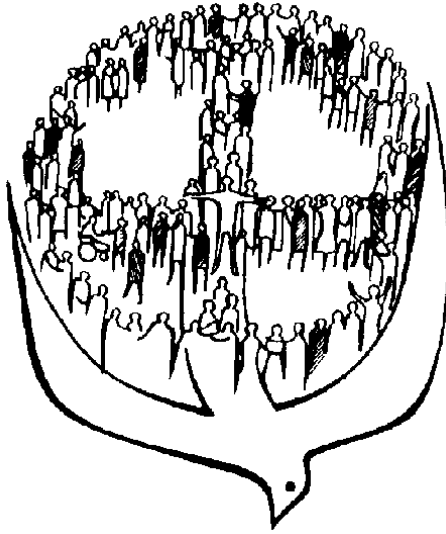




Little Acorns



June – August 2022

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Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

Warming flames in winter

The start of June is the official beginning of winter. This year the first Sunday in June is the Day of Pentecost (when we celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem after the resurrection). There's an interesting contrast between the two things. With winter, the days draw in and we spend time inside warming our bodies in front of the fire (or the heater). With Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fires our hearts and drives us outward to be Christ's Body in the world.

With the world in as much turmoil as ever, our role as lights of Christ is as important as it ever has been. In the face of pandemics, war, poverty, and callous indifference, Jesus's message of love and compassion needs to be lived out as fully and practically as possible.

Pentecost is a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is given freely to all people with no respect for race, culture, social standing, gender or any other distinguishing mark used by people to set one person apart from another. In God we are one.

The Holy Spirit transforms us into the image of Christ and requires we share in the Church's mission. Just as the disciples' bold and fearless witness at Pentecost led to the conversion of more than 3,000 people (as recounted in the account of Pentecost in chapter 2 of Acts), so too we are called to bear witness to God's love for the world today. This love is freely given to all humanity.

The Holy Spirit compels us to serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbour as ourselves. One way we do this is by reaching out to the unloved, the hard to love, and the rejected in our midst and loving them, emulating God's love in sending Christ and Holy Spirit to us all. Through the Holy Spirit, we welcome strangers into our midst and become family, and we welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives and become transformed into the image of Christ

No matter how cold and dark this winter gets, may the Holy Spirit warm and sustain you!

Arohanui, Rosie



Remembering Ngaire Mountfort

In late March, Ngaire Mountfort passed away. A deeply beloved and very active member of our parish and wider Woodville family, Ngaire had been suffering from Alzheimer's for some time before her passing. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with Ralph, Janice, Alan, Jim, Ken, Anne and all the family.

In honour of a very special lady, we are reproducing one of the tributes from Ngaire's funeral, written and shared by her granddaughter Alyse.

Our precious Grandma achieved many things in her long life, which you'll hear about soon. She had many talents from being the best cook and an excellent sewer, to being incredibly intelligent. But of all her talents the one she was best at and definitely born to be was a Grandma. Being a Grandma was what God created her to be.

She loved us 10 grandchildren with all her heart and spoilt us all rotten. She was so proud of anything we achieved from first steps to graduations and everything in between. She loved celebrating our birthdays and Christmas. She also attended many playgroup parties, school concerts and sport matches.

My 3 siblings and I had the absolute pleasure of always living close to Grandma & being old enough to enjoy her good years. 21 Grey street was our second home. We absolutely loved staying over with Grandma, where the rules didn't really apply, we could stay up as late as we wanted, eat as many treats as we liked. And every sleepover we would come home with merchandise from shopping trips with Grandma.

And after all that there's really no words to truly describe how special of a Grandma she was. She's impacted all of our life's far more than she ever would have realised, being the humble lady she was.

May you finally be at peace in your old body, your true self, our precious Grandma who we will forever hold in our hearts.



In Memoriam

Along with the Mountfort family, our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Marion Hickey.



Farewell to Bethel Martin

In May, with heavy hearts Woodville bid farewell to Bethel Martin, who has moved to an apartment in one of the retirement homes in Palmerston North. A lifelong Woodville resident, Bethel was an active and much-loved member of the community. Fortunately, Bethel is still close enough for regular visits and bringing over to events back here in Woodville.



The End of a Musical Era

Holy Trinity wishes to say an enormous thank you to Sandra Riley for running the pre-school music groups these many years. Sandra has recently retired, and the group is continuing in a different form with some of the young mums leading it.

Sandra must have taught hundreds of children, with the earliest members now grown. This has been an important part of the parish's wider ministry, and we are all deeply appreciative of Sandra's time, creativity, commitment and enthusiasm.



Eucharist under the COVID-19 orange setting

At the time this magazine went to press, New Zealand is at the orange COVID-19 setting and the bishops have reviewed the guidelines. We are able to have both the bread and wine in the Eucharist.

However, people are not allowed to dip their wafer into the chalice. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the common cup, you can take and hold the chalice and then pass it back.

People do not have to wear a mask when sitting in the pew or when coming up for communion, although the priest and assistant will be masked while in the sanctuary. You are welcome to keep a mask on at all times if that makes you feel more comfortable.



Young at Heart, Older Folks' Social Afternoons

2pm on the fourth Monday of each month

Holy Trinity Hall, Fox Street

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



Mid-Winter Dinner – A Night in Old London Town

Break out your Crown jewels or swinging Carnaby Street threads for this year's mid-winter dinner, which will see the **Holy Trinity Hall** transformed into London for the evening. As part of the wider Platinum Jubilee celebrations, this year's theme is Old London Town, so whether you're a beefeater, a black cab driver, or an East End cockney you're welcome to come along for a night of good food and entertainment.

Doors open at 6pm on Saturday 23 July, with tickets at \$20 a head.
Please contact Rev. Rosie McMillan to book your ticket.



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.

July, a Month of Sundays

In July each Sunday has a particular theme.



Refugee Sunday (3 July)

When we remembered that Jesus and his family fled danger in their homeland and lived as refugees in Egypt. Welcoming the stranger and the outsider remains a vital practice of Christian communities today and is lived out in the support we give to refugees seeking to rebuild their lives in New Zealand.



Sea Sunday (10 July)

When we celebrated the work of the Mission to Seafarers, and pray for both their endeavours and all those who sail upon the world's oceans.



Bible Sunday (17 July)

When we prayed for all the groups and agencies – especially the Bible Society – working to translate the Bible into different languages so that people around the world may hear and read God's word in their own tongue.



Social Services' Sunday (24 July)

When we gave thanks and pray for all those involved, whether as volunteers or paid professionals, in helping others – be it social workers, doctors, teachers, care assistants, counsellors, or meals on wheels.



Advance Notice – Bazaar and Flower Show
Saturday 10 September 2021
Holy Trinity Hall

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.

Freewill Offerings

Just a reminder that now that banks are no longer issuing or accepting personal cheques, offerings can be made with cash or via online banking.

The online details are, bank account number 02-0796-0017499-00 and for the reference code please use your regular envelope number. If you don't currently use the regular envelopes but would like to use online banking, please contact the Treasurer (phone number at the back of the magazine) and she will issue you with a reference number.



Song to the Holy Spirit

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,
Inside and outside the fences,
You blow where you wish to blow.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,
You warm him gently, you give him life,
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are as a mother eagle with her young,
Holding them in peace under your feathers.
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,
Above the valley, above the storms of the world,
Where no hunter ever comes.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide,
In whom we know already that the battle has been won.
You bring us to our Brother Jesus
to rest our heads upon his shoulder.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,
Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
In the love of friends you are building a new house,
Heaven is with us when you are with us.
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.

James K. Baxter

(from A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)



Parish AGM

Holy Trinity held its Annual General Meeting after the service on Sunday 27 March. The financial and ministry reports were presented. Barbara Boyden, Rosie McMillan, Nell Mountfort, Ian Riley, Sandra Riley, Rona Squires, Vicky Tomlinson, James Uren and Janice Wiri were elected Vestry members. Janice and Rona were confirmed as Parish Wardens.

It was agreed that there will be working bee organised later in the year to have a general grounds and church tidy up.



Platinum Jubilee High Tea

Holy Trinity marked the Platinum Jubilee in style at Queen's Birthday weekend, hosting a Platinum High Tea in our Hall. As well as toasting the historic milestone, the event raised \$640 for Arohanui Hospice.

The hall was decked out with bunting, flags from across the Commonwealth, photos from across the Queen's 70-year reign, and a range of original Coronation memorabilia that had been tucked away in cupboards for just such an occasion.

Community choir Stand Up & Sing opened the tea with a selection of songs from across the United Kingdom, bookended by the New Zealand national anthem and God Save the Queen. The 60 attendees then got to enjoy a special celebratory cake and a range of bite-sized tasty treats, heavily favouring the sweet end of the scale, accompanied by a steady stream of tea.

Honorary Queen for the day, Dot Johnstone, provided a regal oversight of the proceedings and awarded the prizes for best dressed female (won by Sue Ladd in garden party finery) and best dressed male (won by Tony Crompton, looking like a true pearly king). Rob Harris, a member of the Holy Trinity parish, read out a letter he had penned for sending to the Queen as a marker of the day. Attendees also brought along their favourite pudding recipes which are to be compiled into a platinum pudding cookbook that will be published later in the year as part of the wider community celebrations.

The organisers would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that made food or helped with preparations and serving on the day, to Stand Up & Sing for their amazing performance, Dot for being honorary Queen, Natalie Burt for styling Dot's hair, Carole Rivers for the incredible Jubilee cake, and everyone who came along to make the day such a success.



Events

June 2022

Monday 27th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall

July 2022

Wednesday 13th 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group meeting in the Holy Trinity Hall (to be confirmed)

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm Mid-Winter Dinner in the Hall

Monday 25th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall

August 2022

Wednesday 9th 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group meeting in the Holy Trinity Hall

Monday 22nd 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall



Church Services

June 2022

Sunday 5 th	9.30am	Eucharist, with Rev. Tim Delaney presiding
Sunday 12 th	9.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Morning Worship

July 2022

Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Eucharist, with Rev. Tim Delaney presiding
Sunday 10 th	9.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 17 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 31 st	9.30am	Eucharist

August 2022

Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Eucharist, with Rev. Tim Delaney presiding
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Eucharist

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