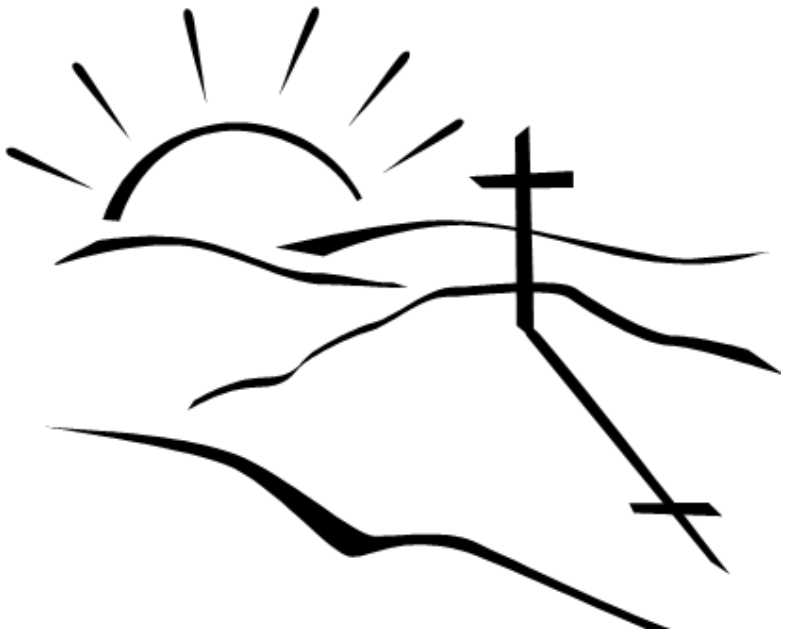




# Little Acorns



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Anglican Parish, Woodville

## **Light in the darkness – holding onto the power of Easter**

There is a risk as we celebrate Easter, knowing in advance the outcome of the drama. We are in danger of not being shocked by this unimaginably joyous, unprecedented event. If we are not careful, Easter can become just another one of those stories with a feel-good, happy ending, rather than a stunning event that should make the hair on the back of our necks stand up when we hear the Good News.

Familiarity can breed, if not contempt, at least a ho-hum, of-course-he-rose-on-the-third-day kind of attitude. If we give in to this familiar thinking, Jesus' death on the cross is hardly a life-changing gift, but rather a short pause in a celebration lined only with chocolate eggs and family dinners.

In the depth of our faith, we cannot afford to become so complacent. It is important that we understand Easter profoundly and appreciate its ultimate value; important that we remember that it follows and gives meaning to the grim weight of Good Friday.

Easter is about coming face to face with a Jesus who has not just reversed the power death, but has completely triumphed over it. The Good News of the Resurrection is that Christ is a light that overcomes all the darkness that life can entail. That light overcomes the darkness we experience in Holy Week when we pass through vivid reminders of our human frailty and sin, reminders of how easy it is for us to be gobbled up by the power of the enemies of God.

We have the love and light of Christ going before us and living within us. That light helps illuminate our way forth in life, and we should strive to bring that love and light to the darker parts of our world. We can go forth with confidence because we know that Christ goes before us into all the world.

Christ leads the way for us, always going before us, raising us with him from the depths: from sickness and pain and even death, from

disappointment and sin and despair and grief. Christ goes before us as our light in the darkness, allowing us to reflect his light into the world. Alleluia!

Arohanui, Rosie



## **Baptisms**

In January we welcomed Michael and Ryder Hogg into the Church family. 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.



## **In Memoriam**

Our deep sympathy and prayers go out to the Poulton family for the passing of Susan Poulton at the end of October 2023, and Susan and Wilfred's oldest son Philip in January 2023. Susan and Wilfred were active members of the Holy Trinity family and the wider Woodville and Kumeroa communities. They were part of the group that helped restore and maintain St Andrew's Kumeroa - something Tim and Annie Poulton have carried on.

Our sympathy and prayers also go out to the families and friends of other Woodville or former Woodville folk who have died over the last few months:

- ⊕ Annette Dunn
- ⊕ Steve Peretini
- ⊕ Tom Spears
- ⊕ Carol Turnbull



## AMB 2023 Lenten Appeal

The Anglican Missions Board's annual Lenten appeal calls the church to give sacrificially both financially and through prayer. Each year, AMB raises funds for three projects that directly contribute to the health, wellbeing and development of the communities and people involved.

This year the AMB is supporting projects in:

- Fiji, the Mud Brick Project – When cyclones strike, homes in Fiji are the first to fall. Mud Bricks are an innovative solution to create resilient, cyclone-proof housing. This project empowers local villages through brick production, creating houses that can weather the devastating effects of climate change.
- Northern Ethiopia, the Bricks for Life project – This innovative project provide a number of incredible foundational services for the people of this poor region, from grain mills, water tanks, irrigation, feminine hygiene access and even a soap making business.
- the Middle East, the School Heating Project – All students deserve an environment to learn in that is safe, healthy and physically suited to help them thrive. Many classrooms around the world do not have adequate heating or cooling systems to achieve this. the AMB is making safe and healthy classrooms a reality for Saviour's School in Zarqa, Jordan.

Please see the AMB's website, <https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/lent/>, for more information on the projects and how to donate.

## **AMB Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal**

The AMB is also coordinating the Anglican Church's appeal fund for the regions devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle. Details on how to donate are at <https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/donate/gabrielle/>

The Church has established a central cyclone response group that is coordinating the Church's efforts across the affected regions, both with short-term support for people in need, and looking at what longer term support may be needed to get communities back on their feet.



### **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.

### **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.



## Holy Week Services

**Sunday, 2 April, 9.30am**

Palm Sunday Eucharist at Holy Trinity

**Thursday, 6 April, 7.30pm**

Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Holy Trinity

**Friday, 7 April, 2.00pm**

Way of the Cross service at Holy Trinity

**Sunday, 9 April, 9.30am**

Easter Eucharist at Holy Trinity



## Holy Trinity Garage Sale

9am Saturday 15 April, Holy Trinity Hall

We're holding our next fundraising garage sale in mid-April. Please let Rosie McMillan or Barbara Boyden know if you have items to donate for sale (contact numbers at the back of the magazine).



## ANZAC Day Events

**Tuesday 25 April**

6.30am Dawn Parade in Fontaine Square

10.00am Civic Service in Fontaine Square



## **King Charles III Coronation High Tea**

2pm Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Holy Trinity Hall, Fox Street

Entry is by gold coin donation, all proceeds to charity  
Prizes for best dressed King and Queen



## **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.

## This is My Child

We feel the mother's loss  
As, weeping and forlorn,  
She gazes at the cross.  
'This is my child.'

As, smashed on any road,  
Or washed up on a shore,  
She sees her precious load.  
'This is my child.'

He paid the price of sin,  
Our wanton love of speed,  
Of power, our lust to win.  
'This is my child.'

You turn and walk away.  
The mother cannot leave.  
Where she goes, he will stay.  
'This is my child.'

And how then can he rise?  
Unless we open wide  
Our arms, our hearts, our eyes. '  
This is my child.'

And he will have no hope  
Unless we dare to look  
At broken life  
On shore, on road.  
Until with mothers we proclaim:  
'This is my body and my blood.'



*Anna Briggs  
The Sun Slowly Rises, 2017*



## Christmas Events

The senior citizens lunch on Monday 19 December 2022 saw over 50 people sit down to a meal of ham off the bone, potatoes, peas and salad, followed by a choice of pavlova and fruit salad, or Christmas pudding and custard. Sandra Riley performed a number of songs. A big thank you to Sandra and everyone that cooked and served the lunch.



Stand Up and Sing, the community choir, filled Holy Trinity with professionally sung carols from 8pm on Christmas Eve. Following the conclusion of the singing, port (or orange juice for the younger attendees) and Christmas cake were served to everyone, a time of fellowship before the Christmas Eve Eucharist started at 9pm.



It's always lovely seeing the large congregation on this special evening, which concludes with a time of contemplation when the church is lit only by candles. The brickwork of the building is softened by the golden light, and as music plays people hold loved ones before God in silent prayer.



The Christmas morning Eucharist is a smaller, more intimate service that is nonetheless every bit as special as Christmas Eve. In both evening and morning there is a beautiful sense of Emmanuel, God with us!





## Purple Poppy Day Service

Purple Poppy Day is observed on 24 February and was introduced in 2006 to commemorate the animals that served, and continue to serve, during wartime. Animals have often been the forgotten casualties of war, for example approximately eight million horses and donkeys (that were critical for hauling supplies and artillery) died during the First World War. Dogs and carrier pigeons have been among the other animals involved in war efforts, with many earning medals for acts saving the lives of soldiers and civilians.

Woodville held its third Purple Poppy Service this year, and had a Police dog and his handler, ponies and local dogs join the Mayor and community members in honouring the animals that have given so much to help in times of war and conflict.



## Events

### March 2023

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm Word Day of Prayer service in Holy Trinity  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall

### April 2023

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group meeting in the Holy Trinity Hall  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Garage Sale in the Holy Trinity Hall  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30am ANZAC Day Dawn Parade in Fountaine Square  
10.00am ANZAC Day Civic Service in Fountaine Square

### May 2023

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm High tea in the Holy Trinity Hall to help mark the coronation of King Charles III  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group meeting in the Holy Trinity Hall  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall

### June 2023

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group meeting in the Holy Trinity Hall  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Holy Trinity Hall



## Church Services

### March 2023

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Harvest Festival Eucharist, followed by Parish AGM
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist

### April 2023

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Palm Sunday Eucharist
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Good Friday Way of the Cross Service
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Easter Day Eucharist
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist

### May 2023

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Day of Pentecost Eucharist

### June 2023

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eucharist



## Freewill Offerings

Just a reminder that 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.

### Key contacts

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Parish Treasurer	J Wiri	027 694 5958
Parish Secretary	B Boyden	027 270 2004
Anglican Women's Group	Rev. Rosie McMillan	06 376 5972
Foodbank Coordinator	J Worboys	06 376 4023