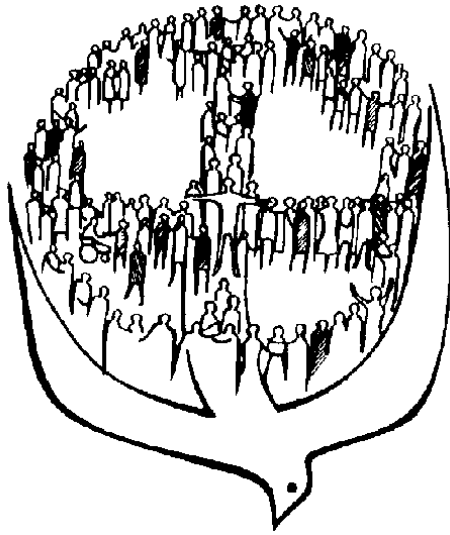




Little Acorns



May – July 2018

The Quarterly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

Autumn Message

There are many old sayings about change, but really it's never easy. Life throws up all sorts of events and situations that force us to make some difficult decisions. How must it have been for the settlers who sailed across the oceans to build new lives in New Zealand, carving out farms and settlements in the bush. So far from all that was known and familiar. It took a leap of faith, coupled with some determination, a lot of hard work and, in different parts of the country, the help of the local Maori pa.

The earthquakes which made St James' church tower unsafe are the sort of thing that can't be planned for, but have to be lived through with God-given strength and hope. It was a difficult decision, after much sincere prayer and thought, to decommission the church and wind up the formal parish structure. But St James' as a faith community continues, woven through the life of Woodville.

Our love, prayers and support go out to the St James' folk, who are always most welcome at Holy Trinity. Our two parishes have had a close relationship the decades. Holy Trinity will be home to a number of memorials and items from St James, testament to the relationship and St James' place here in Woodville.

In speaking of testaments, the Day of Pentecost (this year falling on Sunday 20 May) reminds us of the birth of the church as a body going out into the world. As the Spirit moved through the first disciples, causing them to speak in the languages of all the countries of the Mediterranean world, that same Spirit moves through people today. It inspires us to step out in new directions together, attentive to new ways of being God's hands, mouths and hearts out in the world.

Life is filled with change, but we endure and flourish, as communities have throughout the ages. May the warming Pentecost fire of God's love warm you this winter and always.

Arohanui, Rosie



St James Decommissioning

At a moving service on Sunday 15 April 2018, past and present parishioners and folks from the wider Woodville community marked the closure of the St James' church. Reflections were shared on the many people and events which had shaped the parish over the decades.

Memorials and other items from St James were formally bequeathed to Holy Trinity, and will be installed in our church over the next few months. It is important to keep these items in Woodville and ensure that people can visit and view them at any time. St James also gave Holy Trinity money to hold in safekeeping and use for significant activities for the community. A special morning tea thanking St James' folk for their generosity is being organised, and will be publicised separately.

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.



In Memoriam

The last few months have seen the deaths of Woodville folk. Our sympathy, thoughts, and prayers go out to all the families and friends of the departed. In our prayers we remember:

- ⊕ Barbara Wrigley
- ⊕ Dave Johnston



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.

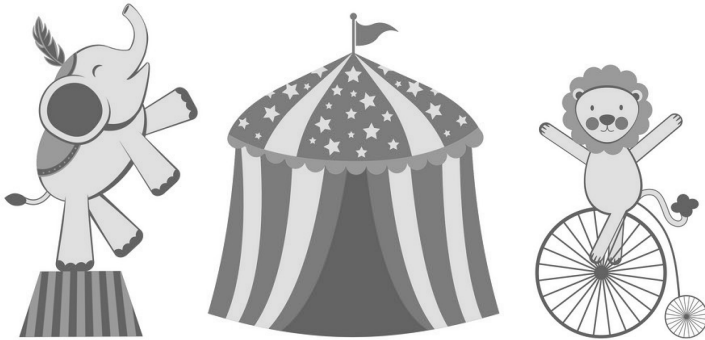


Young at Heart, Older Folks' Social Afternoons

2pm, the fourth Thursday of each month

Holy Trinity Hall

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



2018 Mid-Winter Dinner

The Big Top comes to the Holy Trinity Hall
6pm Saturday 14 July 2018.

The theme for this year's dinner is ***A Night at the Circus.***
There'll be a tasty themed dinner, games, music, and
spot prizes for creative costumes.

Tickets are \$20 per head.

Please contact Rosie McMillan to secure yours.

July, a Month of Sundays

In July nearly every Sunday has a particular theme.

Sea Sunday (1st 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.



Refugee Sunday (8th 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.

Bible Sunday (15th 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 (24th 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.

Holy Trinity AGM

Holy Trinity held its Annual General Meeting after the service on Sunday 11 March. The financial and ministry reports were presented. Judy Harding, Rosie McMillan, Vicky McMillan, Nell Mountfort, Ian Riley, Sandra Riley, Rona Squires, James Uren and Janice Wiri were elected Vestry members. Janice was confirmed as Bishop’s Warden and Rona as People’s Warden.

After 30 years of service, Judy stepped down as Parish Treasurer. Janice spoke on behalf of Vestry to acknowledge all that Judy has done in that time and presented her with flowers and a small token of thanks. Janice was then unanimously elected Treasurer and stood down as Vestry Chair. Vicky was subsequently elected Chair.

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)



Anglican Missions Board Lenten Appeal

The bring and buy table that was at the back of Holy Trinity during lent, raised just under \$200 for the Anglican Missions Board's 2018 Lenten Appeal, which Vestry topped up to \$250. This year's Appeal was raising money for three projects helping children in poor communities:

1. teaching materials for the Saviour Evangelical School in Zarka, northeast Jordan, which educates over 300 children from many of the poor and marginalized communities of the region;
2. a reliable van for the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda, which serves children with disabilities in the very poor Fort Portal region of the country – the van will transport children and their families from outlying homes to hospital and rehabilitation facilities; and
3. equipment to produce braille and raised-letter materials at the Arab Episcopal School in Irbid, northern Jordan, which specialises in educating blind and visually-impaired children from across the region who don't have any options at local schools.

The money we raised will help transform the lives of many children; a big thank you to everyone who donated items for sale and those who bought them.

ANZAC Day

The Holy Trinity Hall was decorated with flags and historic mementoes for a high tea on Sunday 22 April to mark the upcoming ANZAC Day and help commemorate 2018 as the centenary year for the end of the First World War – Armistice Day later this year will be particularly poignant. It was lovely to see more 40 people turn out for a sing-along of classic war songs and conversations about friends and family who had served in wartime, all while enjoying tasty treats

washed down with plenty of tea. Thank you to those who dressed up in period costumes, as well as everyone who helped make and serve the high tea.



On ANZAC Day itself, it was wonderful to see people of all ages from the community turn out at both the RSA's Dawn Parade and the Woodville Combined Churches' Civic Service. With the passage of time, and the numbers of returned servicemen alive slowly declining, it is so important to continue to remember and give thanks for all who have served in the defence of this nation, particularly those that made the ultimate sacrifice. As Christians our prayers are for the world to embrace peace and justice, while recognising our Gospel imperative to resist hatred, aggression and injustice wherever it is found.



General Events

May 2018

Thursday 24th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall

June 2018

Friday 15th 10.00am Anglican Women's Group trip to Foxton

Thursday 28th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall

July 2018

Saturday 14th 6.00pm Mid-winter Dinner in the Hall

Friday 20th 2.00pm Anglican Women's Group in the Hall

Thursday 26th 2.00pm Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall



Church Services

May 2018

Sunday 6th 9.30am Family service

Sunday 13th 9.30am Eucharist

Sunday 20th 9.30am Pentecost Eucharist

Sunday 27th 9.30am Trinity Sunday Eucharist

June 2018

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist

Sunday 10th 9.30am Family service

Sunday 17th 9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 24th 9.30am Union service

July 2018

Sunday 1st 9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 8th 9.30am Family service
Sunday 15th 9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 22nd 9.30am Eucharist
Sunday 29th 9.30am Morning worship



Happy Birthday

After the service on Sunday 4 May a morning tea was held to celebrate Margaret Cooper's 80th birthday. Margaret does such a lot in the parish and community – she has our deep love and happiest birthday wishes!

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