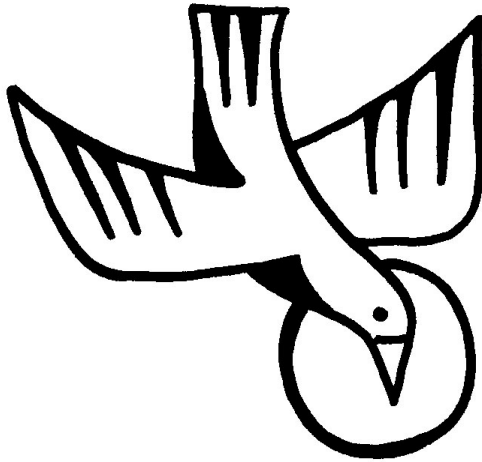




Little Acorns



May – July 2021

The Quarterly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

Light in a dark world

While I'm not a fan of the heat, I do like the long daylight hours of summer. It often feels rather grim having to pull the curtains earlier and earlier as the days draw in. There are times when the world can feel a cold, dark place spiritually too. Things – whether personal, family or wider, like a natural disaster or pandemic – can just feel too much for one person to handle, or too much for anyone to handle.

It's therefore very appropriate for us in the southern hemisphere that Pentecost comes in late autumn or early winter. We have the history of those first disciples hiding away in a room, scared and uncertain. Suddenly the flames of spiritual fire are dancing from person to person, bright light pushing back the darkness of fear. Whether being described as a flame or rushing wind, the Holy Spirit is an animating force that sets Christians and the church alight, the part of the Trinity that touches us most directly – God supporting and inspiring us to be more than the sum of our parts. Those first disciples were empowered to go out into the world, spreading the Gospel, teaching, healing, living out their faith, building a community of love and service.

The Church (and I use the capital C version here to mean the total community of the faithful, of whatever denomination) can offer light, warmth, and hope to a world that can feel dark, cold and hopeless. There is great collective power that comes as the Body of Christ, supporting each other, inspired and upheld by God to work together as Christ's hands and feet to help those in need, to change the world for the better. In the novel *Cloud Atlas*, someone says to one of the heroes, "What can you do, you're just a drop in the ocean", to which he replies "What is an ocean but a collection of drops". I love that idea, of each of us a bright shiny drop, united through the Spirit to be an ocean of love, hope and change.

To speak of that collective hope and work is not to ignore the difficulties we face. Things can be a struggle, the first disciples knew and experienced that as they nurtured the early church – many of them suffered and died in their service. I'm not suggesting we are called to lay down our lives, but there can be much demanded of us as followers of Christ in the 21st century. But as a community upheld by grace and the warmth of the Spirit we have great stores of strength and hope to draw on. None of us is alone, God has always been and will always be there to give us light, love, and comfort. It might be winter, but none of us need fear the darkness.

Arohanui, Rosie



In Memoriam

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

- ⊕ Noel Pinfold
- ⊕ Maude Hammond-Yates



Young at Heart, Older Folks' Social Afternoons

2pm on the fourth Thursday of each month

Holy Trinity Hall

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



Woodville Men's Fellowship

11.30am on the first and third Tuesday of each month
Salvation Army Hall
Please take your lunch, either for yourself or to share



Mid-Winter Dinner – A Night in Sherwood Forest

Dust off your bow and arrow, and oil up your suit of armour for this year's mid-winter dinner, which will see the **Holy Trinity Hall** transformed into Sherwood Forest for a Robin Hood-themed evening. **Doors open at 6pm on Saturday 31 July, with tickets at \$20 a head.** Please contact Rev. Rosie McMillan to book your ticket.

Accompanying the themed menu will be games, quiz rounds, and prizes for the best costumes in a range of categories. Dig out those green tights and we'll see you there!

July, a Month of Sundays

In July every Sunday has a particular theme.



Refugee Sunday (4 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 (11 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 (18 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 (25 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 4 September 2021

Holy Trinity Hall



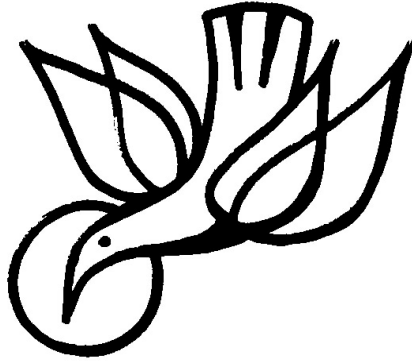
Woodville Food Bank

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.



AMB Lenten Appeal

Through the 'bring and buy' table at the back of the church, along with a top up from Vestry, Holy Trinity raised \$100 for the Anglican Missions Board's annual Lenten Appeal. The project supported by Holy Trinity through this year's appeal is water security in the Solomon Islands.



Come, Holy Spirit

Look at us, your church, hiding behind closed doors,
afraid of change,
anxious that even our embers will be quenched.
The world's winds have taken our breath away:
we're lost for words to tell our faith.
Come, Holy Spirit, kindle a spark in every soul,
cauterise our wounds, loosen our tongues,
warm our hearts, and – with our help –
make a cheerful bonfire of the stuff we don't need.
Change us, and then, in us,
light fires of love that will transform the world.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Jan Sutch Pickard



ANZAC Day Events

Over 40 people enjoyed a delicious high tea and music by community choir Stand Up and Sing in the Holy Trinity Hall on the afternoon of Saturday 24 April, as a prelude to ANZAC Day. A big thank you to everyone that came along, to the choir for their wonderful singing, and to all the cooks that made food!

The hall was filled again the next morning, as Holy Trinity hosted the community morning tea following the 10am ANZAC civic service. Both the civic service and the Dawn Parade were well attended, with the community coming together to remember all those who have served in the defence forces and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It was lovely to be able to gather as a community this year, after having to observe ANZAC Day from our driveways last year as part of the COVID lockdown – though it had been poignant to see everyone standing silently in the dawn light, separated physically but together in spirit as a nation.

Earlier in the year, on 24 February, Woodville held its first civic service marking Purple Poppy Day – a worldwide day of observance to honour all the animals that have served and been killed in war. The London memorial to animals bears the inscription: “Many and various animals were employed to support British and Allied Forces in wars and campaigns over the centuries and, as a result, millions died. From the pigeon to the elephant, they all played a vital role in every region of the world in the cause of human freedom. Their contribution must never be forgotten.”



Events

May 2021

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| Tuesday 4 th | 11.30am | Men's Fellowship, Salvation Army Hall |
| Tuesday 18 th | 11.30am | Men's Fellowship, Salvation Army Hall |
| Thursday 20 th | 2.00pm | Anglican Women's Group sewing bee in the Hall |
| Thursday 27 th | 2.00pm | Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall |

June 2021

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| Tuesday 1 st | 11.30am | Men's Fellowship, Salvation Army Hall |
| Tuesday 15 th | 11.30am | Men's Fellowship, Salvation Army Hall |
| Thursday 17 th | 10.00am | Anglican Women's Group meets at the Hall for a visit to Waireka Home |
| Thursday 24 th | 2.00pm | Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall |

July 2021

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| Tuesday 6 th | 11.30am | Men's Fellowship, Salvation Army Hall |
| Thursday 15 th | 2.00pm | Anglican Women's Group bazaar planning meeting in the Hall |
| Tuesday 20 th | 11.30am | Men's Fellowship, Salvation Army Hall |
| Thursday 22 nd | 2.00pm | Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall |



Church Services

May 2021

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Day of Pentecost Eucharist
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	Trinity Sunday Eucharist

June 2021

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 27 th	9.30am	Union Service

July 2021

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Family Service
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Eucharist

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.

COVID-19 Reminder

As a nation we need to remain vigilant to ensure our communities remain COVID free, or that in the event there is an outbreak it can be contained quickly.

In the Church and Hall, we have the government-issued tracking scanner codes and log books for those who do not have mobile phones. Please ensure you either scan or sign in for all services and events.

Together we can keep all New Zealanders safe!



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