



Little Acorns



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The Quarterly Newsletter of
Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Woodville

Advent Message

It's a well-worn but very true expression, "I don't know where the year has gone". It's hard to believe that it's already November and Christmas is beckoning us on the horizon – and it will be Christmas 2018! The 2000s still seem so exotic and yet here we are almost two full decades in. Children born at the millennium are now old enough to vote and strike out into the world on their own.

We are all about to embark on our Advent journey. This is a well-worn experience for most of us. The familiar readings and thoughts, the suggestions to try to focus on the season rather than the social busy-ness and activities. It feels like it has all been said before and reflected on, many times over! That's why young children can be a fantastic way to experience some of the excitement – for them, Christmas is still very new and the gaps between Christmases are still long. The uncomplicated way that children respond to the baby in the manger, the shepherds and angels, the magi and Herod, can be windows back into the powerful hope that shines forth from Christmas and the arrival of Emmanuel – God with us! It's stunning to think of a God that loves us so much that as an infinite being he accepts the limitations of dwelling fully in a human life, and living out a life of teaching, healing and sacrifice. The mystery of it should inspire a childlike wonder in us all.

Children's reactions to presents can also be instructive. The pure joy of unwrapping a new treasure is an inspiring way for us to experience and appreciate the many gifts of God – a world of beauty, family, friends, fellowship, and small things like a sunny day or tasty coffee. Children can, however, also be brutally honest if the gift isn't something exciting or right. The younger ones have not yet learnt to mask their unhappiness. This is both a good and a bad thing, and something that we can learn from too.

We must remember that our words have real power – the old saying is wrong, words can wound far more deeply and long-lasting than

sticks and stones. We need to be guided by love and compassion, which can sometimes mean holding our tongues and taking things up with God in private prayer, depending on the circumstances. But the importance of honesty, of being honest to God and ourselves about our motives, words and actions is so vital. When called upon, we should speak the truth with humility.

As Christmas draws closer may you be filled with the joy, hope and mystery of this amazing season. (But may it not come too quickly!)

Arohanui, Rosie



Armistice Day Concert

As part of Woodville's commemorations of the centennial of the end of World War One, there will be a free concert at

1.30pm, on Sunday the 11th November 2018

in Holy Trinity.

The concert will be followed by a cup of tea.

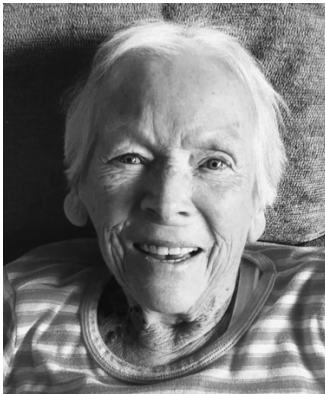
While all veterans of the First World War are now gone, the legacy of this terrible conflict continues to shape the world today. Armistice Day, like ANZAC Day, is an opportunity for us to pause and remember all those who served, particularly those killed and those injured in body or mind. The guns fell silent one hundred years ago, but many families were shattered forever. We pray for a peace grounded in justice throughout the world.



In Memoriam

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

- ⊕ Chris Coats
- ⊕ Wendy Eades
- ⊕ Nola Garlick
- ⊕ Herbert Last
- ⊕ Rosemary MacDonald
- ⊕ Francis McKinlay
- ⊕ Nadia Nikolajenko (Mrs Niko)
- ⊕ Jim Wilks



Nola Garlick
1925–2018

Nola Garlick passed away early in October and her funeral was held in Holy Trinity. This remarkable 93 year old was part of the fabric of Woodville. Born and living her entire life in just two houses in this town, Nola was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

As with most of her generation, growing up in the shadow of the Great Depression, Nola was a hard worker and a careful housewife. Together she and Jim made the jewellers a real thriving business, while raising their family, who she loved dearly.

Nola was a lifelong parishioner of Holy Trinity, having been a keen member of the Ladies Guild and Sunday School Teacher. Her faith was always a profound comfort in good times and bad. Nola was involved in a number of community groups ranging from spinning to the National Ladies, to the RSA.

Nola was always a delight to catch up with, with a cheering smile and the most positive attitude. She had a keen and insightful mind, and a great sense of humour. Our love, prayers and support go out to her family.



Young at Heart, Older Folks' Social Afternoons

2pm, the fourth Thursday of each month (except December)

Holy Trinity Hall

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



Dannevirke Brass Band and Pipe Band Concert

7pm, Sunday 25 November

at Holy Trinity

Gold coin donation to attend – all money will go to the
CWS Christmas Appeal



Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

12pm, Monday 17 December

Holy Trinity Hall

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



Christmas Services and Events

Saturday 8 December 11.30am (to be confirmed)

Woodville Christmas Parade

Sunday 9 December 7.00pm

Woodville Combined Churches' Service of Lessons and Carols

Location to be advertised closer to the time

Monday 24 December 8.30pm

Christmas Eve Family Eucharist at Holy Trinity

Carols start at 8.30pm, service begins at 9pm

Tuesday 25 December 9.30am

Christmas Day Eucharist at Holy Trinity



Christmas Choir

The Christmas choir will be reconvening soon. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Rosie McMillan. Once we know the numbers involved we'll start coordinating practices.

Christmas Letterbox Decorating Competition

Holy Trinity is again organising a Christmas letterbox decorating completion for Woodville. Entry forms will be available at the Woodville Information Centre, on Vogel Street. The conditions are:

1. Decoration of letterboxes, with a Christmas theme, can begin on Saturday 1 December and must be completed by Thursday 6 December. Only repairs to weather damage can be made after this date.
2. Judging will take place on Friday 7 December.
3. Winners will be announced at a prize-giving ceremony on the Fountaine Square band rotunda at 1pm on Saturday 8 December.
4. Prizes are: \$80 for first place; \$50 for second place; \$20 for third place.
5. Decorations can't affect the delivery of mail – the postie must still be able to see street number and easily put mail in letterboxes.
6. A list of the addresses taking part in the competition will be published to allow people to have a look at all the different letterboxes.

The competition's slogan is:

"Holy Trinity Church – sending the right Christmas message"



Love Comes

Late last night,
while we were busy wrapping the presents with perfection,
busy nicking our knuckles and swearing under our breath,
trying to assemble the grandchild's first bicycle,
you were neatly hanging glory's garment in the closet,
setting out on your journey to us;
waiting to be wrapped,
not in silver foil with a great big red bow,
but in the swaddling clothes of our lives.

And you crept so quietly into our world,
coming to keep an eye on all those we overlook;
coming to set back on their feet
all the ones we knock over in our rush each day;
coming to open our hearts
to each person we are so determined not to love;
coming to make a home for all those we toss aside;
coming to keep faith with all who have forgotten how.
Coming again and again and again and again!

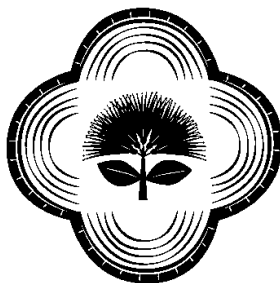
Thom Shuman
The Soft Petals of Grace

Farewell to Esther and Alf Knight

The church family farewelled Esther Knight with a morning tea and presentation after the service on Sunday 16 September. Esther was an active member of the St James parish and a number of community groups. The following Saturday the community turned out in force for a farewell luncheon for Esther and Alf in the Papatawa hall. They have moved up to Dannevirke, so are relatively easy to visit.

St Andrews Renovations

Kumeroa folks, led by Ian Fountaine, have been hard at work relining and tidying up the interior of St Andrews. They have installed the pews and altar from St James – it's lovely to have kept them in the district! The renovations are nearing completion, and there will be a service in the spruced up church before Christmas – details will be advertised closer to the time.



Message from the Ministry Team

The Ministry Team would like to thank all the hard workers who help keep Holy Trinity running, and wish everyone a Holy Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year. As ever the past year has brought its share of laughter and tears, and we remember those no longer with us, as well as those beset by illness. Our sincere prayer is that the year to come brings us greater happiness than sorrow. God bless you all!



Christian World Service Christmas Appeal

When it comes time to prepare for Christmas we need to find ways be lifelines in a world broken by poverty, war and greed. Our church supports the Christian World Service (CWS) Christmas Appeal, first launched in 1945 by the then National Council of Churches to help war-torn Greece.

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 are ways to bring fullness of life. Your gifts have helped so many families in the 73 years churches and the CWS have been working together.

The work is not done. This year more people have become refugees and many more face violence on a daily basis. Your gift this Christmas will help rebuild lives and give hope to people in need of food, water, support and medicine. Information about the CWS partner groups and the work they do will be available on posters at the back of Holy Trinity or online at www.christmasappeal.org.nz. In Advent there will be envelopes available in the church to make a donation.

Woodville Foodbank Thanks

The Woodville Combined Churches committee would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has donated either money or goods over 2018 – your generous support keeps this valuable service going , for people who face difficult times!



Bazaar and Flower Show

Trestles of baking, sweets, produce, plants, raffles and white elephant lined the Holy Trinity Hall on Saturday the 1st of September, while beautiful blooms filled the centre of the space and people enjoyed a soup and savoury luncheon. No one could mistake the day for anything but the Bazaar and Flower Show!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed items, entered flowers or helped out on the day. Over \$1,900 was raised for the Anglican Women's Group funds.

Waiapu Synod

The Waiapu Synod was held on the weekend of 22/23 September in Taupo. This year's Synod was relatively low-key, with: the usual reports and budgets; the confirmation of General Synod statutes relating to the services authorised for use in churches; and, presentations from:

- the Anglican Missions Board (see the separate following item)
- Anglican Care Waiapu about their ongoing changes (there are copies of their annual report at the back of Holy Trinity)

- the Koru Ministry Coordinator (the children, young people and families' mission) about her work over the past year.



Anglican Missions Board

Amazing work is being done across the Pacific, Middle East and Central Africa through the Anglican Missions Board supporting partner agencies in countries in those regions. One fascinating item that we learnt in the AMB's presentation to this year's Waiapu Synod is that the Anglican hospital in Gaza is the only Christian outreach in that territory. There are also major programmes in Uganda, Jordan and Papua New Guinea where critical help is being provided to the most needy, particularly children.

Parish giving is the backbone of the funding in Waiapu and many other dioceses (although some use different combinations of funding sources). Waiapu routinely meets its annual giving target. Over 2019 we are going to do more to highlight the AMB's work on the noticeboard at the back of Holy Trinity – for people with the internet, you may want to check out the website at www.amb.org.nz to see some of the bigger reports that we won't be able to print.

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.



Events

November 2018

Sunday 11 th	1.30pm	Armistice Day concert in Holy Trinity
Monday 12 th	7.30pm	Vestry meets in the Hall
Friday 16 th	2.00pm	Anglican Women's Group meets in the Hall
Thursday 22 nd	2.00pm	Young at Heart social afternoon in the Hall
Sunday 25 th	7.00pm	Variety concert with the Dannevirke Brass Band and Pipe Band in Holy Trinity

December 2018

Saturday 8 th	11.30am	Woodville Christmas Parade
Sunday 9 th	7.00pm	Woodville Combined Churches carol service (details to be confirmed)
Monday 10 th	6.00pm	Vestry dinner and meeting at Vicky's
Monday 17 th	12.00pm	Senior Citizens Christmas lunch in the Holy Trinity Hall

January 2019

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

November 2018

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Family service
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Union service

December 2018

Sunday 2 nd	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	Family service
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	Morning worship in the Hall
Monday 24 th	8.30pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist, starting with the Christmas Choir
Tuesday 25 th	9.30am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Sunday 30 th	9.30am	Eucharist

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Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	Family service
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 27 th	9.30am	Morning worship

Key contacts

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	Rona Squires	06 376 5076
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Parish Treasurer	Janice Wiri	06 376 4838
Parish Secretary	Rona Squires	06 376 5076
Anglican Women's Group	Rev. Rosie McMillan	06 376 5972
Foodbank Coordinator	Jim Worboys	06 376 4023

STOP PRESS

Just as the magazine was about to go to press we learnt that Mary Reuben has been blessed with the birth of her sixth great-great-grandchild! The little girl and her mum are both doing well – she represents the fifth generation of Reuben ladies. Congratulations Mary!