

**City Mission Basket:** A collection will be taken at St Anne's each week for the Mission. Donations of non-perishable food items only please. Thank you - Betty Scull.

**Supporting Stephen Coulthard:**

Stephen is a CMS mission partner in Dodoma, Tanzania. Vestry has committed the parish to raising \$5000 over the next year as a gift to Stephen. One way of doing this is to provide an additional gift in your giving envelope. On the front of your envelope where it says "special gift" please state the amount of your additional special gift and write "For Stephen Coulthard". Your gift will be sent to Stephen through CMS New Zealand. (Lawrence Kimberley).

**Produce table in support of Stephen Coulthard:** The produce trolley to support Stephen's work in Tanzania seems to be going well. This is not a sales table. All the produce is donated and people are invited to make a donation for any produce taken. Now the gardens are growing really well it is nice to be able to share the vegetables etc and lovely to have freshly grown produce to bring. Thank you - Pam McKeogh

**Parish Weekend at Glenburn Camp, Geraldine Friday 24 February to Sunday**

**26th February:** As part of the ongoing support that this parish has been receiving from Geraldine Parish we have been invited to visit the Parish of Geraldine for a combined parish camp on the above dates in February. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church. *Please return the registration form to St Mary's Parish Office, 77 Talbot Street, Geraldine, or to our parish office, by 15 February.* Inquiries to Peter Greenwood.

**St Mark's AAW:** will have a sales table following the 10.00am service at St Anne's next Sunday, 12th February, to support our neighbouring parish Holy Trinity Avonside. For more details please contact Kathleen Cable ph 339 0105.

**'mainly music' and Little Annie's:** These groups begin again this week on Tuesday, 7 February at 9:30am & 10:00am at St Mark's ('mainly music') and Wednesday 8 February at 9:30am at St Mark's (Little Annie's). All are welcome to attend these groups.

**Lent Study Group:** These will commence on Wednesday evenings beginning 29 February. The subject matter will be the DVD series by Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch called *A History of Christianity*. It will look at the spread of Christianity from its Middle Eastern roots, the rise of the Orthodox churches in the East and Roman Catholicism in the West, the Reformation, and the modern churches of today, including the American led rise of Pentecostalism. Venue: St Mark's Lounge. Time: 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Working bee at St Anne's Church:** Saturday, 11th February from 9.30am. It would be great to have as many people as possible to help tidy up. For more details please talk to Mark Aitchison ph 337 1225.

**Rosters:** These came out last weekend. Please collect a hard copy or look out for an e-mail. The roster is also online on the parish website.

**City Mission Cooking Roster:** We have been asked by the Mission if we would continue to fill the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please contact Sandra Scholz on b.scholz@xtra.co.nz or ph 376 6425 if you are interested in helping or would like more information on this valuable mission work.

**Thursday UFO Craft group:** This group will begin meeting again on Thursday 23 February at 1:30pm in the St Mark's church lounge. Dig out those projects and come and join the group. New members welcome. Elizabeth Kimberley (981 7384).



**St Mark's Church  
Opawa**

**St Anne's Church  
St Martins**



**5th February 2012  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8.00am St Anne's Church  
10.00am St Anne's Church**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 40: 21-31, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23, Mark 1: 29-39

**HYMNS:** Refer to the buff sheet.

**Presider:** I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Amine.**  
*(In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit).*

**Presider:** Grace and peace to you from God

**People:** **God fill you with truth and joy.**

**Collect:** Out of your power and compassion, O God, you sent your Son into our afflicted world to proclaim the day of salvation. Heal the brokenhearted; bind up our wounds. Bring us health of body and spirit and raise us to new life in your service. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.**

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## From the vicar...

Dear friends,

One focus of the readings today is Christian freedom. A theme of the writing of St Paul was that Christ set us free from the strictures of religious traditions and ethnic boundaries so that we can grow into a new humanity, and so that we can be set free to open our hearts to others, and also to serve others. Without Christ and without the hope that our faith offers, our lives would be drudgery, going through the daily routine of work wondering what it is all for. But the healing power of Christ is transformative. It offers a meaning to our lives that adds a richness to our world and to our lives. God is longing for us to discover this richness, an alternative narrative to the dominant story line of our culture that is so much about consumption and getting ahead economically. In Christ we are free to make ourselves like him, to model our lives on him and to think and act and speak as he would. We are free to offer the Good News without asking for anything in return. So come, worship the Lord, for as we gather we are in the presence of our maker, the Lord our God, who loves us, and who used his God given freedom to give his life for the world.

There are a number of notices that I need to give in the remainder of this space. First of all, **Ash Wednesday** is coming up on 22 February. First of all, it is time to **bring back last year's palm crosses** which will be used to make ash for the Ash Wednesday services.

Watch out for public notices about the **civic service** to held on Ash Wednesday day in Hagley Park from

12:00noon. Parish services on Ash Wednesday will be at **10:00am** at St Mark's and **7:30pm** at St Anne's. These services will include a memorial to mark the first anniversary of last year's earthquake. As part of that, a parishioner has suggested that people bring some broken china or rubble that could be placed in the front of the worship space as a way of offering our brokenness resulting from that day to God. I think that is a good idea and would like to encourage that as part of our worship on Ash Wednesday this year.

This year no Shrove Tuesday pancake party is planned. Accordingly, the next **vestry meeting** will take place on the usual Tuesday evening of **21 February**. There is a diocesan **pre-synod meeting** scheduled at St Mark's church on **Tuesday 28 February from 7:00pm**. Synod reps are needed at that meeting, which I expect will discuss the Anglican Covenant.

Other groups are getting underway for the year this week. **SMY** begins this **Friday, 10 February at 6:00pm at St Marks**. The **Anabasis House Group** begins meeting this Thursday, 9 February, at the home of Judy Leonard, 40 Ngaio St. Please contact Barbara Tonkin (981 1612) for more details. New members are welcome to that group (and to all parish housegroups).

This weekend is also Waitangi weekend, and we pray for our nation giving thanks for all that has been and for those who brought the gospel to these shores. We pray for increased respect for the indigenous people of this land and for a just sharing of resources.

## For your prayer this week....

**For those affected by natural disasters in Papua New Guinea and Fiji.**

**Those we know who are sick:** Brydie Lauder, Warren Parker, Phyllis McNeil, Mary Lazell, babies: Lily & Abbie Alker, Ryan Holley, Maurice Duffield, Merle Anderson, and Susan Evans.

**In Long Term Care:** Doris Collie, Doris Beaumont, Edyth Coursey, Connie Chaplin, Pat Ludemann, Wayne Miller, Nancy Royfee, Margaret Hindmarsh, Gabriele Thompson, Janis Tiso, Jean Pilgrim and Ray Leech.

**Those who have died recently:** Jan Kitson

**Our CMS mission partner:** Stephen Coulthard.



### What's happening this week within the Parish:

Mon	6	Waitangi Day	
Tues	7	9.30am	mainly music
		10.00am	mainly music
Wed	8	9.00am	Little Annie's Play Group
		10.00am	Eucharist at St Mark's
Thurs	9	9.15am for 9:30 start	Thursday Morning House Group
		7.30pm	Anabasis House Group
Fri	10	6.00pm	SMY
Sat	11	9:30am	Working Bee at St Anne's
Sun	12	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		8:00am	Eucharist at St Anne's
		10.00am	Eucharist at St Anne's

### Scripture Readings for next week:

2 Kings 5: 1-14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, Mark 1: 40-45

**Missed a sermon?** Go to <http://opawastmartins.com/blog/category/sermons/>

**Please send all notices for the pew news to the Parish Office by Wednesday each week.**

**Parish collection last week: \$536.30** (this excludes direct credits)

**A notice from CERA:** February 22nd will mark the first anniversary of the February 2011 earthquake. Christchurch City Council has been working with the community, groups, church leaders and Central Government in planning the commemorative events which include a Civic Memorial Service at North Hagley Park from 12 noon until 1.30pm. (From Diane Turner, Acting Chief Executive, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority).

**Copper or brass urn wanted for church flowers.** Judith Dennis is wanting a vessel that is approximately 12inches (30cm) high x 12inches (30cm) wide. Please contact Judith on 981 9742 if you can help.