

Confirmation: The Wednesday evening confirmation group meets in the vicarage at 7:30pm this week and the daytime group meets on Thursday mornings at 9:45am.

Soup, film and speaker evening, 6.00pm Sunday July 18th. The Mission Committee invites you for soup and rolls, followed by the short film, *The Story of Stuff*. Sustainable living expert, Rhys Taylor, will talk about practical actions for greener, healthier, cheaper sustainable living! The venue is St Mark's Church Lounge. Gold coin donation.

St Anne's Birthday Party Saturday 24th July 1.30pm to 4.00pm: Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate St Anne's Patronal Festival with an afternoon party. Ian and Helen Mullins, professional actors, will present a programme of poetry, prose and fun for adults. 'The Button Lady', Rosemary Scott, will present a programme of songs and stories illustrated with her button pictures for children. We will finish with a festive afternoon tea. Please bring a plate of food to share and a gold coin donation. Thank you - Jean Shewan ph 337 1642.

Day of Giving: Much has been said about our parish vision and already we have new leaders in Children's Ministry; for organizing our fair and other fundraising events; and through the generous gift of some parishioners we have some funds available to train and encourage more musicians. A number of new families have joined the parish and many people are looking for ways to increase their faith and understanding. We have many things to be grateful for. Vestry has designated Sunday 25th July at St Anne's as a day to count our blessings. We invite you to make a special thanksgiving gift so that we can continue to achieve our goals. Giving envelopes have been distributed with the July magazine. Please include your name and address if you would like a receipt. If you are on the parish envelope scheme please put your parish number on your envelope. Thank you - Neil Shewan and Peter Greenwood.

Congratulations and special prayers to Amy Scott and Andrew Thomas who have announced their engagement! Amy will be returning to England at the end of August to live and get married in July 2011. Shirley Scott.

Parish Camp at Arthurs Pass - 16th to 18th July at Alpine Club Lodge: Please see the notice board or contact the Greenwoods ph 377 0852 or Worralls ph 332 0609. All welcome as all age activities organized.

A Week of Guided Prayer - take time to grow. The week of guided prayer is for you "wherever you are at". We invite you to gather for the opening meeting/workshop on Sunday 8th August from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. During the week you pray for 1/2 an hour each day at home and also meet once a day with your prayer guide for 1/2 an hour. The week finishes on Friday, August 13th, from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more information and registration see the forms available in the foyer of both churches.

CWS has sent a thank you letter for the \$292 donated for the Haiti Earthquake Fund. The money was raised at the recent Mission Committee Quiz evening.

MEETINGS: Thursday House Group will meet at 7.30pm this coming Thursday, 15th July, at 11 Enticott Place. All welcome. For more details please contact Jean Shewan 337 1642

The Mission Committee will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 14th July at Mary Hamilton's, 37 Aynsley Tce. Please phone Mary for more details.

PHOTOGRAPHS

During Opawa-St Martins Parish events and worship photos are sometimes taken. These photos are used from time to time in publications such as our website and newsletter. If you do not wish photos of you or your children to appear publicly please contact the Vicar, Lawrence Kimberley or Deacon Assistant, Megan Harvey. Thank you.



**St Mark's Church
Opawa**

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St Martins**



**11th July 2010
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8.00am St Mark's - page 404

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10.00am St Mark's - Gold Booklet

READINGS: Deuteronomy 30: 9 - 14, Colossians 1: 1 - 14, Luke 10: 25 - 37

HYMNS: Refer to the buff sheet for details.

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: In Christ you draw near to us, God of mercy and compassion, lifting us out of death, binding up our wounds, and nursing our spirits back to health. Let such a tenderness as yours compel us to go and do likewise. Grant this 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,

This is the year of Luke's gospel. A favourite theme in Luke is that of hospitality. Luke sees the whole life and ministry of Jesus as a *visitation* of God to Israel and raises the question: How will this guest, this visitor, be received? The crucial point is that those who receive Jesus find that he brings them into a much broader sphere of hospitality: the hospitality of God. The one who is the visitor becomes *host* and offers a hospitality in which we can become truly human and know the depth of God's salvation in our hearts.

Christ is the host of Eucharist we celebrate, where he welcomes us into relationship with God. Our task is to allow Jesus to show us how to embody the hospitality of God in our common life; ways that we can pay attention to others, ways that we can make room for others around the table of fellowship. Whenever we do that, God enables us to be church in such a way that the kingdom can be tasted and touched.

The parish vision, which we approved at the last AGM talks about inviting people to be part of our Church, so that they can know Christ's love and hospitality. It indicates that the ministry of hospitality is a frontline ministry that is key to our effectiveness in

mission. Since my arrival, many people have told moving stories of the way they have been welcomed into our church. They say that the smile they received at the door, the way the congregation helped them belong by showing them around the liturgy and opening their hearts to them, set this church apart from others. I give thanks to God for these stories and experiences.

Too many people, however, are reporting a different experience. Over the last year others have reported being here for a number of Sundays in a row before anyone talked to them. So while we think we are good at hospitality, there is always room for improvement.

The vestry discussed this very issue at its June meeting. A new hospitality group was established which is tasked with bringing people together to build relationships, especially those who have joined our parish recently, so that we can extend Christ's welcome to others, in order that together we can share the love of Christ and better enable this parish to be a place where the hospitality of God can be tasted and celebrated. The leaders who are forming this group are Anna Wilson, Ros Deane and Hugh Worrall. Please pray for them as they lead us in this important task.

Please pray for....

For young and old who are alone and lonely and who lack loved ones to share their lives and homes with.

Those we know who are sick: Beverley, Brydie Lauder, Audrey Allen, Jan Hickford, and Tony Muir.

In Long Term Care: Doris Collie, Jean Gadd, Doris Beaumont, Edyth Coursey, Jean Rickerby, Edna Tucker, Nancy O'Malley, Connie Chaplin, Molly Porteous, Pat Ludemann, Norm Wright, Wayne Miller, Nancy Royfee, Margaret and Ralph Hindmarsh, Gabriele Thompson, and Ruby Austin.

Those who have died recently: Norm Murphy.

Those preparing for confirmation: Clinton Deane, Caroline Lowe, Richard Rea, Jessica Stuart-Waddell, Allan Truman.



What's happening this week within the Parish:

Mon	12	9.30am	Faith Journey Study Group
Wed	14	10.00am	Eucharist at St Mark's
		1.30pm	Funeral of Norm Murphy
		7.30pm	Mission Committee Meeting
		7.30pm	Confirmation Group
Thurs	15	9.45am	Day time confirmation group.
		1.00pm	UFO Craft Group
		1.30pm	Elms Court Rest Home
		2.00pm	St Mark's AAW
		7.30pm	Thursday House Group
Fri	16	11.00am	Chatswood Rest Home
			Parish Camp begins at Arthurs Pass
Sun	18	6.00pm	Mission Committee Soup and Rolls Evening
			Parish Camp ends at Arthurs Pass

Sun 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 11)

8.00am Eucharist in St Mark's Church

9.30am Eucharist in St Anne's Church

10.00am Eucharist in St Mark's Church

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Proper 11):

Psalm 15, Genesis 18: 1 - 10a, Colossians 1: 15 - 28, Luke 10: 38 - 42