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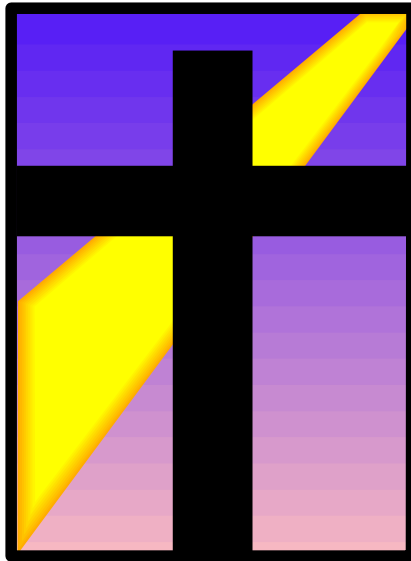
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The Vicar writes:

Dear friends,

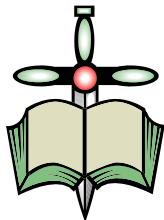
While many of us have been coping with the issues of how to cope with earthquakes, the Anglican Communion has been bringing an important issue for debate. This is the Anglican Communion Covenant and it is likely to be brought to our diocesan synod for approval this year. As it is important that Anglicans understand what this is about, I am offering a brief introduction here in this magazine. You need to know that I write from the perspective of someone who is absolutely and enthusiastically opposed to this innovation, which I think will change the DNA of Anglicanism for the worse.



Nevertheless I will try to be as impartial as I can in providing a brief background to the covenant, which the Archbishop of Canterbury is calling on all 38 member churches the world-wide communion to adopt.

The covenant is a proposed agreement between the member churches of the Anglican Communion that has been developed over the last three or more years by an international committee with feedback from various bodies and churches. None of the member churches will be compelled to sign the covenant, but those who do not will find themselves in a second tier relationship with those who have signed the covenant.

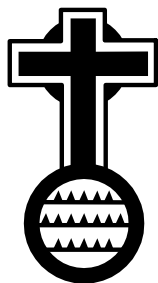
The development of the covenant has come about because of growing discomfort by those in the Anglican Communion who are uncomfortable with recent innovations in some Anglican Churches. The presenting issue is that of homosexual activity; the ordination of gay and lesbian people, especially partnered gay bishops, and the blessing of same sex relationships. This has exposed tensions around the interpretation of scripture and the relationship of member churches to their local context. Those with concerns were successful in passing a resolution at the 1998 Lambeth Conference known as resolution 1.10 which declared homosexual practice incompatible with scripture.



In October 2003, this debate came to crisis point when Archbishop Rowan Williams, less than a year into his tenure as Archbishop of Canterbury, called an emergency meeting of the Primates (Archbishops) of the communion in the wake of the Episcopal Church of the USA's decision to consecrate a partnered gay

bishop and the approval of a liturgy for the blessing of same sex unions by the Diocese of New Westminster in Anglican Church of Canada. The Primates expressed alarm at these developments and called on the Archbishop of Canterbury to deliver a report on the maintenance of relationships among the churches in the Anglican Communion.

In October 2004 the Windsor Report was duly produced. It recommended the adoption by the churches of the Communion of a common Anglican Covenant which would make explicit and forceful the loyalty and bonds of affection which govern the relationships between the churches of the Communion.



THE GOSPEL FOR THE WORLD

Williams appointed a Covenant Design Group nearly two years later, and put a prominent Archbishop in charge of it. By December 2009, the 38 churches of the Communion were being asked to adopt the final text of a Covenant.

Whereas the Anglican Communion traditionally has been a fellowship of autonomous churches bound neither by formal agreements nor confessional statements, the Covenant attempts to define the limits of Anglican belief and to establish a disciplinary mechanism to enforce compliance with an Anglican consensus developed through shared discernment. Sections 1 and 2 of the Covenant articulate basic Anglican beliefs and goals. Section 3 institutionalizes Communion bodies as Instruments of Communion responsible for maintaining order in the Communion and commits Communion churches to avoiding unilateral acts that might offend other churches. Section 4 provides a mechanism, albeit a vaguely defined one with no checks and balances, for enforcing that Anglican consensus. Wayward churches may be subjected to unspecified relational consequences. Yet the Covenant claims to preserve the autonomy of individual member churches while committing them to interdependence.

The strongest advocate for adoption of the Anglican Covenant has been the Archbishop of Canterbury. Ironically, the most conservative Evangelicals have, at least informally, rejected the Covenant as being too weak. They have advocated an alternative confession of faith, the Jerusalem Declaration, and have formed an organization, the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, that has the potential to become an alternative to the Anglican Communion. Their meetings have become known as GAFCON.



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The Anglican Covenant introduces new mechanisms for enforcing consensus and a new concept of relational consequences. The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Saxbee, the recently retired Bishop of Lincoln in the United Kingdom had this to say about the Anglican Covenant: "The Anglican Communion doesn't need a covenant because Anglicanism is a covenant, predicated on grace and goodwill. If there is grace and goodwill, a covenant is unnecessary. If there is no grace or goodwill, a covenant will be unavailing." In other words, a Covenant is not going to help repair or restore impaired relationships. Instead it will simply serve to institutionalise our differences and destroy the generous diversity and willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit that has been characteristic of the Anglican Communion. Rather than seeking to adopt a covenant, Anglicans should do what they have always been good at: acknowledge differences of opinion and allow them to be debated without fear of relational consequences or exclusion



Lawrence Kimberley

Respite Holiday - a gift from a Hawkes Bay parish: If you would like a week away from Christchurch so that you can come back feeling human again, you might like to consider this generous offer from parishioners of the parish of Waipawa of the Diocese of Waiapu. Arrange your own flights to Palmerston North or transport to Hawkes Bay; they are offering collection at the airport and accommodation for one week free of charge. If you are in need of such a break or if you know of someone who might need it, please contact Lawrence, 981 7384.

Other Accommodation is available in two areas of North Otago, and details of these and when they are available can be obtained from the Vicar of Oamaru / Maheno. See diocesan web site or contact our parish office.

Sleep out to Rent available from early August a two roomed sleep out with toilet and shower and limited cooking facilities in Hillsborough. Please phone 337 8004.



A sculpture in the garden of the Bishop's Palace at Wells, England.

"The Weight of our Sins' In this moment as they stop for breath before staggering on with their burden of the Cross, we are given an opening to relate to this group of deserted children—each child is symbolic of a crime against children in the world today - AIDS, Drugs, Genocide, Abuse, Land Mines, Homelessness, Mortality,

Lack of education.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

‘Bikkies’ for Business So far we have visited 80 places. A list in the Church Foyer will be added to each week, so have a look and see what is in the parish. A lot of business have had or are having a hard time with damaged buildings, or a drop in clientele – some have gone completely and others are out while the



await repairs. They need our support and prayers as we all want a vibrant city after (if we ever get to –after–) the earthquakes. Thanks to those who have helped bake or given donations for this Parish Ministry. We have a big Parish area going up to the top of the Port Hills and as far as Ferry Road at one point so this is a large project, but we are finding giving food brings smiles to peoples’ faces.

Glennys Ward and Andrea McEvoy.

“Project Winter Wraps”: This parish earthquake recovery project is led by the Thursday afternoon craft group. and assistance is being received from the parish of St Mark’s, Remuera in Auckland. This group and any others who wish, are knitting winter woollies for children in need (jerseys and hats etc). Offers to knit can be forwarded to Elizabeth Kimberley, 981 7384. If you know of anyone in need, please speak with the vicar.

Although some of our regular meetings and ministries have been put on hold since the earthquake, the following are still meeting:

–mainly music’ and Little Annie’s Playgroup meet on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings respectively. They are now held in the St Mark’s Lounge as the facilities at St Anne’s have been hired out to a Pre-school.



Home groups on Monday mornings (every week), Thursday mornings (alternate weeks) and Thursday evenings (first and third week of month). For details see weekly pew sheet or check the parish website..

Sunday School; meets every week 10.00 am at St Anne’s.

Youth Groups: Plans are underway for these groups for the next term. Check the pew sheet or website for age groups and starting dates.

Rest home Services: Holy Communion is held at Chatswood, Heathbrae, The Elms and Kowhai homes once a month, and three or four times a year a small group, led by Mark Aitchison, takes a morning Service at Archer Memorial Home.

“It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness”

News and Events

Pot Luck Dinner to Farewell Stephen Coulthard All are welcome at a potluck dinner on Sat 16 July 6pm St Mark's Lounge to thank and farewell Stephen Coulthard. BYO drink. Details from Anna Wilson or Sandra Scholz.

St Anne's Patronal Festival and Birthday Party 30–31 July
See opposite page for details.

-mainly music' and **Little Annie's Playgroup** have moved to St Mark's hall as St Anne's hall has been let.

Association of Anglican Women: both groups are continuing to meet, although the planned programme has had to undergo some changes. Details of each month's meeting will be published in the pew sheet.

Vestry endorsed the suggested "tables of eight" mooted by the Mission Committee for mutual support and rebuilding of our community. Further details will appear in the pew sheet.

Audrey Allan Legacy: \$10,000 has been received from the Estate of the late Audrey Allan for use in the parish.

Work on Buildings and Plant: A Parishioner has offered to donate his time to upgrade toilet facilities at St Anne's.

The Sydenham pre-school is renting St Anne's hall and will take responsibility for the cleaning and some outside maintenance. They have also fitted two heat pumps in the hall from which we all benefit.

Pegasus Archdeaconry Pre Synod Meeting: Thursday 28 July 7.00 to 9.00 pm in St Mark's Lounge for all Synod members. Parish treasurers and others interested are welcome.

Christchurch Diocesan Synod: Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd September beginning at 3.00 pm on Friday with the Synod Eucharist at St Christopher's Church, Avonhead.

TE REO CLASSES - This is your chance to register for this great introductory course with Marjorie Smart and Shelley Walker. Thursday nights from 21st July to 25th August beginning at 7pm. .Cost \$60. Phone Chris 355-9145. or book online at admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz or

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

New Zealand Bible Society: on Sunday 28 August at 4.30 pm
Jim Westcombe will speak at St Mark's Church

Parish Fair: Saturday 1 October

Kids Coach : on Wednesday 19 October Louise Weller will speak about this ministry to children in the suburbs of Christchurch.

SERVICES:

*All Services are at St Anne's
(Cnr Wilsons and Centaurus road.)
(except the Wednesday 10.00 am Eucharist)*

ST ANNE'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 31 JULY 2011

8.00AM

EUCCHARIST

10.00 AM

CELEBRATION EUCCHARIST and
SUNDAY SCHOOL

followed by festive Morning Tea.



ST ANNE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY 30 JULY 2011 2.00 PM AT ST ANNE'S 'A GOOD DEAL'



A programme of songs and sketches written by Stephen Deal (UK) and performed by 'Keeping Good Company' led by Revd David Winfield

2.45 pm: AFTERNOON TEA:

please bring a plate of food to share.

3.15 to 4.30 pm QUIZ - Quiz Master - Revd David Winfield.

It's time to get your teams of four to eight people together and build up your general knowledge.

Come and join the fun as we celebrate St Anne's day.

Every Sunday (at St Anne's)

8.00 am Eucharist

10.00 am: Eucharist and Sunday School
Morning Tea

Wednesday

10.00 am Eucharist in St Mark's Lounge.

Monday to Friday

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

POST EARTHQUAKE

New Zealand Please Understand

(An open letter from Michael Coleman.)

Many of us in the Red Zone realise the government package is probably the fairest approach to finding a solution for the damaged land in the East of Christchurch. If we could take our money and access good land and property we would be happy to go. The reality is we can't! We can't afford properties in the west of Christchurch and we can't afford to build new homes with the money we will get for our properties.

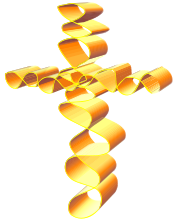
Why! Simply, the Red Zone area in Christchurch has low rateable values in relation to much of our city. The average house price in the Red zone is \$270-280,000. Our red suburbs where people were able to find affordable housing are now gone. We have no option but to head toward good land where the insurance companies will insure us. This land is significant in price in relation to our properties. It is much like asking someone in Panmure or Onehunga to take their Rateable Value and buy in Mt Eden, Epsom or Remuera. You just could not do it!! Basically 5100 people and many people in the orange zone will have to go and buy in the rich land.



The Property Developers know this and have begun buying up land. Prices are increasing as I write. I talked to a Real Estate Agent today and her client had an offer of \$200,000 on a section. Yesterday, the seller put their price up by \$35,000. I contacted a subdivision in the weekend and they were putting up their sections prices for the second time in space of a week. My land is valued at \$170,000. This is higher than many. I would need an extra \$80,000 to get land in the city of comparable size. Put this together with trying to build and I would have a mortgage \$200,000 plus. Fine if you are a Professional in Auckland but way too much for most working class and retired folk in our red zone. Hence, I know no one who is building. Christchurch rebuild will not be as large as people may think, especially now the Insurance Companies will not rebuild homes unless they are totalled.

There is little doubt in my mind the Overseas Reassurers have said to our Government, if you force us to honour our full replacement policies and rebuild people's homes, then you will threaten insurance throughout New Zealand. Somehow, the Australian government forced Insurance Companies to rebuild homes on new land after the 1989 Newcastle earthquake but -little New Zealand is being held to ransom by Corporate America and Europe. Basically, the Red Zoners will become the scapegoat in saving Insurance in our country. Is this how we kiwis really want to treat the Mums, Dads, kids and retired Grandparents in our country. If this package stays as the

Government has set it up, it will be a disgrace and will cripple 1000s of people with debt for decades.



Our options in the Red Zone are this:

Try and purchase land and get torn apart by the property developer sharks keen to make the big dollars from our large mortgages

Fight the Insurance Company sharks to rebuild our homes as we insured them for.

Rent and be at the mercy of the Landlord sharks

Mr Brownlee, please release the second half of our land package, provide sections we can afford to buy using CERAsøpowers to purchase land; be tough with the Insurance Companies so they will rebuild Christchurch with the Premiums we have paid for decades.

Please do not leave us in shark infested water!!

STEPPING INTO THE RED ZONE

Our parish was one of many that contributed volunteers to a door-knocking campaign in the residential "Red Zone" during the last week of June. Organised by the Ministry of Social Development, city churches were called on because of their experience, and with a little training we visited the roughly 5000 houses soon after the zones were announced. We had to ensure everyone knew their situation and how they could obtain help... including calling "rapid response" teams for those most distressed.

St Faith's in New Brighton was used as headquarters on the first day, and the team I was in went to an Avonside area where some houses were clearly abandoned; only 14% responded to our knocking. Most houses, indeed the entire surroundings, were damaged beyond description. We walked slowly, around sink-holes; past houses with giant cracks - yet with green stickers; down driveways with horrendous damage... yet found people at home! Despite the relative isolation there was strong community spirit. Some were heart-broken knowing they had to leave. Some were very upset their payout would not let them afford another home. Most remaining realised they had to relocate - and would have already, if they could.

Teams managed to cover the area faster than expected and very little was left to do on the third day. I am sure everyone who volunteered was affected by the experience, and impressed at the fortitude of those who remained - often whose greatest concerns were for their neighbours



Mark Aitchison.

"All that is needed for the triumph of evil, is that good people do nothing"

EQ resources update (July 10th 2011)

Free telephone counselling: In times of increased stress and difficulties due to the earthquakes, we all need to be listened to. Lifeline is a free counselling service that is available 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We are not just a crisis service. We are here for anyone who simply needs to talk. We are here to offer you free confidential counselling and support whenever you need it. Phone Lifeline on 0800 543 354; or email your counselling needs to chris@lifeline.co.nz; or www.lifelinechch.org.nz

CERA: Their remit over the next 5 years is to rebuild greater Christchurch and its surrounds and support the welfare of its residents. They are starting the recovery strategy in this area (City Council is just responsible to develop the CBD) which will address

- Community wellbeing (housing, employment, education, health)
- Culture and heritage (arts, sport, recreation, heritage values/taonga)
- Built environment
- Economy (investment, business, labour market)
- Natural environment (air, land, water, coast, biodiversity)

Community Forums: CERA is encouraging parishes and community groups to get involved in Community Forums to share their voices/opinions about recovery in their neighbourhoods. The following forums will be held over the next week:

Thursday, July 14th, 7-9pm: **Addington** Events Centre, Jack Hinton Drive

Friday, July 15th, 7-9pm: Nga Hau e Wha, Pages Rd, **Aranui**

Saturday, July 16th, 10-12: Nga Hau e Wha, Pages Rd, **Aranui**

 ō ō 2-4pm: **Lyttelton** Recreation Centre, Winchester St

Sunday, July 17th, 11-1pm: **Lincoln** Events Centre, North Belt

Monday, July 18th, 3-5pm: Chervier Centre, Victoria St, **Rangiora**

 ō ō 5-7pm: **Kaiapoi** North School, Williams St

Please alert/encourage your congregations and community to attend.

Register interest in attending by emailing: haveavoice@cera.govt.nz.

Submissions can also be made on line at www.cera.govt.nz or submission forms can be picked up from local Council offices or public libraries

Contact: Most staff are still on temporary 3-month contracts and have had a number of office relocations due to EQs. I have had several useful meetings this past week with their Community Liaison Officers. A useful contact person: Vivienne Allan email viv.allan@cera.govt.nz, or ph CERA Helpline 0800 7464 2372, office 03 354 2600, email info@cera.govt.nz or www.cera.govt.nz

(iv) **Zone status of your residential property:** www.landcheck.org.nz

- (v) **Quake counselling for parents:** Parents affected by ongoing EQs can get free counselling from the Selwyn Counselling Network at a Q&A evening from 7-9pm on July 12 at the Rolleston Community Centre. Contact: Kimberlee Woods ph 347 4664, 021 268 8964 or www.selwynparentingnetwork.org.nz

Munted Mates: a fortnightly meeting open to men and women to talk about next steps with insurance, fixing/repairing, payouts on homes and 'making the most of things while the wait happens'. Next meeting on Thursday July 21 from 7.30-9.30 pm at St Faiths Church Hall, New Brighton. Contact Donald Pettitt 021 02502631

- (viii) **Towards a greater ecumenical vision** (points made by Dr Hope Antone from Christian Conference of Asia at an ecumenical gathering in Christchurch this evening): -These earthquake disasters provide an opportunity for our churches to move from acting in our denominational silos towards the unity of -being the household of God (see John 17:20-23)

**from competition to cooperation between churches
from isolation to collaboration and advocacy with those
involved with issues of justice and peace
from condemnation to dialogue with other faiths
from disintegration with nature to integrating/interconnecting with creation**

Website: www.cca.org.hk

- (ix) **Misc:** One truck loaded with rubble is apparently leaving the CBD every minute for 24 hours a day at present, which (i) shifts the rubble elsewhere, but (ii) causes critical quality of life issues for those living anywhere on the route to the dumping point. In dealing with our own rubble, how are we impacting on the lives of others?

Michael Earle
Anglican Earthquake Liaison



It is not exile, not on high,
It is not sadness peace from strife,
To fall asleep is not to die;
To dwell with Christ is better Life

*From a tombstone in Christchurch
Cathedral, Waterford*

OVERSEAS MISSION NEWS:



Last evening a group of us met to hear Stephen Coulthard share his knowledge and insights into Tanzania. Stephen spent two years teaching at the Canon Andrea Mwaka School in Dodoma (2001-2003) and is about to return there as a Mission partner with the CMS. He painted a very clear picture for us of the conditions there—poverty, dust, corruption— and contrasted this with the rewards of teaching in a Christian school where, although up to 40% of the pupils are from Muslim families, the Good news is freely spoken and all take part in Christian festivals.

The School, situated 6-7 hours bus ride north west of the capital Dar es Salaam, is run by the Diocese of Tanganyika the biggest employer outside the Government, and has between 150 to 300 pupils. It has recently been extended to include high school, although students at state schools rarely progress above Junior School.

Although he is expecting many changes Stephen is returning to teaching year 7 (about form one and two) and knows that the challenges he faces will be the similar to before. In response to a question he said that at this stage he didn't know in what ways we could help, but he will be in e-mail contact so will keep us informed.



Thank you Stephen for sharing your views, your knowledge and your talents with us. Our thoughts and prayers go with you and we look forward to sharing with and supporting you in this mission ministry.

Thanks to the Mission Committee for organizing this occasion.—Jean Shewan



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