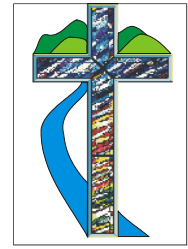


**PARISH OF
OPAWA / ST MARTINS
ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S**
101 Opawa Road. 7 Wilsons Road



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...?

Worshipping, playing and celebrating together has been the theme of the last few weeks both within our Parish family and into the wider community. A successful Jumble Sale provided an opportunity to help the less fortunate in our area, and the continuing gatherings of mainly music, Little Annie's Playgroup, as well as the Sunday school and Youth programmes are an important regular contact with the younger members of our community. Shared worship, such as that at the Chain of Prayer and the St Anne's Day Celebration strengthen our family bonds and shared meals are always a bonus. House Groups, AAW meetings and the WOPS Cocktail Party allow us to learn and play together.

We have been greatly blessed over the last few months to have Rev'd Alister Hendery as our Priest in Charge and we are very grateful to him for all the ways in which he has enriched our Parish life and worship. Alister has also resigned from his position as Diocesan Ministry Advisor and we pray for him as he seeks God's guidance on where to go next. Neil Shewan (Vicar's Warden) writes:

As a parting gift to us, Alister Hendery lead a retreat for the Vestry on Friday evening and Saturday. Anne complimented the time with very sensitive and relevant worship. We looked at our giftings and our stories as Christians, discovering the unique gifts that each of us has been given, and praying and meditating about how we should be using these in our daily lives, and in our parish. The time together was a revelation. I came away knowing my fellow Vestry members in a new light, and seeing new possibilities as to how we can work together implementing ideas from the Parish Visioning. It is a privilege to be able to step aside from our day to day concerns and be able to spend some quality time before God.

Thank you to Alister and Anne for leading this.

(There are a number of retreats held through the year. If you would like information on these, ask one of the clergy or watch out in Anglican Life)

To continue this theme of Community we will combine in worship on Sunday 16 August at 10.00 am at St Mark's as we prepare to welcome back our Vicar, Archdeacon Lawrence Kimberley, from Study Leave. Lawrence resumes his duties on Tuesday 18 August and we look forward with enthusiasm to the next stage of our parish journey.

Jean Shewan.

AUGUST PROGRAMME

SERVICES

**Sundays 2, 9, 23, 30
August**

8.00am Eucharist at St Mark's
9.30 am: Eucharist at St Anne's
10.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's with Sunday School

Sunday 16 August

8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's
10.00 am Combined Service at St Mark's with Sunday School
No Service at St Anne's

**Every Wednesday
Monday to Friday**

10.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's.
8.00 am Morning Prayer at St Mark's
5.00 pm Evening Prayer at St Anne's.

Sunday School: during term time at St Mark's,

SMYLE and SMY; Details from the Parish office or check weekly Pew sheets .

Home Groups:Anabasis Group : Thursdays 13 and 27 August at 7.30pm Contact Barbara Tonkin ph 981 1612for details.

Thursday Group at Shewans' home will meet on Thursdays August 6 and 20 at 7.30pm. We have just started a series entitled 'Women in the New Testament' with videos by Ken Bailey. Contact Jean Shewan ph 337 1642.

Wednesday House Group meets on 12 and 26 August. See Pew Sheet for details of venue etc.

Faith Journey Study Group: Meets Monday mornings at the home of Sarah Cuthbert.

'mainly music'* Sessions at 9.30 am and 10.30 am every Tuesday in term time at St Anne's

**Trade name*

Little Annie's Play group is on **Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.** This group continues to grow and meet the needs of our community. A special thank you to Ruth Brown for the wonderful job she has made of the new cupboards. Please pray for Rev'd Anne Price, Rosalyn Deane, Anna Wilson and all others involved with Little Annie's and '*mainly music*' as they work out ways to continue this very valuable ministry in our area.

Association of Anglican Women:

St Anne's Group will meet on **Tuesday 25 August** at 1.30 pm. The AAW Diocesan President , Jena Richards will be the speaker and there will also be some entertainment. All welcome.. Contact Phyl Williams 332 1321 or Noeline Mills (ph 332 5926) **St Mark's Group will meet on Thursday 20 August** at 2.00 pm and Jocelyn Richards will speak about Anglican Care. All welcome. Contact Glennys Ward Ph 337 9099.

UFO Craft Group: you are invited to bring all your **Unfinished Objects** to a Thursday afternoon group at 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm. New members always welcome.

Parish Fair. Saturday 17 October 2009

Planning is underway and if you have new ideas, suggestions or contacts outside the Church, the Committee will be pleased to hear from you.

Working bee to make jam: Tuesday 15 September at 9.00 am in the St Mark's kitchen. Donations of sugar, fruit or money to purchase these items for making sweets and jam would be much appreciated, and small jam jars are needed also. Contact Anna Wilson ph 381 4555 or the Parish Office.

Access to St Mark's: a recent burglary of the Church has meant that all locks have been changed and a different access procedure has been arranged. Ask Jocelyn at the Parish Office or a Warden if you require access.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Diocesan Synod Service: Friday 4 September at 7.00 pm in the Cathedral.** All are welcome to attend. Synod will meet at Richmond Club in Stanmore Road on Saturday 5 September from 8.30 am to 9.00 pm. Observers are welcome.
- **Entry to st Mark's School for 2010:** closes 31 August 2009. phone 332 7339 for details.
- * **Parish Fair: Saturday 17 October**
- * **Bishop's Visit: Bishop Victoria will be at St Mark's on Sunday. 18 October.** Anyone interested in being Confirmed please contact the Clergy team.

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*For information about Baptisms, Weddings Funerals or Home
Communions please contact the Ven Lawrence Kimberley*