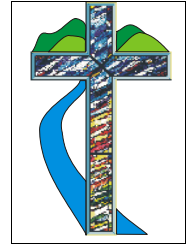


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**AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

Dear friends,

The cold winter months this year are providing us with endless day of rain. When the weather is wet finding a handy car park becomes so much more important and a quick prayer to God for such a park just next to the door of my destination is often heard to pass my lips. The next thought is to wonder why God would have time to worry about little details like that when there are much bigger issues in the world to deal with. Should we expect God to be at our beck and call anyway? C S Lewis once said that we make prayers like that, not because we want God to be at our bidding, but because the thing we crave most of all is intimacy with God. All these little prayers we make are really an expression of our need of God. So make sure there is space in your life for God.

Someone once said, "Prayer changes things." There are examples in the Bible of our prayers changing the mind and heart of God. Usually, though, prayer changes us. When we spend time with God we find our hearts changing almost imperceptibly. Attitudes change, hate and bitterness is washed away, we become aware of God's forgiveness and our hearts are opened like a flower to love and celebrate. S. Ignatius taught the brothers in his religious order to spend time each day in discernment. In other words a helpful thing to do in prayer is to replay the day in our minds, to discern in each act and conversation the voice of God. In this kind of prayer we listen to what God is saying in the ordinary events of our lives; we can notice the people we have overlooked, and resolve to carry out an act of kindness for someone in need. May God bless you all.

**Lawrence Kimberley.**

**AUGUST PROGRAMME**

**SERVICES**

- August 3**                      8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's  
                                     9.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Anne's with Sunday School  
                                     10.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Mark's with Sunday School
- August 10**                    8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's  
                                     9.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Anne's with Sunday School  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Mark's & visit of the St Mark's School Orchestra
- August 17**                    8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's  
                                     9.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Anne's with Sunday School  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Mark's with Sunday School
- August 24**                    8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's  
                                     9.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Anne's with Sunday School  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist and Baptism at St Mark's with Sunday School
- August 31**                    8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's  
                                     9.30 am Parish Eucharist at St Anne's with Sunday School  
10.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Mark's with Sunday School

*Please see next page for all other activities——>*

## August Programme –continued.

### Home Groups:

**Anabasis:** Thursday 14 August and Thursday 28 August at 7.30 pm This group will continue the study series entitled 'Taste and See: Adventures into Prayer' For venue please check Sunday Pew Sheet or contact Barbara (981 1612) if you are interested.

**Thursday House Group:** Thursday August 7 and Thursday August 21 at 7.30 pm continuing Ken Bailey's series about the Parables of Jesus. We will meet at Jean and Neil Shewan's home, 11 Enticott Place, Broadoaks. Ph Jean 337 1642 for details.

**Wednesday Group** will meet on August 13 and August 27 at 7.30 pm, and continues the Ken Bailey videos on the Parables mentioned above. Phone Faye Greenwood (377 0852) for details of time and venue.

### Other Events:

*'mainly music'* \* and **Sunday School / Children's Church, SMY** etc continue during the month..

For details see weekly pew sheet. Please note that we have started a Children's Programme at St Anne's on Sundays and welcome children of all ages. \*Trade name

**Association of Anglican Women: St Anne's Group** meet on Tuesday 26 August at 1.30 pm. The programme has yet to be arranged so please watch the pew sheet. the.. Contact Phyl Williams 332 1321 or Noeline Mills (ph 332 5926) **St Mark's Group** meets on Thursday 12 June at 2.00 pm in the St Mark's Lounge. Please contact Glennys Ward ph 337 9099 or check the pew sheet for details of this month's programme.

**Youth Groups:** SMY on Friday nights from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at St Mark's (Phone Stephen 389 6324) and SMYLE meets on the first Saturday of the month at 6:00 - 8:00pm (Phone Sarah on 942 2557 for details).

**UFO Craft Group:** you are invited to bring all your **Unfinished Objects** to a Thursday afternoon group starting at 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm These include craft projects you have started for yourself or for gifts, or things you are making to sell at the Church Fair or other fundraising occasions. See weekly pew sheet for details or contact the Parish office, Anne Price, or Elizabeth Kimberley.

### Some Parish News: **Trumpeting GREAT Camp**

32 parishoners enjoyed a Great time getting to know each other better at the Arthurs Pass Outdoor Education Centre on the weekend 11th-13th July 2008.

Friday started as we intended to go on with good food, a bottle to share, family games such as Charades and all taking parts in the Night Prayer focused on the GREATNESS of GOD (Fly catching plants, glowworms, mountains, waterfalls & friendships to name a few). On Saturday, after a hearty cooked breakfast and Lunchtime prayer we braved the rain which dampened nothing but our clothes! We walked to the Punchbowl & some to Bridal Veil Falls. The evening was a hilarious night of games, trumpet making and practice at trying to bring down the Walls of Jericho with our GREAT Faith, before a night walk to see the Glow worms. A few sloped off to the Wobbly Kea to watch the Rugby and others continued the challenges of cards and games before Night prayer and bed. On a sunny Sunday, our worship in the Chapel of the Snows included a Big Blow to Trumpet us In and Out of the Service and a noisy rendition of the reading of Joshua 6 interspersed with trumpeting and shouting. Our collection goes to the Restoration of the Chapel Fund. We enjoyed some kea antics, football and for some more walking before departing reluctantly for Christchurch. Peter and Faye Greenwood.

**St Anne's Patronal festival Quiz Night:** Questions, Puzzles, Challenges—we responded to them all with wit, ingenuity and imagination. The team of young people did especially well and we all had a good time.. Thanks to Sandra, Parsons, Ron Gardner and Peter Greenwood, and to Judith Denis, Iris Munyard, Betty Scull Shona Roberts for their sterling work in the kitchen. Thanks also to Judith and her helpers for the beautiful flower arrangements in the church complex and to those who took part in our celebration of St Anne's Day. Our Day of Thanksgiving has so far raised \$1650.00 thanks to your generosity.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Bishop Victoria's Installation: Saturday 30 August at 1.30 pm. Admission by ticket only.

Diocesan Synod: Opening Service 7.00 pm on Thursday 4 September. Sessions: Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September at the Richmond Club. Everyone is invited to the Service.

#### OPAWA ST MARTINS MINISTRY TEAM:

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Hon. Priest Assistants: Rev'd Peter Axcell, Rev'd Jill Pask and Rev'd Pam Tizzard Ph 980 9983

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*For information about Baptisms, Weddings Funerals or Home Communion please contact Ven Lawrence Kimberley ph 981 7384*