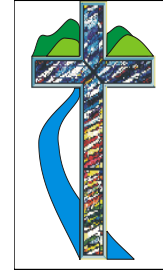




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OPAWA / ST MARTINS
ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S
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NEWSLETTER—JUNE 2010

Dear friends,

Last week end I attended one of the most exciting meetings of the year. This was a gathering of people interested in helping to run Children's Church (sometimes called Sunday School) on Sunday mornings. The parish is extremely fortunate to have a vibrant ministry with children and a team of gifted and dedicated helpers who make it all happen every Sunday of the year. If you are reading this and you have children or grandchildren interested in getting to know God, you might like to bring them along.

The vision for Children's Church on Sunday first and foremost to enable them to hear the teaching of Christ on their level and in their language. A child might be encouraged to read the bible aloud for their group. Sometimes they might lead a simple prayer. The scripture text will be the same or similar to that being heard by the adults so that families can reflect together on the same readings when they return home.

A second aspect of the vision for children's ministry is for the children to be welcomed and embraced by the whole church. I hope every child who comes will feel what it is like to be received lovingly by all the people of God into the church community. Children who come will spend some time in church with adults, where they can join in with the singing and the prayers, and receive Holy Communion. This also means that as they grow up they are used to being in church; the child and the congregation grow together as friends rather than strangers.

Children's Church on Sunday mornings is creative, fun and full of energy. Please encourage your children to be part of it.

If you are looking for something during the week for your children to be part of, there are a number of other programmes on offer. Little Annes is a playgroup for the very young and a place where parents can chat over a cup of tea. This meets on Wednesday mornings at St Anne's. *mainly music* meets on Tuesdays at St Anne's from 9:30 (details are included in this newsletter). On Friday nights there is an SMY group for children of 8 years and older. More details can be found on the parish website: www.opawastmartins.com/childrenschurch.htm.

May God bless you all.

Lawrence Kimberley, Vicar.

JUNE PROGRAMME

SERVICES

Sundays of June

- 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

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's.

Monday to Friday 8.00 am Morning Prayer at St Mark's
5.00 pm Evening Prayer at St Anne's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: groups meet every Sunday at St Mark's during the 10.00 am Service.

SMYLE: Group for those in year 7 and above meets fortnightly on Saturdays at 6.00 pm . Come along for fun activities and friendship. Contact Aidan Kimberley ph 981 7384 or Sophie Lowe ph 384 2448.

SMY; 8 year olds and over meet every Friday night from 6.00 pm in term time for games and crafts.

STUDY GROUPS:

Anabasis Group :meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7.30pm. Contact Barbara Tonkin ph 981 1612 for details.

Thursday Group at Shewans' home meets on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7.30pm. Contact Jean Shewan ph 337 1642 if you would like to join in.

Faith Journey Study Group: Meets Monday mornings at the home of Sarah Rea. Ph 942 2557.

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

Little Annie's Play group is on **Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am** at St Anne's.

Association of Anglican Women: St Anne's Group meets on the 4th **Tuesday** at 1.30 pm. All welcome. Contact Phyl Williams 332 1321 or Noeline Mills (ph 332 5926).

St Mark's Group meets on the 3rd Thursday at 2.00 pm. All welcome. Contact Glennys Ward Ph 337 9099. See pew sheet for details of the programmes .

UFO Craft Group: meets at St Mark's on Thursday afternoons, from 1.00 pm till 3.00 pm. Come and enjoy coffee and conversation. New members always welcome.

PARISH GIVING UPDATE: The year to date giving is \$30,089.00, the Budget was \$32, 432.00.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY: This is now complete, and copies for all parishioners will be available in the near future.

MISSION COMMITTEE QUIZ NIGHT & CHOCOLATE CAKE COMEPTITION: to be held at St Mark's on Saturday June 19. Start getting your team organised now and watch the weekly pew sheet for further details.

FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sunday June 13: The vicar preaches in the Cathedral at 5:30pm. The Dean wishes all parishioners to feel welcome to attend.

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July: 'Fresh Expressions of Church' Seminar. See Anglican Life magazine or church notice boards for details.

Saturday July 24: St Anne's Birthday Party. Details are still to be arranged but we are hoping to have some entertainment, a programme for the youngsters and a party afternoon tea.

Sunday July 25: St Anne's Patronal Festival and Day of Giving 10.00 am Combined Service at St Anne's.

Sunday August 8: Parish Retreat begins for Confirmation Candidates and Mentors and others.

Thursday 19 August at 9.00 am: St Mark's School Communion Service at St Mark's Church. All parents and parishioners are welcome..

Sunday August 22: Visit of Bishop Victoria to St Mark's with Confirmation Service.

Fundraising for St Christopher's, Fiji: At the last Vestry meeting it was agreed that we should hold a BBQ at Bunnings to raise funds to help feed the children in St Christopher's Home Fiji Date and times will be announced in the pew sheet or next months magazine..

Please note: next month the parish will be producing a full magazine in the lead up to St Anne's Day. Please make an effort to contribute items about your group or important dates for advertising.

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