



PARISH OF
OPAWA / ST MARTINS
ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S
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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

The announcement that I made to the three gathered congregations on Sunday 26th September began with these words – “The life of a Christian is a journey. My journey with God has been extraordinary. It has brought Charlie and I together in our newly adopted country of New Zealand. It has brought me to this parish as an ordained minister. After two years and with a heavy heart, I am announcing today that last Tuesday I accepted the call of God to leave this parish in order to take up a new appointment as Vicar of the Parish of Ellesmere.”

Last Sunday we celebrated with five candidates who felt the call of God in their lives to affirm their faith. Sometimes it is hard to recognise the call of God in our lives and it is only in retrospect that we see the touch of his hand when we look back in our lives. God continues to call us in many ways – through the influence of others, through the Scriptures as we read it or hear it preached in church, through our own consciences, through the grandeur and beauty of the world around us, and of course through prayer.

God's call on and in our lives is for a purpose, as the Bishop prays after the laying on of hands ‘Creator Spirit, strengthen N with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ.’ Often we feel incapable of carrying these tasks, but God knows when we are ready and will give the necessary gifts and strength to do so.

Although we are ‘called’ as individuals, Christianity is a corporate affair. One author writes that “It is simply not possible to be a Christian alone, for we must travel with others on our journey of life, and we need the companionship of others to continue to grow spiritually. We must learn to help others as well as learn from them, in order that we ourselves and the whole Christian community may continue to grow more God-like.”

I am humbled by the trust being placed in me by Bishop Victoria and look forward to the next step of my call, being with the people of the Parish of Ellesmere. My thanks to you all for your support and the training offered. My special thanks to Lawrence, Elizabeth and Aidan Kimberley for the model of ministry and life that they live by is extraordinary; the God centredness, hospitality and love that Charlie and I have been shown is something we will always cherish. I feel blessed to have been able to have had this time among you all and words cannot express how I feel about leaving this parish, but I am looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Anne Price

NOVEMBER PROGRAMME

SERVICES

Sundays November 1, 8, 15, & 29 8,00 am Eucharist at St Mark's
9.30 am Eucharist and St Anne's

10.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's with Sunday school

Sunday 22 November 8.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's

10.00 am Combined Eucharist at St Mark's followed by Morning Tea and Farewell to

Rev'd Anne Price (No service at St Anne's)

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.

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

Home Groups:

Anabasis Group : Thursdays 12 and 26 November at 7.30pm at 40 Ngaio Street Contact Barbara Tonkin ph 981 1612 for details.

Thursday Group at Shewans' home will meet on Thursdays November 5 and December 3 at 7.30pm. We will continue the series entitled 'Women in the New Testament' with videos by Ken Bailey. There will be **no meeting** on **Thursday 19 November**. Contact Jean Shewan ph 337 1642.

Wednesday House Group meets on 11 and 25 November. 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

Little Annie's Play group is on **Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am**. 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 24 November** at 1.30 pm.. See Pew Sheet for programme. All welcome.. Contact Phyl Williams 332 1321 or Noeline Mills (ph 332 5926) **St Mark's Group** will meet on **Thursday 19 November** at 2.00 pm. See pew sheet for details of the programme. 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.

What's been Happening-- ..

Parish Fair Saturday 17 October A very successful day, with reasonable weather many customers and lots of goods to sell. The final profit has not yet been determined, but is likely to be somewhere in excess of \$13,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way and our special thanks to the Organizing Committee—your commitment, energy and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

Confirmation and visit of Bishop Victoria.—This was a very special occasion not just for those being Confirmed, but for all who shared in the preparation and the worship. It is very special to join together as one family as we welcome and support new members. Thanks to all who contributed to this time.

and what's ahead...

* **\$10 Portrait Fundraiser @ St Mark's Church Lounge** Friday 6th & Saturday 7th November. Please support this fundraiser for Opawa-St Martins Parish. For only \$10 you will receive: a private portrait sitting in a time slot chosen by you, plus a wall print measuring 8"x12". Additional packages can be purchased starting as low as \$45. Booking has been very slow (only 9 so far) and a minimum of 30 is required so please phone Martha at 383 5964 or 021 215 7397) to book before Wednesday, 4th November. To see Martha's work, go to www.twelveimages.co.nz. The parish will receive \$10 per booking .

* **St Mark's School Advent Service:** 7.00 pm on Thursday 19 November in the Cathedral.

* **Combined Service to farewell Rev'd Anne Price on Sunday 22 November** at 10.00 am at St Mark's—there will be no service at St Anne's that day –followed by morning tea.. A farewell party will be held on Saturday evening—please see the pew sheet for details. If you wish to contribute to a gift for Anne, please put your donation in a suitably marked envelope and put it the Offertory or drop it into the Parish Office.

* **Ordination of Deacons Sunday 22 November** at St Peter's, Upper Riccarton at 4.00pm our new Deacon , Dr Megan Harvey will be ordained Deacon at this service.

Induction of Rev'd Anne Price as Vicar of the Parish of Ellesmere Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 pm at St James' Church, Southbridge. We will try to arrange shared transport.

December special services Carol Service Sunday 20 Dec at 7.30 pm at St Mark's, Children's Christmas Services at St Anne's on Tuesday 22 Dec at 10.00 am and on Christmas Eve at St Mark's. Full details of December and January Services will be printed in the Parish magazine due out Sunday 29 November.

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