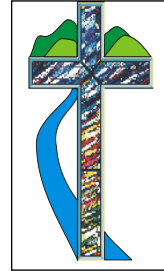


PARISH OF
 OPAWA / ST MARTINS
 ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S
 101 Opawa Road. 7 Wilsons Road



NEWSLETTER— OCTOBER 2011

HOLIDAY THEATRE
'KEEPING GOOD COMPANY'
 presents
'TELLING TALES 3'
 A one hour programme retelling three of the Parables of Jesus
 for young and old alike.
 Friday 14th October 10.30 am at St Anne's Church. Free admission.

Dear friends,

In the bible one of the most important symbols of hope is the feast of God. You will hear much about this feast in the parables of Jesus in the next few weeks. The metaphor of the feast of God that we call the Eucharist comes up all through the Old Testament as well, especially the prophet Isaiah. One of the typical features of the feast is that the table is laden with food. Not just any food, though. It's always the best food and the choicest wines. These are God's gift that he wants us to have and enjoy. Another feature of the feast is that everyone is welcome and there is always enough. No one is ever turned away, no matter how odd they may seem to be. All are welcome. When Jesus walked this earth, his ministry was one of hospitality and much of what he did was done at the meal table.



Our task is to continue being a people where this hope can be tasted and touched. Making that happen is simple. All we have to do is offer the best hospitality we can to our neighbour, and pass on the generosity of God that we have received. May I encourage you to continue taking advantage of the opportunities you have to invite your neighbours for a drink, or for afternoon tea, or for a meal. Invite those who are sad or lonely at this time and give them a taste of the heavenly banquet. What better way to share the gifts God has given and to be a sign of Christian hope for others.

Lawrence Kimberley

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

OCTOBER PROGRAMME

SERVICES

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

Because of earthquake damage to St Mark's Church, all Sunday Services will be at St Anne's. The halls and other facilities at the St Mark's site are safe to use, so midweek services and meetings will be there.

Every Wednesday 10.00 am Eucharist at St Mark's.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

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

SMYLE: Group for those in year 6 and above meets monthly on Saturdays at 5.00 pm. Come along for fun activities and friendship. Contact Andrea McEvoy or Harrison on 389 0865. Keep an eye on the pew news for details of meetings.

SMY: meets every Friday night from 6.00 pm in term time for model making at St Mark's.

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. Please note: next meeting will be on July 7th.

Faith Journey Study Group: Meets Monday mornings at the home of Anna Penman Ph 337 3640

Thursday Morning House Group: This group is considering a change of time. Please watch the pews for details.

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

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

St Mark's AAW 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. Bring your craft work and come and enjoy coffee and conversation. New members always welcome. Contact Elizabeth Kimberley for details. Ph 981 7384.

RECENT EVENTS:

'Project Winter Wraps' with only a brief halt while parishioners worked on goods for the Fair, this has continued with our own group completing and distributing many hats, gloves and jerseys to the children of the district. As well we have received large parcels of knitting from other church groups all round the country for which we are very grateful.

'Bikkies for Business' this has also continued and we are continually surprised at just how many businesses there are with our parish boundaries. Our thanks to Glennys Ward and Andrea McEvoy and the team for their hard work in carrying out this vision. Please remember these businesses in your prayers as they cope with ongoing cash flow problems, damaged buildings and loss of customers. Baking is still needed for this project—please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Parish Fair Saturday October 1.

This was a wonderful day blessed with good weather, lots of goods to sell, many activities for young and old, and crowds of people. Special thanks to Neroli and her team for the organization, and thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. It was a wonderful opportunity to remind the community that we are still here and ministry from the Church is still available.

Nett Total on the day of around \$11,400 was a wonderful effort.

Synod report: a full report is now available on the parish web page (<http://opawastmartins.com/blog/category/general/>), as a 'word' document or in hard copy for those who are interested in the workings of the Diocese.

SPIRITUALITY

Margaret Silf, Spiritual Director, is visiting Christchurch November 2011. You may like to consider attending:

"Finding a true course in a changing world" *Friday, 4 November, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Mary Potter Community Centre.* Cost \$15. Registration not necessary

"God's Unfinished Story" *Saturday, 5 November, 10.00am – 4.00pm, Mary Potter Community Centre.* Hosted by Adult Education Trust. Cost \$50. Registration essential

Teaching seminar: "Discerning the movements of God in our hearts and our lives" *Friday, 11 November, 9.30am – Saturday, 12 November, 3.30pm, Mary Potter Community Centre.* Cost \$80. Registration essential.

"Living God's Dream": 5-Day Silent Residential Teaching Retreat

Sunday, 13 November, 10.30am – Thursday, 17 November, 3.30pm

Bishop Julius Hall of Residence, 90 Waimairi Rd, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

Cost \$530.00 Limited places.

For application form: e mail sr.eveleen@xtra.co.nz Ph 03-3266-897.

FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Holiday Theatre—'Telling tales 3': see front page for time and venue.

All Saints Remembrance Service: Sunday October 30 at 10.00 am. NB Change of date!

We invite you to come and light a candle and pray for those who have passed away recently, especially those dear to you. Details will be in the pew news.
