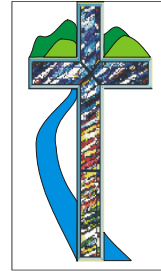


PARISH OF  
OPAWA / ST MARTINS  
ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S  
101 Opawa Road. 7 Wilsons Road



NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 2010

Dear friends,

On Saturday 25 September Megan Harvey presided at the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations are in order for Megan as she reaches this milestone. From now on she will be presiding at parish celebrations of Eucharist on a regular basis. For those who were not there, the parish gave Megan a pyx and an oil stock to set her up for pastoral ministry as a priest for the years to come.

On Sunday 19 September it was announced that your vicar had accepted a half time position for the next five to six months working for the diocese supporting the work of reconstruction of church buildings. One of the reasons this has happened is that your vicar is a church property trustee. Many people in parishioners have never heard of the Church Property Trustees (known affectionately as CPT). The Anglican Church is an Episcopally led church (that is, we are led by a bishop) and synodically governed (the annual synod is our governing body). The overall vision for ministry and mission comes from the Bishop meeting in synod with clergy and lay people. This includes the location of parishes and churches and the deployment of clergy. When it comes to property such as land, churches and other buildings, these are all vested in a group called the Church Property Trustees who hold all the diocesan property in trust for the benefit of the Bishop and Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch. There are eight trustees and your vicar is one of them. As there are over 200 buildings in the diocese and another 50 vicarages, a huge responsibility falls on the trustees to ensure buildings are safe to occupy. Because of the scale of the restoration work needed after the earthquake the Bishop has invited me to work hold time on this for the next few months.

In the mean time, please welcome the Rev'd Maggie Smith who has been appointed to this parish on a half time basis to ensure that pastoral work of this parish continues without a hitch. Please pray for her as she begins working among us.

Many of us are still traumatised and stressed as we all come to terms with the massive earthquake that hit Christchurch. Please continue to pray for one another and support one another in any way that we can. The parish is organising meals and community events to bring people together for mutual support. Please look out for these and feel free to attend.

May God bless you all this week.

*Lawrence Kimberley, Vicar*

***Introducing Reverend Maggie Smith***

Married to Geoff, I'm mother of two and grandmother to five, and a farming wife, Priest and a Franciscan. Retired from parish ministry I have returned from retirement for the months in which Lawrence's skills are needed in the aftermath of the earthquake.

What a privilege it is to become part of a vibrant parish—to enjoy a warm welcome and to be accepted among you; you are very generous and I hope to meet you all as the weeks go by

Pax et Bonum—a Franciscan blessing meaning peace and good.

*Maggie Smith*

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

## OCTOBER PROGRAMME

### SERVICES

- Sunday October 3,:** 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 October 10** 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 October 17:** 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  
Guest Preacher Rev' d Peter Carrell
- Sunday October 24:** 8.00am Eucharist at St Mark's  
10.00 am Combined Eucharist at St Mark's with Sunday School  
No Service at St Anne's.
- Sunday October 31** 8.00am Eucharist at St Mark's  
9.30 am: Eucharist at St Anne's **Remembrance Service**  
10.00 am Eucharist and **Remembrance** 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

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

**Saturday October 30:** Synod meets at the Riccarton Showgate Lounge. 8.30 am to 8.30 pm

**OPAWA ST MARTINS PARISH COMMUNITY FAIR.  
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER AT ST MARK'S CHURCH  
STARTING AT 8.00 AM**

**Books, CD's and DVD's    Buried Treasure    Buskers    Cakes  
China and Pictures    Churros    Craft    Deli    Face Painting  
Flowers and Gifts    Food to go    Linen    Lucky socks    Plants  
Raffles    Toys    Used Clothing    White Elephant**

**And lots more fun things to do and see!**

**Please contact the Parish Office if you have goods to sell or any enquiries.**

### REGULAR MEETINGS:

**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;** 13 year olds group meets 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. Bring your craft work and come and enjoy coffee and conversation. New members always welcome.

### **.FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

There will be no November Newsletter , but a full magazine will be available later in November ,  
Please send any articles and photos for this to Jean Shewan by November 7 .