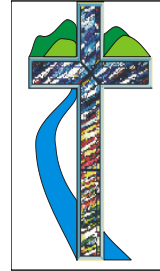


PARISH OF  
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ST MARK'S ST ANNE'S  
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NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2011

**PARISH FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER 2011**  
**ST MARK'S HALL AND GROUNDS.**  
**ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES**  
**FOOD FOR SALE LOTS OF STALLS**  
**FROM CAKES TO WHITE ELEPHANT, CRAFTS TO CLOTHES.**  
**Opens at 8.00 am.**

Dear friends,

At the time of writing, our Diocesan Synod had just met. This is the governing body for the Diocese of Christchurch. About 250 people attend. These people are the clergy and laity from the 71 parishes plus the schools and chaplaincies around the diocese. It is chaired by the Bishop.

Quite a bit of time was spent looking at Earthquake Recovery for the Diocese. It was announced that Standing Committee and the Church Property Trustees have appointed Warren and Mahoney to be architects for the new builds, re-builds and strengthening of existing churches in the diocese. The first step will be to prepare design guidelines, a kind of architect's brief, for this work. This will involve wide consultation around the diocese. Unfortunately, the time frame for these is tight and we have not received much notice. Nevertheless, everyone is invited to attend a consultation that will look at the kinds of values and philosophies that we would wish to bring to the design of church buildings and ancillary plant.

Accordingly, you are invited to attend one of the following meetings: Monday, 19 September at St Michael and All Angels church hall; Thursday, 22 September at Highfield parish hall (Wai-iti Rd, Timaru); and Wednesday, 28 September at St Christopher's church hall Avonhead. All three consultations will go from 5.00 – 8.00pm.

In the meantime, there is still little to report on progress with the repair of St Mark's Church. There is so much to face around the diocese that it is difficult to expect things to speed up. In the meantime, we will remain strong if we focus on keeping our relationships strong and healthy; with God, with family and neighbours, with other parishioners, and with church and community leaders. As you are aware, every parishioner is prayed for at morning prayer each day. Please remember the wisdom of St Paul, and at the end of each day find something for which you can give thanks to God.

*Lawrence Kimberley, Vicar.*

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

## SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER PROGRAMME

### SERVICES

#### Sundays:

8.00am Eucharist at St Anne's

10.00 am Eucharist at St Mark'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.

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

### REGULAR MEETINGS:

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

**SMYLE:** A youth group that meets monthly on Saturdays at 6.00 pm. Come along for fun activities and friendship. Contact Andrea or Harrison McEvoy on 389 0865.

**SMY;** 8 year olds group meets every Friday night from 6.00 pm in term time for games and model making. Contact Aidan Kimberley for further inquiries on 981 7384.

### 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

**'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 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. Contact Elizabeth Kimberley for details. Ph 981 7384

### RECENT EVENTS:

**St Anne's Birthday Party:** On Saturday July 30 a small number of parishioners gathered to be entertained by "Keeping Good Company" a group of seven people led by The Rev'd David Winfield.

The programme entitled "A Good Deal" combined music acting and story telling to help us take a fresh look at the parables of Jesus. Afternoon Tea was served and then we enjoyed an hour-long quiz. Thanks to all who contributed to the organization of this event. A \$200 contribution was made to this Ministry Outreach funded by St Peter's Upper Riccarton.

**Patronal Festival Sunday 31 July:** Our 10.00 am Eucharist centred on our Patron Saint, St Anne, with appropriate readings and some history of who she was and what she did. (We had learned at the quiz that St Anne is the Patron saint of Miners as well as being the Grandmother of Jesus.)

Festive Morning Tea followed and was enjoyed by all.

**Farewell to Stephen Coulthard:** Stephen has gone to Tanzania to teach at the a school in Dodoma for one year and he gave us a very informative and entertaining talk about conditions there (he spent two years there about ten years ago). A Farewell dinner for the SMY families to express their thanks and farewells was held the following week, and a parish farewell after Eucharist on the Sunday allowed Parishioners to give their support and say good bye. We have since heard that he is settling in well despite a snake encounter, and arrangements have been made for us to assist in supporting him. (see Pew News for details).

**Diocesan Synod:** This was held last weekend and attended by your Vicar, Lawrence Kimberley, and two representatives Margrett Sherwood and Jean Shewan. It was the usual mixture of routine work and interesting debate, mixed with time to meet up with old friends and make new ones. A full report will be available as soon as possible.

### FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**PARISH FAIR SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 at 8:00am.**

**Daylight Saving** starts Sunday 25 September. Please remember to put your clocks forward

**All Saints Remembrance Service:** Sunday 30 October at 8:00am & 10.00 am. 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.