

Harry's Arrival—1st August

We await the arrival of Harry, Aimee and children with great excitement and are collecting food and firewood to welcome them.

Contact the church office if you have something to donate, or put it in the basket in the foyer.

And, note in your calendars:
Harry's installation by Bishop Justin will be held on Sunday 6 August 3pm St Luke's Church

All very welcome.

Sam moving on

Reverend Sam Bate's interim ministry as the Priest in Charge of the Parish of South Wairarapa ended this month. Sam is taking up full time secular employment. A .5 permanent position will be advertised.

In the interim, Hilary Kendall, the Bishop's Warden, will be the 'go to' person for the parish.

A roster for priests and musicians will be created for Sunday worship.

May at Conference

The Ministry Conference, which contributes to the professional development for those in Diocese Leadership

roles, is being held at Forest Lakes Otaki from today (Sunday) until Tuesday 18th July.

May will be attending.



KEEP WARM AND SNUGGLE UP

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Kia Ora Welcome St Luke's Church Greytown

Sunday 16 July 2017 9.30am

Remember our commitment to loving, acceptance and forgiveness

Sentence of the Day:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6:63, 68

Collect of the Day:

Farmer God.

Good soil brings forth a hundred-fold of grain.

May we be that soil;
vibrant, deep and
teeming with life.

This we ask in God's name,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who live and reign, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Readings:

Psalm 119:105-112
Genesis 25:19-34
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

I planted,



Apollos
watered,

BUT GOD

gave
the
growth.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6



Hey! Remember you are all very welcome to come to the hall for morning tea. Come and enjoy some fellowship over a cuppa.

Food for thought

Peter and I shifted about 18 months ago. We inherited well established trees around the perimeter of the section but not much garden so we are now in the process of developing a garden to enjoy. We have a plan to follow but I'm impatient, I don't want to wait an age to see things established. I find myself looking on line at mature shrubs and trees. I'm tempted despite the price tag!

So I'm into planting and growing at the moment and yes, I know the best way to establish plants is to plant small and nurture to allow the root system to establish strongly and the plant should flourish better over time.

It's a great analogy Jesus uses when he likens the planting of the seeds of faith to a farmer sowing seeds, scattering them out knowing that some will grow and some won't. The conditions need to be right for the seed to take root.

I wondered though what Jesus intended with this parable? Maybe it was to encourage his listeners not only to be receptive but not to get discouraged when the harvest is slow in coming.

In my experience sometimes seeds of faith take ages to sprout and grow. Sometimes we sow seeds we're not even aware have made a difference and often we're not around to see the harvest of seeds we've scattered. Yet we are called to be good soil and to scatter seeds. Sometimes seeds of compassion and kindness and sometimes courage as we tell our own stories, especially the stories of how Jesus has changed and shaped our own lives.

Over the last couple of months we've heard a number of these stories and I know they have been an encouragement to those of us listening in our own faith journeys and an encouragement also to continue to sow seeds that might take a while to take root and grow.

It's amazing how God sends people across our paths at just the right time and if we take time to look back on our faith journeys we can see God's hand and identify those who have planted the seeds for us.

So be encouraged to keep scattering the seeds. I'm reminded of Paul's words to the people of the Church in Corinth. He says: "*I planted the seed in your hearts and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.*" 1 Corinthians 3:6)

Many Blessings.

May

Combined Governance Update

Bishop Justin has led our first meeting of the combined parishes Governance Team. After getting to know each other better, he took us through the 'why' of the new model and shared his thoughts on how the team would work best.

We considered the draft Terms of Reference and how the team relates to this. The draft Terms will be brought to the July vestry meetings. The three vestries have chosen their representatives well and there seemed to be a good mix of governance skill and commitment to the new way.

The next Governance Team meeting is Monday 7 August.

Gathering Musicians (see leaflet)

The Three Parishes' programme "Worship Intensive - bringing our musicians together to please and praise the Lord" - has been so successful. It's making a huge difference to have a pool of musicians to share across the parishes.

Now, no organist, is literally no problem.

There is always someone who loves to play and will travel....

Social Service has been set as our theme for next Sunday 23 July (and for all Anglican Churches throughout NZ).

Ben Mai is part of the team from Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and will be with us at St Luke's to share stories of the impact local churches and CAP have had on improving lives.

Ben will share from scripture on God's heart for the poor and Jesus' ministry of practical and spiritual help. Visit the CAO website www.capnz.com for more.....

50+ Dinner

We are having the 50+ dinner a little later this year.

Please note in your diary that it will be on Saturday 30 September.

Keep that date free.

More information will be given in late August.

As usual it will be a great evening of fellowship and fun for us all.

Judith Major