

Stop Press



The Wellington Cathedral has had to be evacuated following this week's earthquake due to the damaged condition of its neighbouring building.

No-one is allowed to enter the cathedral until the building next door has been made safe or removed. Ministry will continue, but where and how is unclear.

The Wellington Diocese website and Facebook pages will keep you all up to date and for those without this access, please tell others.

Stay safe in this shaky times.....

Syrian Refugees visit Greytown

What a fantastic day! Three couples and their children ranging in age from a month old to 12 years and several teenagers enjoyed a taste of St Luke's hospitality.

A huge thank you too all who provided transport, made food, collected gifts and created a treasure trove of goods for them to select from. We are also hugely grateful to the many businesses who donated gifts and opened their doors for free.

Human kindness reigned!

**Wednesday 23 November
6.30pm**

St Andrew's Martinbough

As we continue our journey towards south Wairarapa parishes working more closely together, Bishop Justin will attend the next meeting in Martinborough to help guide Vestry members through the process. Every meeting so far has raised lots of questions and some concern and it's hoped a clear model will come from this meeting. We'll keep you posted.....

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St. Luke's Church Greytown

**Sunday 20 November 2016
Services 9.30am and 6.30pm**

Welcome Kia ora Feast of Christ the King

Sentence of the Day :

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Collect of the Day :

Living Christ,
you are risen from the dead.
Love reigns!
You are stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you
as the new day dawns;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.



Readings :

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

Tea and fellowship are offered in the hall after today's service.
All are very welcome.

Food for Thought?

Today is the last Sunday of the year, in the church calendar.

Next Sunday we begin the season of Advent. Today is called the feast of Christ the King, or Christ the King Sunday. This is a day where we focus on what it means to be under God's authority in Christ. But let's face it, we don't really do "kings" do we? Oh, we don't mind too much having a symbolic monarch, as long as they know their place and stay in it. We are much more comfortable with democracy aren't we?

This coming week I have been invited to be the chaplain for the Australasian Church Registrars Conference in Masterton. The conference theme is: *Church. From Institution to Movement.*

I am convinced people aren't very inspired or passionate about upholding a religious institution; as a matter of fact neither was Jesus. When Jesus called his disciples to follow him he was not inviting them to join a religion, he was inviting them to join a spiritual movement of God, a movement that actually challenged the established political and religious institutions of the day.

Why was this movement such an affront to the powers that be?

Because it was not a movement up, it was movement down, where being the "greatest" meant becoming the "least." It was and still is a movement where the leader washes feet, serves the poor, feeds the hungry and ultimately gives himself completely for those he loves.

This is the movement we are invited to be a part of today, a movement called the Kingdom of God. Jesus turns the whole concept of what King means, upside down.



Shalom, *Andy*

Church Rosters: The December and January rosters are completed. Thank you to all those who indicated their non-availability. We hope everyone is catered for over this busy season. Remember if you have been put on a duty and cannot do it, it is up to you to find a replacement.

Please note there are a few gaps where **volunteers** are being asked for. Call Marlene at the office to help fill in these gaps.

We especially need sides people and welcomers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. *Thank you*



Mark you calendars:

Friday 16 December – school's out!

Saturday 17 December – Cobblestones Christmas 5pm

Sunday 18 December – Readings and Carols St Luke's 7pm

Saturday 24 December – Midnight Mass St Luke's 11pm

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day service 10am

A **community choir** is practising to help lead the singing at the Cobblestones' Christmas celebration on **Saturday 17 December**. Practices are at Cobblestones on Thursday evenings 7.15pm – 8.15pm. Come along if you feel like having a singalong at Christmas and bring a friend. Any questions phone Heather Keith (06) 304 8283.



Church gardens: if anyone would like to donate a plant to the gardens at each side of the rear entrance, please contact Marlene in the office. The compost kindly donated by Parkvale Mushroom factory has settled and the plants will enjoy being planted into this rich environment. We don't need many, and not too large—maybe even a few annuals??? Come with ideas.