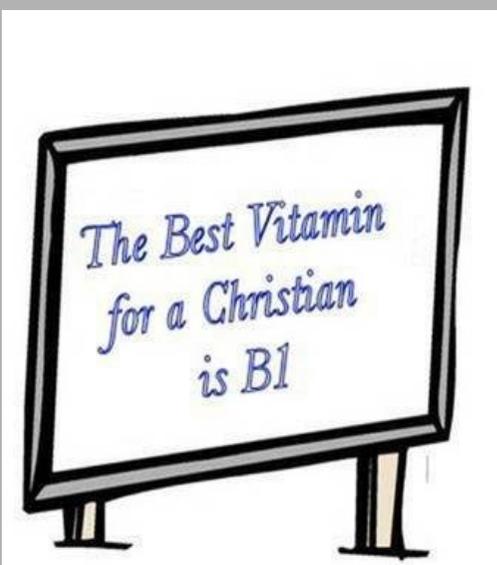




Reverend Dr Eleanor Sanderson has been appointed our new Assistant Bishop of Wellington.

Ellie has been involved with the Wellington Diocese for 16 years and is currently the Vicar of Eastbourne, our Diocesan Canon, Wellesley College Chaplain and has developed and led the 3DM discipleship programme at a national level. She is married to Tim, and has two boys, Zachary (aged 9) and Joseph (aged 7).

When announcing her appointment this week, Bishop Justin said “*Ellie has a deep spirituality, and a strong apostolic and pastoral heart which are complementary to my own leadership skillsets.*”



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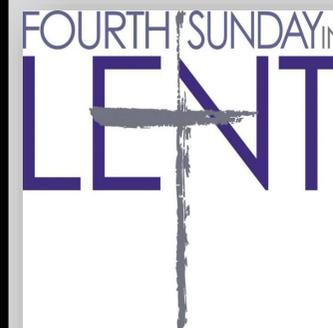
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**Welcome
 Kia Ora
 St. Luke's Church
 Greytown
 Sunday 26 March 2017
 9.30am Service**

Our commitment is to love, accept and forgive in Christ

Sentence of the Day

‘I am the light of the world,’ says the Lord;
 ‘those who follow me will have the light of life.’
John 8:12

Collect of the Day

God of unchangeable power,
 when you fashioned the world
 the morning stars sang together
 and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
 open our eyes to the wonders of creation
 and teach us to see all things for good,
 to the honour of your glorious name;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Psalm 23
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41



Morning tea will be served in the hall. Come and enjoy some fellowship over a cuppa and yummy food.

Food for Thought

It has been suggested that the origins of denominations occurred when the healed blind men met each other.

At first they were all excited about the miracle of sight that Jesus had given them, but as they talked about how Jesus had healed them, they began to discover some significant differences. For some, the healing came with simply a touch from Jesus. Another proudly boasted that he had enough faith, so that Jesus didn't even have to touch him to perform the miracle. Another meekly shared that Jesus not only touched him twice, but also "spit on his eyes" in order for him to see clearly. The final man really felt embarrassed to admit that even though a touch wasn't part of his healing, Jesus' "spit" wasn't enough. Jesus had mixed his saliva with dirt and put the mud on his eyes and then told him to go and wash in some pool of water. Since each one thought his healing was normal and better than the others, they divided into 'spittites' and 'non-spittites'; 'muddites' and 'non-muddites'; 'touchites' and 'non-touchites.' Denominationalism was born.

So what do we do when theology conflicts with experience?

The theology of some may believe that God heals the faithful, but their personal experience may not include divine healing -- even after lots of prayers. The theology of others may believe that miraculous healings were things of the past (if they ever really happened all), but they may experience unexplainable healings for themselves or for others.

Perhaps less dramatic, but more common are those Anglicans, baptized as infants, who have a life-changing, "born-again" experience with God in their lives, who then discount the importance of sacramental baptism. People's experiences with the "charismatic movement" has brought great challenges to the theology of many mainline congregations.

Words *are* important and we do need to find ways of explaining experiences in good theological language, but we must be careful not to make the "rightness" of our words more important than the righteousness of our attitudes and motivations. Because regardless of what words we use, the fact remains that what people respond to most, is what affects their lives personally. For the blind man, the one thing he knew is that he could now see.

For the hungry and thirsty, the one thing they will know is, if they receive food and drink. They won't care who brings it or even what motivates their actions.

Therefore we need to be asking, "What will 'speak' loudest to the needy people in our community?" If we were to ask: "*What is the one thing you know about our congregation?*" What would you say? What do you think non-members would say?

Shalom,

Andy

St Luke's Church Greytown elected Vestry 2017

Vicar's Warden Ryan Monastra
People's Warden Wendy O'Styke

Vestry

Amy Williams
Stuart Patterson
Matt Crow
Julian Downs
Kevin Millard
Graydon Cook
David Halford
David Heard
Kevin Boerman
Wayne O'Styke

Cathedral Link Jill Baker
Inter-Church Tania Connolly
Synod Reps Amy Williams & Sonya Bromley



Emma Pike is a delightful young woman who has offered to do volunteer work for St Luke's. She will be working alongside our office administrator Marlene, on a number of projects including updating the church database and sorting the music sheets. Emma is Caroline and Kevin Millard's grand-daughter and we're thrilled she can be part of the St Luke's team. She'll be in the office most Wednesdays. Come in and meet her.

Rosters

These will be distributed next week for April and May 2017. It's quite a challenge to get all the roles filled and to fit in with people's lives.

Some of the issues which have arisen are:

- We need more servers please
- We need offers of help for morning tea
- We would like more people presenting flowers in the church
- We need a supply of Palms to decorate church for **Palm Sunday** (9 April)
- **Easter Day** (16 April) —please bring a plate for an after service feast
- And, if you can't do your rostered role, please find a replacement yourself.

Food donations

Thanks to all those who have put food donations in the basket in the foyer. These are passed along to local families and always appreciated.

Clothing donations

Rory Pilbrow, who arranges clothing to Vanuatu, says there's regular shipments going, so if you have spare light cotton clothes suitable for island life (not wool), please drop them off at the St Luke's office.

