



A **community choir** is being formed to help lead the singing at Cobblestones' Christmas celebration

**Saturday 17 December**

Practices will be at Cobblestones on Thursday evenings 7.15pm — 8.15pm beginning 3rd November. There's no auditions, you just need a willingness to enjoy singing.

Come along and bring a friend.  
Any questions phone  
Heather Keith (06) 304 8283

**Gathering Pot Luck Tea Tonight**

In the Church Hall at 6.30 pm.  
All are invited. Please bring food to share.

**Wairarapa Singers & St Matthew's Church with the Wellington Brass Band**  
Present

**Armistice Concert & Service**  
At 6.30 pm on Sunday 13th November

Please see flyer in foyer

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# St. Luke's Church Greytown

Sunday 6 November 2016  
Services 9.30am and 6.30pm

## Welcome Kia ora to our Family Service

### Sentence of the Day :

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

### Collect of the Day :

Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and set us free from the bondage of sin; give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all your people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

*John 8: 31-38*



Tea and fellowship are offered in the hall

after today's service.

*All are very welcome.*

## Food for Thought?

One of my favourite movies is Braveheart the story of the Scottish hero William Wallace and how he led a rag tag bunch of peasant soldiers to victory over the tyrant British King Edward the 1st. Perhaps the most iconic and inspirational scene of the movie was the when Wallace gives a powerful motivational speech to the gathered Scottish army before the Battle of Stirling. Facing an overwhelming English force he cries "They may take our lives but they will never take our FREEDOM!" They go on to win the battle fired with the enthusiasm and courage Wallace inspired. Of course history shows that this freedom was never completely realized by the Scots or for that matter for any country because freedom is a wonderful idea but in reality it is always easier to talk about than it is to actually achieve and live.

To be honest true freedom is in fact kind of terrifying because it means that we become completely responsible for our own choices and their consequences. This is why we are more comfortable with having rules to follow and laws to limit what choices we are allowed to make. This is what makes religion and politics so attractive to people. Which brings us to the gospel passage we are thinking about today and in particular Jesus' words, "Whoever the Son sets free is free indeed." Now it's easy to take these words and put them into our little box of inspirational spiritual quotes and memory verses and not realize the dangerous and challenging nature of this promise. See Jesus was speaking to people who lived in a culture that was totally regulated religiously and governmentally. They had rules for just about everything and terrible consequences for rule breakers. When Jesus promises absolute freedom to those who follow his teaching, he is actually calling for a personal and societal revolution one based upon a commitment to love and generosity over rules and regulation. Jesus offers freedom from selfishness, fear and pride which is of course to spiritually live above rules and regulations. So what does being free indeed mean for you today?

Shalom, *Andy*

# Trunk or Treat



Was a great success. We had hundreds of people, lots of young families, we were the centre of the Greytown community. Thank you to all that contributed and helped, especially Tom Laybourn, who was Andy's right hand man.

**The fourth Inter Parish co-operative planning meeting at St Mark's Carterton, on this Wednesday 9th November at 7 pm.**

Archdeacon May Croft has been invited by Bishop Justin to be the team leader to get the team up and running. May will now consult widely with others to develop a model of governance for a team ministry that would best develop and grow the parishes of Carterton, Greytown and South Wairarapa. This meeting will be facilitated by Denise Beazley (who works in the area of change).

### **Diocesan Missions Group Clothing Container for Vanuatu**

The Diocese is looking for donations towards the cost of freighting clothes collected to Vanuatu. They have a shipping company in Christchurch who are happy to give them a 40% discount on the freight. They are hoping parish/ mission units would give around \$200 towards the cost of shipping. If you can contribute, money sent through online banking would be appreciated. Send to bank account 03 0531 0063385 000 **with your parish name in the Reference box.** Would you also send an email to [roryandsusanpilbrow@gmail.com](mailto:roryandsusanpilbrow@gmail.com) saying you have deposited the money and from which parish. Alternatively, cheques can be made out to 'Vanuatu Fund Account' and sent to **Clothing Container, 38 Fairfield Ave, Lower Hutt 5011.**