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BOOK SALE:

Thanks to all those who helped set up and sell at the book sale. We raised \$1900 from this event. A great range of books and a fabulous number of people through the door.

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MILESTONES

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DEATHS: We offer condolences to those who have lost family members recently and are pleased to have been able to hold celebrations that have had to be delayed. To Coral Keast and family, whose partner **Neal Spragg** died on 5/8: a service of celebration of Neal's life was held at Chartwell Cooperating Parish on 11 August. To Jill Hilton and family whose husband **Anthony [Tony] Hilton** died on 8/9 and whose funeral was held at Chartwell Cooperating Parish on 16 September.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: On Sunday 21 August, following another successful holiday programme, Amanda and her team decided to acknowledge the youth leaders who have given thirty or more days service of the fifty-one days, over the past four years. She read letters from parents telling how much their children appreciate the programme we offer and the way the young leaders interact and care about them. Those acknowledged were Michelle Bennett [30 days], Kennedy Bowcott [40 days] and Jackson Bowcott [51 days]. We also watched a short video of the holiday programme in action.

A GOLD MEDAL: One of our Youth, Sam Alderton has recently won a gold medal for Aerobics in the recent Zespri AIMS Games held at Tauranga. This is the premier sporting competition across New Zealand. Congratulations and well-done Sam!

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Minster's Report

Planting for God's Mission: Honouring Barbara and Rev. Trevor Bennet

God said to Moses, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Exodus 3:5



Along with churches around the world, in the month of September, we celebrated the Season of Creation month. This year the theme was "Listen to the Voice of Creation" based on Exodus 3:1-12. The focus of our Sunday services included our care for God's earth our home, flora and fauna, the oceans, all in the light of our Christian stewardship and discipleship. Chartwell Church is the first church in Hamilton to join the Eco Church Network NZ. We were inspired to listen to Kristel van Houte, Director of A Rocha New Zealand (Sept. 4), and Ellen Webb, Go Eco NZ (Sept. 18). We also heard Becky O'Leary's well researched and informative presentation on "Plastic Pollution in our Oceans."

As a parish, we celebrate what we are already doing, and look forward to more actions in the future. For further readings on our parish's "Care for God's Creation in Action" please see Charter December 2021 issue: <https://www.chartwellchurch.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Dec-2021-Jan-2022.pdf>

One of the Five Marks of Mission in the Anglican Communion is: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." Our missional priorities are shaped by our faith in God the creator and we humans, as stewards of God's creation are blessed to share and care. (See: Minister's Report, Charter, December 2021).

As we celebrate the Season of Creation, it was very appropriate that we honour Barbara and Rev. Trevor Bennett for their example of Christian faith and dedicated service in God's mission. On a lovely September afternoon, I had the joy of spending time with Barbara and Trevor in their home in Summerset Down the Lane. We had a great time over lunch, cuppa, amazing conversation, and lots of laughter. Thank you for your warm hospitality. I was very pleasantly surprised to find out that they had a meal with Rajnish's parents (my parents-in-law) Pratibha and Rev. Dr Godwin Singh, at the Vicarage in St Pauls' Cooperating Church, Putaruru, some years ago. I also found out that they once had four budgies called Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

One of the missions in action that I have been blessed to notice each week is our parish's missions table and the variety of plants that Trevor has meticulously grown and potted. Barbara supports his effort by letting him "take over the place." Each week our missions table has a healthy supply of plants for all to purchase. During COVID19 restrictions, when we were unable to gather in the church hall, the plants were available in their car boot at the church carpark.

It was a joy to have a conversation with Trevor, and Barbara was a very engaged listener to our conversation. Trevor also shared with me "Memories of a Methodist Minister" which he wrote for his family in March 2015. Due to his health, he felt it was important to have his story written. By God's grace, his health improved and "I have had a good life" he said.

Trevor and Barbara were married on December 11, 1954. They met "at the primary department in the Sunday School," according to Trevor. They went to the same country school, same country church, and were married in that same church in Te Kowhai. They have 3 sons and an adopted daughter, 10 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. One of their grandsons is Aaron Bennett, our Parish Treasurer.

Barbara was trained in Waikato and worked all her life as an Obstetrics nurse in Middlemore, Morrinsville, Te Aroha, and Reefton. Trevor was trained in Trinity College for three years, followed by a period of probation. He was ordained at the Methodist Conference in Palmerston North in 1957. He ministered in the Whanganui area, Marton, Willowby Circuit (Parish) in Mid-Canterbury, Upper Hutt, Te Aroha, and in Langley, Washington State in the US. He also worked as the secretary of the Trinity Theological College Council which was responsible for training ministers.

Some of the highlights of his ministry include the happy ecumenical relationships and co-operative work with various denominations including Anglican, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics. One of the ecumenical events was a combined Good Friday Stations of the Cross service in Te Aroha called "Calvary via Whittaker Street." Trevor recalls how the procession stopped to help a man who was in a desperate state trying to get his wife to the maternity hospital but couldn't start his car. They carried on with the procession, "relating the story in our street with what Jesus did."

While a parish minister in Auckland, Trevor also served as an Industrial Chaplain to Air New Zealand at Mangere Airport, which involved visiting the base for half a day each week. This, he found, "both challenging and extremely valuable." For some of the twelve hundred Staff he was the only contact they ever had with the church. He was available for them at times of crisis in their lives, going to court with people, and taking weddings for people in the parks. He was deeply involved when an Air New Zealand DC10 crashed in Antarctica (Mount Erebus disaster Nov. 28, 1979),

with a heavy loss of life, spending time with grieving families, leading a memorial service, and later the funeral for several unidentified victims.

“I believe this work to have been, perhaps, the most valuable part of my entire ministry,” he said.

Trevor also travelled widely in his role as an Industrial Chaplain, and as a member of a group representing the National Council of Churches in New Zealand.

After retiring from 36 years of active parish ministry, Trevor and Barbara settled in their own home in Raglan. They got very much involved in Raglan Union Church and helped raise about \$50,000.00 to keep the church going. “We were locally conscious,” Trevor said. He won the 2007 New Zealand Gardener of the Year, in recognition of his contribution to society through gardening. After 11 years in Raglan, they moved to Hamilton to be closer to the family.

Trevor and Barbara joined Chartwell Church and became actively involved in the parish, including producing plants for the church annual fair. Trevor soon joined the parish’s Overseas Missions Committee, which he also chaired for a while. He recalls that the missions table was started by the late Margaret Clark. She had a concern for others which led her to start this not specifically as a mission table, but generally to use funds to help others. We developed what Margaret started into a mission table.

Trevor is concerned that the missions table has gradually evolved into a plant stall. He would like to see more produce being brought. “We have made a lot of money over the years from the fruits and vegetables, and plants were a side-line to that,” he said. He observed that it has been called “Trevor’s stall” and that is not what he wants to hear. “We all ought to be involved in it, not just one or two of us. We have a poster by the missions table saying, when you contribute to the stall or bring things or buy, you are assisting the mission objectives of the church, and you are caring for people. So much has depended on whether I can supply things or not. I would like to see more people involved in contributing to missions table,” he said.

Over the years, much of the financial donations to missions and development projects overseas have come from missions table. In the recent years, the parish has sent money through Christian World Service, to the Anglican Girls School in Fiji during COVID19, to Tonga during the volcanic eruption, to Afghani refugee families, and to Ukraine.

In Trevor’s own words: “When I think of Jesus, the word compassion comes to mind. That is why I get involved in things like the missions table. My picture of faith is simply following Jesus and what I know of His life. Jesus was caring for people, meeting their needs. He was there with people. I think that is what our task is. I have never

been a leading thinker in the church, I am just a humble parish minister. But these are the things I have always seen as important — Our faith largely determines our action — I try to encourage people to think about others in need.”

Being a minister’s wife, Barbara had to go where Trevor went, and find a job there. In a beautiful tribute to his wife, Trevor said, “Barbara could have done a better job than I could as a minister. She has done some lovely things for the people.”

Trevor was very realistic about the future with his impending appointment with the Doctor. His failing eyesight means, it is unlikely his driver’s licence will be renewed. As he rightly mentioned, it takes a lot of time and effort planting from seeds and transporting them back and forth. Not having a driver’s licence means, “I can’t transport the plants. We may not be as regular to church,” and due to the distance, he feels it is a big ask for anybody to help.

We are extremely grateful to God, and to Barbara and Trevor for their example of Christian service and commitment to God’s mission. “By the time this goes into print I will be 92... it might have to come to an end, which will be a shame, but it has been worthwhile,” said Trevor.

“Well done good and faithful servant...” Matthew 25:23

Rev. Jekheli Singh

Upcoming Services:

October 23: Special Service for Foodbank. Details to follow.

October 30: 9:30 am and Insight combined service. Details to follow.

Nov. 27: Guest preacher: Rev. Shona Bettany, Executive Officer, Kaimai Presbytery

2nd Sundays at 4:00 pm in the church lounge: Exploring Christian Faith. All welcome.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHARTER:

The editor would love to hear from you if you have a contribution for publication in Charter. If you have something you want to share, or come across an article you think others would find interesting then please let us know.

Email: office@chartwellchurch.org.nz or leave at the church office.

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Parish Council Report



The Parish AGM was held on Sunday 21 August where Parish Councillors who had stepped down were acknowledged and one new Parish Council member was received. As Deputy Chairperson I, Heather, chaired the meeting after the Parish Council Chairperson, Carol Webb, stepped down in the weeks prior to the AGM. I'd like to thank Carol McKillop who stepped down earlier in the year, Jock Crawford who finished his term, and Carol Webb for the valuable contribution they all made to the life of our church through serving on Parish Council. A special mention must be made of Carol Webb's chairing of the Parish Council through the recent challenging times of COVID restrictions and the change in ministers - no easy feat.

Raymond Mudford was newly elected to the Parish Council. Welcome Ray.

The Chartwell Church Parish Council now comprises:

Chairperson: Heather Kikkert

Deputy Chair: Jean Ross

Secretary: Kelera Luvu

PC Representative to Executive Team: Raymond Mudford

Vicar's Warden (Steward): Cheryl Anderson

Councillors:

Fraser Graham

Neil Colyer

Sylvia O'Leary

Representatives to Partner Churches:

Fraser Graham and Judi Roigard (Presbyterian)

Jean Ross and Peter Allan (Anglican)

Sylvia O'Leary and Mary West (Methodist)

Parish Treasurer: Aaron Bennett

I have accepted the role of Chairperson on the proviso that I will be the spokesperson for a team and require the support and experience of all in the Parish Council members in order to be successful in this role. I am grateful to Jean Ross for accepting the role of Deputy Chairperson and to Kelera Luvu for agreeing to continue in the important role of Secretary. Please pray for all the Parish Council members that God will provide wisdom and guidance as we lead His church.

With the parish policies mostly all up to date, thanks to the previous Chairperson's diligence, I feel a good place to focus over the coming year will be to continue to implement our Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was developed following an online survey and workshop conducted by the Rev. Stephen Black to understand what our Parish found important. The Plan identifies a number of actions around eight focus areas:

1. Chartwell is a place of belonging and welcome
2. Chartwell is a place of worship and prayer
3. Chartwell is a place where discipleship and vocation are nurtured
4. Chartwell is a place with a clear mission and purpose with collaborative leadership
5. Chartwell is a place of empowerment and involvement of volunteer leaders
6. Chartwell is a place for evangelism, outreach and numerical growth
7. Chartwell is a place of serving and transforming
8. Chartwell is a place actively seeking to engage with children and teenagers

I hope that you can join us as we strive to be the hands, feet, and smiling face of Jesus in our community and personal spheres of influence. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty" Zechariah 4:6

Thanks,

Heather Kikkert (Chairperson)

Peter Hollis

MEMORIAL

service

Andrea, Samuel, Nicola and Emily would like to invite you to attend the **Memorial Service for Peter Hollis on Saturday, November 5th at 2pm.** We will honour Peter for the wonderful contribution he has made to his family, to our whole church family and to the lives of many. The service in the worship centre will be followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

Spring Flower Sunday

We know Spring is finally here when we have our Spring Flower Sunday. St Albans Fellowship organised the 54 potted flowering pansies that were arranged around the altar on the 18th of September for certain parishioners from over the past 2 years who have been nominated by church officers. They made a lovely splash of colour which toned in beautifully with the large floral displays in the vases. That day the services were based around Spring with the guest speaker being Ellen Webb from Go Eco New Zealand, whose talk focused on the gullies in Hamilton and the pest control needed to protect our flora and fauna. Our grateful thanks go to all of you involved in making this a successful day, from Keri for doing the tickets and the address stickers, to Queenwood Fellowship for financial help, to those who wrapped and organised the plants and also to all the parishioners who helped deliver them to those who received them.

Marilyn Dunn (St Albans Fellowship)



Chartwell Church Grounds



Thank you so much to all the willing people who came and gave our grounds a big spruce up last week. This was followed by mulch being spread to help keep the gardens tidy Working together is rewarding and is a good way to get to know other parish-ioners.

A new initiative is being started to keep the grounds tidy as our former gar-dener extraordinaire, Neal, has semi-retired.

We thank him very much for years of devoted service to our grounds. He has faith in the church community stepping up to carry on his good work.



Would you be able to join a group or organise one yourself? The group would get together on a regular basis to help keep “Our Place” the wonderful facility it is. Coffee and fellowship afterwards would make the work worthwhile too – just a suggestion ☺

The grounds have been divided into 15 areas and if you would like to choose an area or join a group, please contact Judy or Amie. Some gardens have already been allocated so don't delay getting the garden of your choice.

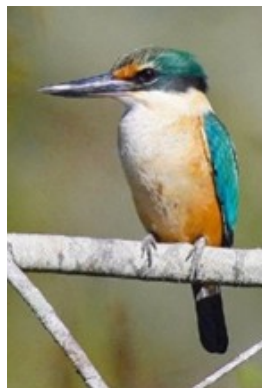
Kingfisher Group Report

Since last putting some notes together for Charter, we have continued to gather, mostly monthly, although we took a break in June to engage with Parish activities like the High Tea and Matariki events.

Our March trip to the Epworth Retreat and Recreation site on the banks of the Waikato near Karapiro was a great day. Balmy weather, the river absolutely beautiful, some early autumn colours evident. Those who came, including those who responded to the open invitation to the Parish join us were very impressed by the facilities offered. Some folk knew the camp-site well, others were first-timers. Thanks to Warren Anderson we also had two kayaks available for the more adventurous!

We gathered in April for an FYOR lunch [fill your own roll] in the church lounge with Rev. Daniel as our speaker. In May, 20 of us gathered for lunch at the Matte Black Café at St Andrews overlooking the golf course, and at the end of July we shared soup and rolls – good mid-winter fare using the church lounge as our venues.

We are pleased to have added four new members to our group. This would have been five, but sadly Malcolm Gooch has recently passed away. Great smile from him in the Karapiro photo.



LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION

Our first Holiday Club started here at Chartwell Church in January 2019. Since that time we have run every holidays except one (covid cancelled). That's 51 days in total. That is a lot of days and every holiday we use a lot of young people to help support the programme and the kids who attend. Some of these young leaders have given a huge number of their holiday days to help us which is so very much appreciated. They are the key to what makes our programme special and every leader has children who look up to them.

In July we were able to take some time to acknowledge three of our youth leaders who have given over 30 days to the Holiday Club so far.

Michelle Bennett - 30 days
Kennedy Bowcott - 40 days
Jackson Bowcott - 51 days

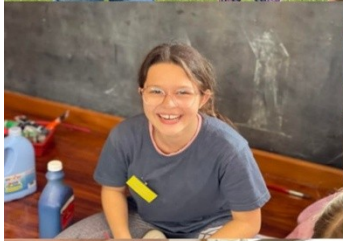
An extra presentation was made to Jackson Bowcott who has been a youth leader at every day of every Holiday Club since it started. For his work in building community and with his love of building in general he received an engraved hammer as a special recognition. It has already been put to good use!



To these (and all) youth leaders at Holiday Club, we are all so appreciative of the way you have supported these young children and we know that the positive influence you have on them is profound. Through serving and playing together with the kids and the other youth leaders, you have proven yourselves to be church in action.

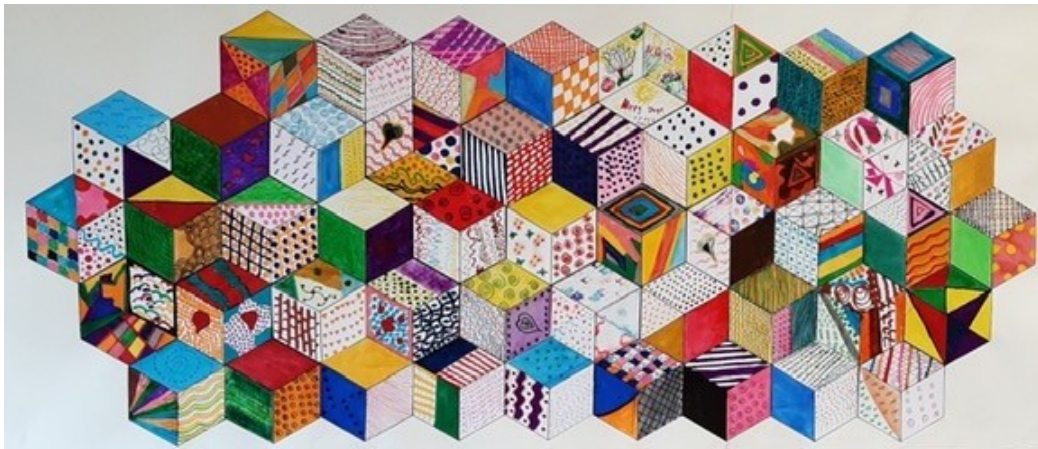


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SELWYN CENTRE

Over the past couple of months, we have had some changes in our Selwyn Centre attendance. Sadly, Natalie Taylor died on 20th August aged 97 years. She arrived at our second meeting in February 2018 and attended very regularly. From her first day to her last, Natalie was our oldest member. Natalie was always kindly and caring, gracious and had a beautiful smile. She kept her independence and mobility with living alone, driving and daily working in her lovely garden.

The arrival of Glori Wang as a volunteer has been very welcome as other volunteers are increasingly limited with age related difficulties. A younger lady, Glori is able to set up the hall and help in many ways. We also welcome some new guests and have shared a couple of our mornings with the St Luke's Selwyn Centre.





The first was “Dunkit for Plunket” when Dianne, the Waikato Plunket coordinator came and shared the history of Plunket, the huge changes in delivering their services and current challenges with us. Sponsored by Arnott’s biscuits, we enjoyed a morning tea dunking our biscuits which was recorded professionally on video for Plunket and us. Everyone supported this fundraiser with around \$500 being raised for Waikato Plunket.

The next week Chartwell Selwyn Centre went to St Luke’s Selwyn Centre. Heather Whineray and Rev Caroline Leys from the Auckland office joined us, along with some WINTEC Occupational Therapy staff, as we introduced the St Luke’s folk to the Falls Prevention programme made for our centre last year. After a yummy morning tea, we divided into teams for a variety of fun indoor games. The Waikato coordinators then met for lunch and discussion with our Auckland guests, a very valuable sharing time.

I hope church members have enjoyed seeing the art we created in the hall with the help of our volunteer artist Elwyn Stone. Everyone contributed, and we are very pleased with the outcome. On 11th August, Chartwell Selwyn Centre went to Saints Café, Te Kowhai, enjoying a lovely lunch and fellowship. Alec shared about the history of Methodists in Waikato and the churches, especially the London Street church. We were impressed with how it has been renovated and how well we were looked after there.

On 18th September, Rev Julian Perkins came back to St Albans Church, sharing with the Selwyn Centre his passion for Lego. We were very impressed with the amazing collection of vehicles he has built from Lego. Recently Rev John Marcon shared with us about his time as a chaplain to Auckland and Whangarei with Mission for Seafarers. What a wide range of people and situations he dealt with, and interesting facts he shared along with videos of ships in huge seas.

We have decided to slowly reduce our precautions with COVID, with mask wearing optional, keeping social distancing and not sharing food plates for the next month then review the community situation, to ensure everyone is comfortable with attending.

Helen McAlpine

ROYALTY IN OUR MIDST

In a season when the royal family has been at the forefront of our minds we are reminded about the royalty we have in our midst. Our very own congregation and Chartwell Church community. Kings and Queens for sure. Of the baking variety that is!

The wonderful, talented and generous bakers and makers in our midst who come forth on many occasions throughout the year to help with morning teas, functions of all kinds, pot luck dinners and of course the Holiday Club morning teas. These very talented but modest people deserve to be celebrated for their assistance, support and for their prowess in the kitchen.

Many of them go around incognito, looking just like the rest of us. We can confirm, that walking among us we have King Russell of the cheese scone, Queen Maureen of the Muffin, Queen Cheryl of the Bacon and Egg Pie, Queen Judi of the Chocolate Slice, Queen Val of the Sultana Loaf and Queen Erica of the Fluffy Pikelet. This is only a few of the very many members of kitchen royalty we are blessed with. Thanks to everyone who supports our nutritional wellbeing with such fine and delicious delights year round at Chartwell Church. No doubt as we head to the Fair weekend we will sample even more of these fabulous treats.

Speaking on behalf of just one bunch of recipients, the youth leaders at Holiday Club, thank you, thank you, thank you.



JOY CARTER - WINNING POEM



Our very own Joy Carter entered a poetry writing competition earlier in the year and she did a sterling job as she won first prize!!! The competition was run by the Oceania Villages in New Zealand to celebrate International Friendship Day on July 30th 2022. We are excited to be able to share her work with you and send her our congratulations.

OUR DAY IN THE PARK by Joy Carter

*I met her at the bus stop
On a bright and sunny day,
She was on time
Right on nine –
We could play the day away!*

*'Let's go to the park,' she said
'The ducks are waiting to be fed,'
She grabbed my hand
You understand –
'They're waiting for that stale bread,'*

*'Look, there's a swing,' I said to her
'Can you remember how we were?
You'd push me high
I seemed to fly ...
Let me fly high again – once more!'*

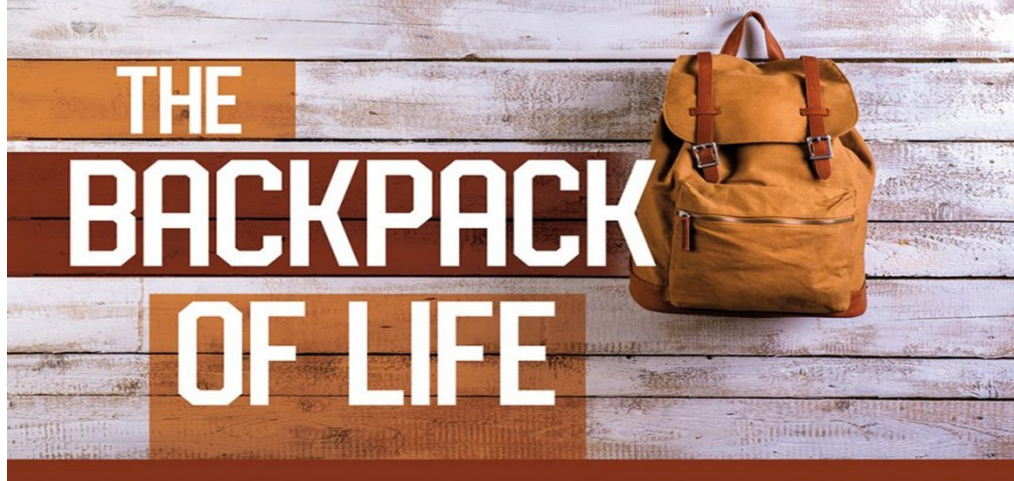
*The band was playing as we passed
We found our feet were moving fast
We jigged and swayed
Great moves we made
And we surely had a blast!*

*'Ice-cream now!' we said together
'It's just the right sort of weather!'
Both feeling merry
We bought strawberry
And said, 'It's time to take a breather.'*

*We'd done the ducks, the swings, the
band,
Now with an ice-cream in our hand,
We sat beneath a leafy tree
And ate and drank our morning tea
And talked of things we'd understand.*

*We reminisced about schooldays
Remembering the crazy ways
We'd acted up, got into trouble,
Till ... 'Stop that now, on the double,'
Brought us under teacher's gaze.*

*Now here we are, though old and grey,
We still know how to laugh and play,
With stories, memories and fun –
Reminding us, we once were young
But can still enjoy each passing day!*



The youth blessed us all with a fabulous service which they planned and presented on the 31st of July. It was fabulous to see over 20 young people involved.

The gist of their message was about balance and finding that balance in life. Here is an excerpt from the service for your reading pleasure...

The borders are open, and people are off having adventures, visiting family, attending conferences, having some rest and relaxation and generally enjoying the ability to travel outside of New Zealand. When we talk about the adventures of life, however, we need to think about what the most useful things are to pack.

When we are younger what will be the most useful things to pack, to keep you alive, happy and healthy? Definitely something nourishing to eat and drink, something to keep you warm and dry and some really good friends. How about something to keep you connected to family who love you? A cellphone? A soft toy?

As you grow older, what else would you add to that backpack?

Maybe some courage, a love of learning and maybe perseverance and the willingness to work hard? What about a dream or two, an understanding of what you love doing and an awareness of what you are good at doing? Definitely a good sense of humour? Perhaps a sense that the world is more than just about us and that sometimes bad things do happen. Maybe we need to pack some resilience too. How about a way that we can help others and a purpose and goals in life.

It is a bit like a juggling act really. Sometimes we just try and do too much at the same time. But we have to make sure we can catch the balls we are juggling.

Now what about the adults? What's in the adults suitcases? Maybe you have those same things but have you also got a whole pile of other things too? So much that you sometimes have to sit on your suitcase to get it shut?

friends and family around them to help and support them throughout life. Even Jesus had his disciples to talk to and travel with!

In Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 we read...

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken”

Shouldering other people’s worries and concerns can be, well, a burden, and sometimes we don’t feel like being a part of whatever turmoil our friends might be going through. But a problem shared is a problem halved, and Scripture encourages us to “carry each other’s burdens”.

This doesn’t mean we are responsible in fixing or solving our friends’ problems, we’re not their Saviour. Instead, it’s about offering a listening ear, lending help where and when it’s practical, pray for them.

*For every problem you have, God has infinite answers to solve it.
For every burden you carry, God has infinite hands to carry it.*

The question isn’t whether we’re burdened, it’s how we deal with that burden.

Do we seek to shift it or to work it off?

To carry it until it crushes us or to give it to God



Is your suitcase stuffed full of responsibilities, money worries, children's activities, health, work, sports, hobbies, extended family commitments and schedules and diaries...? Have you ever felt that you could not fit another thing in it if you tried?

Sometimes the best thing we can do is have a good hard look at the suitcase we are carrying and realise we need to make some space. We need to put down some heavy stuff. Perhaps it is time to give some of it off to God and let go.

What did Jesus say?



Jesus said to the fisherman, "Follow me". And they did. Immediately. They left their nets behind and went. Wow! They did not even pack a thing.

As we read in Matthew 11: 28-30...

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Ask someone who is busy how they add something new? No matter how organised they are, they need to give the things they are already doing less time, whenever something new is added in. Our life is like having a suitcase full of clothes and trying to add in another item. Either we take something out, or everything gets squashed more tightly.

Sometimes you need to ask yourself, "What do I need to take out so there is more room?"

To make time for the really important things, ask yourself "What do I need to do less of?"

Sometimes we need to change our priorities to make space for something new. A new thing that God might be calling us to do. As the farmer burns off the stubble of the old crop before re-planting, so we need to clear things away to make space for what might come next. Maybe it is just to let the past simply be, so there is new energy for the present and future.

Sometimes our burden may not be about how much we carrying but about how long we are carrying it for.

We often think solving issues by ourselves is quicker and easier, but God has put people around us for a reason. There are many examples in the bible where people had

BECKY'S CORNER

At the service on Sunday the 26th of September, we were lucky enough to have young Becky O'Leary share the speech she wrote on the perils of ocean rubbish. She has graciously allowed us to reprint in Charter so that those who missed it can also have the opportunity to reflect on her research. It is also great for those of us who listened to her in that service to have the opportunity to "hear" her message again...

How would you feel if you were tangled up underwater, knowing you were stuck and could die any second?

This is what happens to 136,00 seals, sea lions and large whales each year. In fact, 7-10% of sea lions and huge humpback whale populations are injured or killed by entanglement in rubbish, ghost gear or debris. This is the result of 640,000 tons of fishing gear dumped in the ocean each year.

These animals are just swimming along looking for food. They see something attractive and then they swim up to it, but it is too late, they are stuck. The animals try to escape but in doing so, they just make it worse. Unless someone rescues them, they die.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is at least 79,000 tons of plastic floating in the sea in an area 1.6 million kilometres squared – roughly the size of France. It is located between California and Hawaii.

Ghost nets make up one third of marine litter found in European seas or over 11,000 tons per year. Altogether about 20% of all fishing gear is lost at sea. For every 125 tons of fish caught about 1 ton of gear is also lost or discarded.

Causes of this large amount of lost fishing equipment (aka. ghost gear) include bad weather, accidents, breakage, entanglements, and disposal facilities that are not available, expensive or inaccessible. At the moment only about 1.5% of used or broken fishing gear is effectively recycled.

There is a drive to enforce stricter regulations and to put markings on fishing gear to prevent companies from ditching plastics in the sea. There is also work being done to improve disposal facilities and make disposal cheaper. The Global Ghost Gear initiative is lobbying companies, governments, tech firms and charities to reduce and remove ghost gear from the ocean and organise for fishing gear to be recycled. For more information visit www.ghostgear.org

Still want to eat wild caught fish? I'm not so sure anymore.....



CHARTWELL COOPERATING CHURCH LAND STORY

The Methodist Church has required that the Land Story of all their properties be investigated, so that is what Seddon Polglase and Brian Ensor have done on our behalf. They presented the completed story to interested church members on 20th September and a copy will soon go in the Church Library for you to borrow.

They described the land, Māori connection to the land and pre-European occupation



of Waikato. Ngati Wairere would regard themselves as mana whenua of the Chartwell area and the three sub-hapu most likely to be linked to our church land are Ngati Waikai, Ngati Parekirangi and Ngati Iranui. Archaeological evidence of habitation near the Chartwell area was when an ancient cultivation ground was uncovered in 1999 on the corner of Hukanui Rd and Wairere Drive, during stage two of the construction of Wairere Drive, Chartwell. Excavation revealed charcoal deposits carbon dated to between 1500 and 1625.

We were shown maps of most of New Zealand heavily forested, less so after Polyneesian arrival around 1280 AD when burning of some of the forest was practised. By 1840 Hamilton city was devoid of indigenous forest. 87% Of the land was scrubland. Ferns grew easily in the cleared land. Young fern roots and imported kumara were important food sources for the Māori along with birds and fish.

From the early 1830s Europeans slowly started to arrive in the Waikato. Local Māori had been aware of Europeans and their tools and technology well before they appeared in the Waikato. In the 1830s and 1840s pioneer missionaries started to arrive. They taught Waikato Māori European-style farming and methods of cultivation. Between 1845 and 1855 large areas of wheat were grown, groves of fruit trees yielded in abundance and nineteen potato patches produced good crops. The river was busy as goods were carried to a trading post near Waiuku. Yet there were still very few European settlers. It was Auckland businessmen who recognised the potential of the Waikato but deplored its minimal pakeha involvement. The desire of these few Aucklanders to gain control of the river lands was one of the important causes of the subsequent Waikato War.

Māori resistance to selling land had been increasing, and in 1857 selecting a Māori king with a similar status as the British monarchy was seen as a way of halting the alienation of Māori land by British colonists. The government of the day interpreted the establishment of the King Movement as a direct challenge to the authority of Queen Victoria and the Crown, thereby restricting European settlement in the Waikato.

Sir George Grey as Governor warned the Waikato iwi that if they took up arms against British soldiers, resistance would be defined as rebellion, providing justification for land confiscation. The resultant conflict which lasted nine months concluded with the battle of Orakau on 2nd April 1864. Consequently, large tracts of land, 1.2 million acres, were confiscated under the New Zealand Settlement Act 1863 for settlement of European immigrants. This confiscation of Waikato land had a vast and devastating impact on Māori who, having lost many lives, now lost land and resources, Ngati Wairere among them.

Occupation of confiscated land was needed to stop the return of Māori to their

homes. A special regiment of militia were recruited from Melbourne and Sydney who were given free grants of land. The acreage depended on their rank. The 4th Regiment proceeded to Kirikiriroa on August 24th, 1864 on the vessel Rangiriri and landed at the abandoned Kirikiriroa Pa. This was a convenient landing place for river boats and remained the key to transport as it had been for the Māori. Within a year there were huts and stores around the redoubts on both sides of the river, Hamilton East and West. Colonel William Moule called the new town Hamilton in honour of a captain who died in action at Gate Pa. Most of the militia had little farming experience and no capital. Many of the militia sold their land as soon as they had done their three years duty and left. Eventually the land was cleared and drained by land companies and by the 1860s and 1870s Waikato farmers were raising cattle and sheep and growing root and grain crops.

It is reasonable to assume that most of the Chartwell area was used for dairying. The flat and rolling land and climate was good for raising dairy cows. In the early days of New Zealand settlement, butter was the only dairy product with a marketable value. As late as the 1880s butter that was surplus to a family's requirements was often bartered at the local store and swapped for food or farm tools. The shopkeeper would then sell the butter for a profit. From 1882 refrigerated shipping allowed perishable goods to be exported and the farming industry grew from strength to strength.

The NZ Settlements Act 1963 and subsequent amendments provided for the establishment of a compensation Court to determine claims filed by 'loyal' Māori. Instead of the restoration of their original land, Māori were offered other bits of land, a fraction of their land, or money. The land in Kirikiriroa set aside for militia occupation



was not going to be returned. It was for settlers, and Ngati Wairere were bundled up with rebels. While the Crown eventually returned to Māori 25% of the confiscated Waikato land, none of Ngati Wairere's land in town was returned. Waikato-Tainui, along with Ngai Tahu, were the first iwi to negotiate settlements with the Crown and in 1995 after lengthy negotiations a final Deed of Settlement was signed by both parties. Land that the University of Waikato sits on, originally inhabited by Ngati Wairere and Ngati Haua, was returned, vested in the title of the first Māori King, Potatau Te Wherowhero. A key component of the settlement was the formal apology from the Crown acknowledging its wrongdoing. Queen Elizabeth signed the Act that made the settlement law in 1995.

In the copy of Our Land Story, in the Appendix there is a list of all the Land Titles from 1867 to 1922 when John Ward Meluish Chapman bought 33 acres bordered by Bankwood Rd and Comries Rd. John farmed the land until the 1950s when he was approached by the education authorities to make land available for the establishment of Bankwood School. The development was followed by residential subdivision, resulting in the establishment of the suburb of Chartwell. Our Church site has three titles. In the early 1960s the Methodists became interested in working in the Chartwell area as an extension of Wesley Church in Heaphy Terrace. So, in 1963 John and Gladys Chapman, local Methodist laypeople, gifted three quarters of an acre on the corner of Belmont St and Comries Rd to the Methodist Church. In 1967 an additional two sections were sold to the Methodist Church, paid for from a Methodist Women's Building fund achieved by catering at stock sales.

Because the Wesley Church did not have the resources to undertake a major extension in the area, discussion took place with the Anglicans and Presbyterians and plans for combined worship and resource pooling developed. By local agreement joint services were held initially in the St Alban's Hall, built in 1960 at the corner of Herbert and Comries Rds. These began in 1966. In 1973 the Anglican Hall was moved on to the current site and with the help of a generous grant from the Presbyterian church and a modest loan, extensions were carried out. Over the years further extensions have occurred, and a chapel added.

The *'Fifty Years Together: 1966 – 2016'* outlines how Chartwell Church has evolved – a great example of how church union can work.

PDF copies of the following publications are available from Alec Utting

- Chartwell Cooperating Church Land Story
- Fifty Years Together 1966-2016
- Thirty Years Together 1966-1996
- Twentyfive years Together 1966-1992

These may be obtained by emailing judyalec@gmail.com

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOTS



ABOVE: Men's Dinner in September. A great feast and some really interesting discussion time. The next Men's Dinner is in November on Thursday the 10th.

RIGHT: Messy Church in August and September focused on our uniqueness and on inclusiveness. So much creativity and yummy food crafts enjoyed by all present.

BELOW: English Classes held weekly at Chartwell on a Tuesday evening. We have had some great attendance each week and have met some fabulous people. We recently enjoyed a shared meal with all our families.







ABOVE: Some members of Chartwell’s VIBE youth group, cooked, packed and distributed 65 meals at The Serve on the 27th September. This is something VIBE group do on an annual basis.

BELOW: This Season of Creation, it was a lovely to have Kristel from A Rocha Aotearoa NZ visit us, connect with us and hear about the good work we are doing. It was also great to have a light lunch and hear from the Para Kore zero waste wānanga more recently.





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Light Party 2022

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5:15pm-7pm

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Fancy dress is encouraged.
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CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

We greatly appreciate the many books gifted to our Library. Two recent additions are **Living Lightly: The Busy Person’s Guide to Mindful Consumption**, by Nicola Turner. She lists a process for sorting out waste in this order – Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Recycle, Landfill. As we look at home for things for the Church Fair, I found this helpful.

The second book is **60 70 80 90: Planning ahead for satisfying senior years**. It is written by David C Pratt. I got to know David, when I began ministry in Wanganui 39 years ago. I joined an informal team of four ministers, two Methodist and two Presbyterian, including David. His own experience of suffering a serious and unexpected illness at 65, sharpened his awareness of the issues. I recommend both these books.

Shalom,

Jan Calvert



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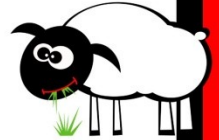


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MESSY NATIVITY

SHEEP TRAIL



SCAVENGER

HUNT 2022

In December we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. The first people to hear about the birth of Jesus were the shepherds in the fields watching and protecting their sheep.

One of the shepherds wants to go and see baby Jesus, but he can't find all his sheep! He knows that he went into some of the shops at Chartwell Mall, Lyndon Court and Queenwood - will you help him find his missing sheep?

The Messy Nativity Sheep Trail is on again in 2022.

*It is an activity run in collaboration with
Chartwell Cooperating Church and local community businesses.*

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Entries open on the 1st of November and close 5:30pm Thursday 24th November

*Prize draw will take place during our Messy Christmas
celebrations on Sunday November 27th from 4-5:30pm.*



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