

Charter

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Celebrating the King's Coronation at Selwyn

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MILESTONES

Compiled by GWEN KENTISH

Deaths: We offer condolences to those who have lost family members in the past three months:

- Gloria Zanders son in law and her daughter Kirsten's husband, DEREK FRET-WELL, died on March the 16th.
- JOCK CRAWFORD, died on the 9th of April. A celebration of Jock’s life was held at Woolerton’s funeral home chapel on 13th April as our school holiday programme was being held in the church and hall. Our love and sympathy are extended to Lee and their family.
- JEAN BENNETT, mother of Nick and Sioux, died on the 30th April. Her service was held at Chartwell Cooperating church on the 4th of May.
- ALAN PEARSON, one of the longest serving members of the Kakapo group, has died and his service was held in the White Rose Chapel on the 29th of May. His wife Shirley was one of our organists and pianists for our church choir for a number of years.

Baptism: On Palm Sunday April the 2nd, LAURA BARTON from our youth group was welcomed into the body of the church as a member. Her parents, Tom and Shannon Barton were with her.

Minister's Report and Reflection



Jesus prays to God, "...I am not praying just for these followers. I am also praying for everyone else who will have faith because of what my followers will say about me. I want all of them to be one with each other, just as I am one with you and you are one with me. I also want them to be one with us. Then the people of this world will believe that you sent me." John 17:20-21

This month we have the pleasure of welcoming Sylvia O'Leary as our new Parish Administrator. Nau mai haere mai to the team, Sylvia! We are very thrilled that you responded to God's call to service in this role. We are confident that who you are and the skills that you bring will contribute greatly to God's mission in and through Chartwell church. We pray that you will find your role fulfilling. May God bless you and your whanau (family).

Our heartfelt thanks to Keri Wilson, for her many years of faithful and efficient service as our Parish Administrator. Keri was very efficient, helpful, and reliable. Her service has been very much appreciated. We wish her the very best and pray for God's blessings upon her.

We also had an opportunity to share our love and thanks to Rev. Sharon Ross-Ensor and Dr Brian Ensor. Sharon provided ministry not only as a Stated Supply Minister but also voluntarily. She was our Worship Team Coordinator, facilitated Insight Services, and coordinated our Parish's Eco Church team, leading us to be the first church in Hamilton to join the Eco Church Network NZ. Brian was also a valued member of our parish and contributed significantly to the Land Story, alongside Seddon Polglase, which was published in 2022. We pray God's peace and blessings as they continue to serve God and God's people in their new community.

Some of the special services and events include Waste audit with Pare Kore (part of our Eco Church Journey) led by Paul Murray (Sunday March 5); a Celebration of Baptism of Laura Barton (April 2); a very meaningful Tenebrae Service lead by Rev. Gloria Zanders (April 6); Good Friday Procession of the Cross from our church to Fairfield Baptist Church for combined Good Friday service (April 7); Healing Prayer Service (April 30); Newcomer's morning tea (April 30); and monthly Parish Lunch at 11:45 am on the first Sundays of the month. Insight hosted our first lunch on May 7.

In my Minster's Report for the previous issue of Charter (Feb. 24, 2023), I shared briefly on reconciliation, and how we might navigate dynamics of human relationships, as followers of Jesus. In this issue, I would like to share my thoughts on **Integrity in Diversity**.

Growing up in India gives one the privilege of experiencing diversity. Whether we see it as a blessing or curse will depend on our perspective. If we are to imagine diversity as a spice of life, that really does sound good, right? What if you don't like spices? By default, we grew up speaking multiple languages. Attending English medium schools, with Hindi as a compulsory subject in every school in India, many Indians would speak at least three languages; Cultural diversity with every region in India having its own unique flavour; Add into the mix, multiplicity of religions with India being the birthplace of major religions of the world like Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism; and a tiny minority of Christians which make up about 2.3 percent of India's 1.2 billion.

What about ethnicity? Aren't all Indians the same? In my experience of living in New Zealand, Indians are certainly not considered as Asians. I have been told many times, "you don't look Indian, you look more like an Asian." Also, having lived in both rural and urban NZ, there is a deep seated and implicit gendered expectation of a role of a Vicar or Minister. Human experiences shape and influences the lens that we see the world. Consciously and unconsciously, we nurture habits as well as biases. So, when we say, here at Chartwell Church, we are an inclusive and welcoming community, what are we saying?

Over the past 18 months, I have been humbled by your dedication to God's mission expressed through prayers, time, skills, resources, and finances to strengthen God's work. We have collectively gone through an enormous amount of change. Both in the global scene and locally here in the Parish community. Most of us have the privilege of choice that we exercise each day. In our life together, God's love and grace is made visible through our relationships and interactions.

Decades ago, when I first encountered the concepts of unity in diversity in the context of ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, I thought they made sense. I have tried to live by these principles since. I also accepted these as Christian principles, because as Paul writes in 1 Cor 12, we are about "one body with many parts." Didn't Jesus also pray to God that we will all be one (John 17, one of my favourite passages in the Bible). The idea of unity not uniformity in diversity is not novel. Neither is the politics of identities- faith, culture, gender, ethnicities, and religion. However, recently, I have been contemplating on the idea of integrity in diversity. Can integrities collide? I think the answer is yes. Can we therefore say, integrity makes diversity? Being multi almost everything- languages, religions, ethnicities, tradition,

and cultural, irrespective of one's opinion, does add spice to life.

The Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity- God the Three in One- God the Father/ Mother, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, is a mysteriously beautiful metaphor for relationality. The essence of individual exists in relationship with the other. When we begin to imagine or re-imagine ourselves in the context of the whole created order both on a universal and a local level, I believe our sense of integrity in diversity would be more coherent. One would start becoming more aware of God, the self, and one's relationship with all that is gone, all that is to be, and all that is. Apply this in the context of faith, human relationships, the environment, and it all starts to make sense. Or perhaps, it gradually will? For those of us who claim to follow Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life, let us open our mind in humility, and our faith-eyes to what is beyond our perception. It is a choice we have the privilege to exercise.

In Christ's service,
Jekheli Kibami Singh
May 27, 2023

weekly
PRAYER
MEETING

Friday @ 9:30 am

Morning tea will be provided after the prayer meeting
we will enjoy fellowship together
Daniel Park 021 415 204

Upcoming EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday June 11 at 9.30 am in the worship centre

PATRONAL FESTIVAL EVENT

Saturday 17 at 1:30 pm in the Hall

Please bring a plate for shared afternoon tea

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr David Lawson from CWS

Sunday June 18 at 8 am & 9.30 am in the Worship Centre. A love offering to be collected for CWS

DINNER EVENT

Thursday June 22 at 6 pm in the Hall

Speakers: Serrina & Ryan Malcom

PARISH QUIET DAY with Bishop David Moxon

Saturday June 24 at 10 am to 3 pm

Theme: God is Love

Morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch.

SPEAKER: Mr Michael Hartfield, Anglican Missions

Sunday July 16 at 8 am & 9.30 am

NAU MAI HAERE MAI ALL WELCOME

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PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Romans 8: 28 “All things work together for good to those who love God.”

Office Administrator - We thank Keri for her service to our church. She has served us well in the nine years that she has been with the church. We also wish her God’s blessings in her new endeavour.

New Office Administrator - A huge THANK YOU to the Executive Committee in their recruitment work. A HUGE THANK too, to all those volunteers who came in to fill the role of the Administrator while the Executive Committee searched for a suitable candidate. Thanks be to God that they were able to recruit a new person. Congratulations to Sylvia O’Leary on her new appointment. She started her role on 23 June 2023.

Parish Council Appointments— Sylvia O’Leary and Ray Mudford have stepped down from Parish Council. We thank them for their time, efforts and willingness to be involved at that level. We welcome Ryan Malcolm who answered the call, in our search for new members. He was co-opted in as a new member on April 25 after initially attending our meeting in March.

Our Facility - We are also excited to share our facility with other groups, to promote and share diversity, and inclusiveness, whakawhanaungatanga and manaakitanga.

Work on improving the structure/maintenance of our building continues.

Other Activities within our Church Community-

a) Children, Youth & Family - we continue to grow and our new Coordinator/facilitator has fit in seamlessly and it's great to see that our young people continue to grow- Thanks be to God.

b) Community Outreach - This has also continued to grow, in particular the English class. As many as 34 individuals from various countries continue to attend class on Tuesdays, i.e. Russia, China, Korea, India, and a few others. Great thanks to David and his group of volunteers.

Thanks be to God and thank you for all that you do for our church community. We do have need of some specific help at the moment. Please read on to see if you can help us.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

The last few months have been a blur for the Executive Team. With Keri's departure for pastures new, the Team was faced with not only working through the recruitment process for a new Parish Administrator but also ensuring that the day-to-day operations of the office would proceed.

The recruitment process was a success with four candidates out of fourteen applicants being offered an interview. The standard was very high which made deciding the best candidate rather tricky. A good position to be in. We are very pleased have our very own Sylvia O'Leary join us as the new Parish Administrator.

1. A huge thank you must go to the bevy of volunteers and the Executive Team members for keeping the office afloat and for continuing to support Sylvia as she learns the role. For the next few months the Executive Team will be focusing on fundraising and risk management.



Chartwell Church needs you!

Chartwell Church's building is a great place to worship and is home to many community groups. Opening our spiritual home to the wider community is part of our mission to be the hands and feet of Christ.

This commitment doesn't run on good vibes alone. It takes rather a lot of money. We are in a bit of a short-term hole where expenditure is exceeding income. We need your help to plug that gap while we work on a long-term financial strategy.

If you are able to make a one-off donation or increase your regular giving, that would be fantastic. We all want Chartwell Church to continue to be the wonderful church it is and it will do so with your help.

Thanks in Christ from all of us on the Executive Team and Parish Council.

FINANCE REPORT

The parish is facing some tough choices in the very near future as expenses are continuing to exceed income and cash reserves are quickly depleting. We need to find ways of increasing our income and/or cutting our costs urgently.

Year to date finances (to 30th April)

| | 10 mths to Apr 23 | Budget | Apr-22 |
|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Giving | 176,521 | 182,750 | 195,022 |
| Fair/sale of donated goods | 17,082 | 18,500 | 19,150 |
| Hall/facility hire | 20,633 | 23,500 | 14,464 |
| Grants (excl those incl in Outreach) | 28,233 | 23,581 | 12,650 |
| Other income (Outreach, Interest) | 20,470 | 15,686 | 17,269 |
| Total income | 262,939 | 264,017 | 258,555 |
| Admin | 71,267 | 69,028 | 62,953 |
| Ministry | 154,490 | 141,461 | 114,279 |
| Property | 35,058 | 39,500 | 29,422 |
| Assessments and Missions | 20,048 | 22,560 | 19,794 |
| Total Expenses | 280,863 | 272,549 | 226,448 |
| Surplus/(deficit) before depreciation | (17,924) | (8,532) | 32,107 |

Income

- ★ Total parish income is similar to budget, however underneath this headline there are a number of concerns:
 - Income from giving is around \$7,000 less than budget and \$19k less than last year
 - Income from Hall hire is around \$3,000 less than budget. Last year was even lower because of Covid lockdowns.
 - The fair and related trade me sales have returned \$17,000 (after costs), compared to a budget of \$18,500.
 - Grant income is only higher than budget because an extra grant was made by the Anglican Diocese to support additional ministry costs while Jekheli was on leave between Oct-Dec last year. An additional grant has been received from the Hamilton Methodist Trust to support our community connection facilitator role, but this only covers half the cost.

Costs

* **Ministry related costs** are \$13,000 higher than budget YTD, reflecting:

- Cover while Jekheli was away
- Increased pay rates
- Paying for two youth and family coordinators concurrently during the transition between coordinators.
- The community connection facilitator role was included in the budget but was unfunded, contributing to a budgeted deficit. This role is still only partially funded by a grant from the Hamilton Methodist Trust.

* **Property costs** are under budget:

- R&M spending has been low. Only \$11k has been spent out of a budget of \$20k.
- This hides the fact that insurance costs have increased significantly (>50%). The budget was based on last years insurance cost of \$934+GST, but we now pay \$1,591+GST per month, so we have spent \$5,456 more than budgeted in the 10 months to April. We have no choice over this. The title to the property is held in the Methodist Church and they source insurance for all their properties to ensure consistency and adequacy of cover and a good deal through pooling. Insurance is simply a lot more expensive for everyone.

* **Assessments and mission:**

- \$1,739+GST monthly for assessments to our parent churches (rotating basis, currently Methodist). Last year this cost was \$1,313+GST per month. Again we have no control over this spend - it is levied based on our reported income and the percentage has had to increase to cover higher costs at parent church level after being held back at lower levels in prior years because of Covid.

FUNDRAISING

A few weeks ago we received very good news that the new Methodist Green Grant Putea Tiaki Taiao had approved our application for \$10,000 for the solar power project.

It probably seems ironic that we have received such a big grant but are still struggling to keep expenditure less than income. It's the nature of a grant though that it must be used for the purpose for which it was applied rather than being used for general operating expenses.

JEAN HORN

One of our most senior parishioners, Jean Horn will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 26th. Her parents William and Alice Muriel Morrison farmed on Ohaupo Road following on from grandparents James and Alice Melville. Jean had four brothers and a twin sister Muriel.



The arrival of the twins indicated to the local community group that it was time a school was built and Melville School was built across the road from the farm; a branch of Hamilton West School only going as far as Standard Three. When Jean reached Standard Four she walked the two miles to the Hamilton West School, arriving finally after walking up the steps in Garden Place.

Before war broke out, Jean completed a one year shorthand typing course at Brains College in the city which led to her employment as a shorthand typist at the Waikato Hospital administration office. As this was deemed an “essential industry” she remained there for the duration of the war while others were directed to less convivial work.

Every Sunday she biked to St Pauls Methodist Church in London Street to the Bible Class led by Joy Petch. This was a very meaningful time for her while she was living with the daily anxiety for her brothers fighting the war overseas. Post war she moved to New Plymouth Hospital where she completed her general nursing training.

In 1950 she married George Horn who was farming in Elstow near Te Aroha where they raised their four children. In the early 1980's they retired to Maraetai Beach, but when George's health deteriorated ten years later, they settled in Chartwell and Jean started attending St Albans. After George's death in 1999, Jean became actively involved in pastoral care. For ten years she was the first visitor of all newcomers, a very valuable role. Jean joined the Monday Tai Chi class in the church hall and at last had time to enjoy painting. She has been part of many Exhibitions of local group artists and five years ago had her first solo Exhibition.

While appreciating the ecumenical strengths at Chartwell Church, Jean has always treasured her Methodist tradition as being unique. Her brother Bill Morrison was the Methodist minister in Hillcrest when in 1974 he became President of the Methodist church for two years. As she now approaches this new milestone of 100 years, her doctor once asked her, “To what do you attribute your long life?” She replied, “I chose the right parents.”

Written by Gwen Kentish



Selwyn Centre

Friendship & support for older people

After a two year break at Hamilton Gardens Festival, Chartwell Selwyn Centre was joined by folk from Morrinsville and St Luke's Selwyn Centres at the Sunset Symphony. With seating and a tent supplied, the evening of music ending in fireworks, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

In February, Ian was the seventh in our centre to turn ninety years, celebrated with his special cake before we heard of the many varied branches of Warwick and Jan's lives over the years. Jack and Kobi shared their trip back to Holland visiting family and including a wonderful river cruise from Budapest up to Amsterdam.

Nadine and Elaine from Monday night Indoor bowls helped novice players and those more experienced to enjoy a few games, with one couple joining their club.

Several of our guests are finding living independently in the community increasingly difficult due to ageing process or illness. On 23rd March, Margaret Fish spoke about the support available in New Zealand to enable people to have maximum quality of life and live safely. This was followed up on the 18th May with a panel of residents from nine different retirement villages and homes. They were asked various questions which gave us all general and specific things to consider. Several on the panel suggested looking ahead while you are still able and considering moving while relatively active to make new friends and join in activities.

A return visit to Creative Fibre at Hamilton East gave the women a chance to show their creations and learn from those present. Meanwhile the men visited Ray Mudford and his trains. St Luke's Selwyn Centre came to visit us on 20th April. Guests from both



groups were divided into mixed teams and their co-ordinator Kathy Brown lead a Jeopardy Quiz which was a lot of fun. Visits to and from other Selwyn Centres increase our social contacts, with a trip to Morrinsville Selwyn Centre coming up in July.

Guests and volunteers worked together to put up a display in the church foyer for ANZAC, with some guests making wool-len and paper poppies.

A visit from Irene of the St Johns Health Shuttle informed us of the transport support available to meet our community needs – for appointments, but also for community activities which support our well-being – like attending Selwyn Centre for exercise and socialisation.

Recently Derek shared his life story, from Ireland to NZ. This was followed by Alec and Judy telling about their experience living in Christchurch through the earthquakes from a personal and practical perspective.

Our biggest event has been the celebration of the coronation of King Charles III. Dressed in their finery, the guests and volunteers with the help of “Bishop” Ray, shared in the celebration with Allan (88) and Wendy (90) playing Charles and Camilla with



SELWYN CHARTWELL

4 MAY 2023





grace and style. Ian shared how he was one of the troops for Queen Elizabeth’s coronation and others shared their experiences on the day and later during her visit to NZ. This was followed by a delicious high tea which included cucumber sandwiches – and two marmalade ones I hear.

We are currently adding a seated section alongside the standing part of our Falls Prevention video programme and adding music, planning to achieve a final product which will be branded Selwyn Centre to use nationally.

While we have had a couple of new members recently, there is still room for one or two more at present if you are aware of anyone who is lonely or socially isolated.

Helen McAlpine
Chartwell Selwyn Centre co-ordinator

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH @ CHUCRH

On May 7th our first soup and rolls parish lunch for 2023 was held in the church hall. Insight were the hosts for this event. A group of about 30 enjoyed a variety of delicious soups, rolls and slices and a great time of fellowship together. Our next parish lunch is at 11.45 on Sunday June 4th and will be hosted by our church catering group. We will be continuing these lunches through winter on the first Sunday of the month so do come along when you can and join in. If you have any questions please contact Evelyn Johnston on 8552917

Koha/Donation will be appreciated

First Sundays of the Month in the Church Hall

Chartwell Church

SOUP

PARISH LUNCH

Time
11:45am

Host for
June the 4th
:Catering
Group

For further informantion please contact: Everlyn Johnson 07 855 2917

CHARTWELL GOLD CLUB

CHARTWELL GOLD CLUB is a senior's group which meet on the second Wednesday of each month, usually at 1pm in the Church Hall.

This year we have enjoyed a games afternoon, a trip to the Berry Farm where we enjoyed fruit ice-cream. We have also been blessed to have a variety of great speakers including Carol Webb sharing with us how she organized the community Christmas Lunch at the Cathedral last year and her experiences as a teacher aide at Fairfield College and a representative to lobby the government for a pay increase and better conditions. Rev Jekheli showed us an interesting power point about where she was brought up in India and her life in India and New Zealand. Marilyn Richer shared how Rawleigh's started and memories of the "Rawleigh" man. Our meetings conclude with afternoon tea.

A number of members enjoyed the experience of travelling on the Te Huia train to The Strand and back and the different view you get from the train instead of the road.

For our June meeting we are enjoying lunch at Smith & McKenzie together.

This club have been meeting regularly for thirty six years and we would love to have you join us.

Please phone Ruth Bridge 855 6048 or Christine Polglase 855 3052 if interested.

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.

Deadline for next issue: Tuesday **20th August 2023**

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Youth in Action

Holiday Club & Easter Camp

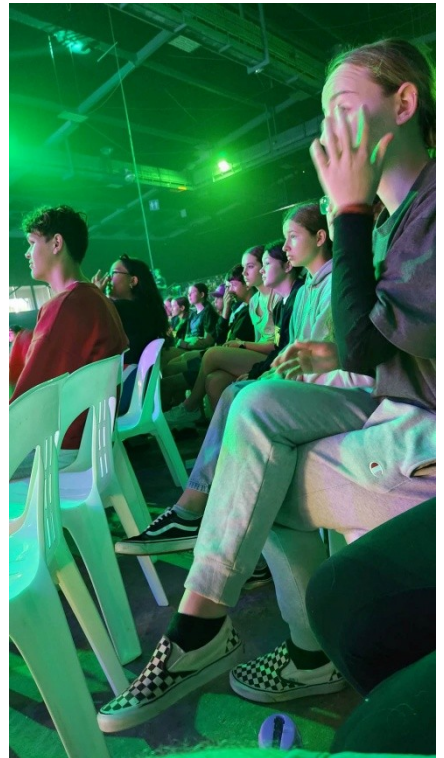


Holiday Club again was a hit with many children returning and some new faces. The children had a wonderful time doing crafts, playing games and going to the movies.





The youth went to Easter Camp again this year and had a blast, encountering God, staying up late, eating yummy food and just hanging out together in fellowship with each other.





On Saturday 6th May I attended the Kaimai Presbytery Gathering held at St. Peter's in the City, Tauranga. The theme for the day was taken from 1 Chronicles 12:32. "Understanding the times and knowing what to do." This is what the men of Issachar were credited with as they joined in the Lord's work. With this in mind the keynote speakers, Phil Guyan and Frank Ritchie, who are both involved in Media, spoke on Jesus through the media.

The men of Issachar were perceptive men who understood the political times. It is important for us to understand the times we live in. They spoke on three kinds of politics. Firstly, Geopolitics. What is going on around the world politically. NZ elections, cost of living, bi/multi culturalism, the Treaty of Waitangi.

Secondly, technology and its impact on society. The use of Artificial Intelligence, tools that can do in seconds what takes humans hours to do. Artificial Intelligence or AI will change peoples' lives. Robotics performing surgeries, driving bulldozers, drones and the use of them for good and bad. Space exploration. Combining robotics and artificial intelligence is mind blowing. Think about jobs being taken over by Robots.

Thirdly, sociocultural divisions or tribalism. People are getting angrier about all sorts of things. Social media rewards tribalism. They love to "dis" our enemy, hate our enemy, hate the detractors such as transgender rights, choose own gender, transgender equality in athletics, same sex marriage, to name a few. We are living in a unique time. Is the church "fit for purpose"?

God IS looking after his church so the world will be a better place.

Phil and Frank spoke about having strong opinions for and against these detractors. For example, the Pride Parade. You can be strongly against it or accept it with gentleness and love. Is there a way that brings life? Take the Gay Parade. The Auckland City Council would not pay for the clean up after the parade, so it was stopped. The church was very happy showing prejudice. There is a different way to look at things. In the U.S. one church went to the Gay Parade and gave our Mum Hugs and Dad Hugs which made people see Jesus in a different light.

Spread love. When thinking for or against ... there is a different way to look at things. Seek another way. Love your enemy.

As Christians we need to find ways to express love in a non-judgemental way. The church needs to be a refuge from judgementalism. Jesus used the prostitutes as an example. He who has no sin throw the first stone. Elevate relationships above dogma. Be willing to be misunderstood. God is at work everywhere.

After lunch I went to a workshop led by Ray Coster entitled “Our Ecumenical Family: It’s significant place in the future.” The question was asked, “How do sisters and brothers in Christ from different background work together for the work of Christ.” Ray represented NZ on the World Council of Churches (WCC) for nine years and had a wealth of experience to talk about this. The ecumenical family in WCC come together from a raft of different experiences for the love of Christ.

How do we work together to advance the Kingdom? Unity does not destroy differences. Unity takes the strength, the best of differences, uses them to build for the cause of Christ. WCC are called to the goal of Visible Unity of One Faith and Eucharistic Fellowship. WCC promote common witness in work for mission and evangelism. They work in regions and NZ is part of Asia. WCC believe in the Trinity. On the way to visible unity in one faith expressed in worship in communal life. The ecumenical family has a significant part to play in the church. Theologically... humanity should reflect the Trinity in their life. Unity brings opposites together in culture/race/class. The outcome is like precious oil poured on the heads. Makes us reflect the nature of Christ. Jesus said, “Love one another.”

Pragmatically, the task of advancing the Kingdom is too big to do alone. The ECC is very involved in working for peace in the Ukraine and Russia through the Orthodox church. Working for world peace is very difficult on your own. Together it is more doable. World influences are huge... World economy, World Banks, food shortages, oil shortages, etc.

Don’t give up your individuality but work together for the whole of the faith in Christ.

Thinking of our future church how can we, ecumenically, work more effectively in meeting human needs, justice and peace? What barriers do we need to break down to work more collaboratively with Christian brothers and sisters? The Kingdom of God versus our kingdom... parish survival.

At three pm I attended the Kaimai Presbytery meeting. The main discussion was about Narrows Park. There were two proposals.

1. That Kaimai Presbytery approve the sale of the Narrow Park Campsite at 442 Airport Road, Rukuhia for the sum of \$3,200,000 +GST, if any, as set out in the briefing paper dated 27 April 2023.
2. That if the sale becomes unconditional, Kaimai Presbytery take such steps as are necessary to promote amendment of the Trust Deed dated 18 October 2001 so that the Narrows Park Ministry Trust is no longer a controlled entity of the PCANZ.

Both proposals were agreed to. I do have more detailed information which I am willing to share with those who are interested.

Judi Roigard—Presbytery Representative for Chartwell Cooperating Church



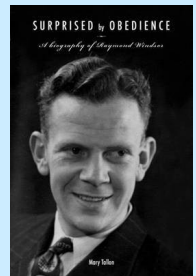
CHURCH LIBRARY NOTES

New Books for the library.

Three books : **Journey through Ecclesiastes**; **Journey Through John**; **Journey Through Judges**; all by different authors. They provide daily insights to inspire individuals towards a closer walk with God.



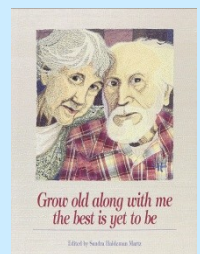
Surprised by Obedience, A Biography of Raymond Windsor by Mary Tallon. Ray showed what global cross-cultural service meant. He distilled the striking combination of extraordinary humility grafted into extraordinary gifts.



Grow old along with me the best is yet to be-

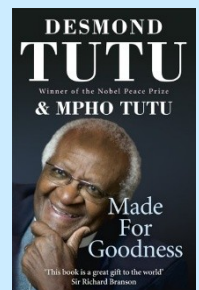
Edited by Sandra Haldeman Martz.

Our expectations about growing older have shifted dramatically, influenced by the prospects of longer life spans, increased awareness of health and fitness and more positive images of older people. A collection of poems, photos and stories.



Made For Goodness And why this makes all the difference by Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu.

The Tutu Family takes us back to that fundamental truth, showing us that at the end of the very worst day, it's in our DNA to look out for our brothers and sisters.



A Visual look at the latest Men's Dinners



A Visit to Eastwest College

On March 28th, Daniel took a group of parishioners out to visit Eastwest College off Gordonton Road. This is down College Road, a road we have driven past for a number of years, heard of, but not really known anything about.

Set in the Waikato countryside, Eastwest College is a tertiary college, accredited by the New Zealand Government, with a focus on equipping men and women to live and work as ambassadors of Christ in cross-cultural situations. A map on the wall in the dining room pinpointed forty-nine areas throughout the world where past students are now working.

The morning began for us with a morning tea where we sat amongst the students who explained how they learnt about the college and their studies. Students had come from many countries. They live on the grounds in individual flats and pay their own way. Daniel showed us where he and Dayana lived the two years they attended. We were then shown through the building – the classrooms and the extensive library. Then outside to see the lovely grounds where the Contemplative Garden has features representing the creation story, the Israelites leaving Egypt and the stages of Jesus' last days we remember at Easter.

We enjoyed the opportunity to be shown around and have all explained but people are welcome to visit and have a wander through the grounds at any time.

Rona Gooch





Maatariki 2023

COMBINED CHURCHES MAATARIKI EVENT

On the evening of the 29th June, a Matariki Seminar is being hosted at Fairfield Baptist Church. The seminar focuses on arriving at a better understanding around Matariki.

Matariki is now a public holiday in New Zealand and this year will be celebrated/observed on Friday 14th July. Fairfield Baptist Church and other churches in our community will have events planned over this weekend. We are however aware that many of us have questions around how Matariki fits with our Christian beliefs.

There will be more details to come around the structure and timing of the seminar on the 29th June, but in the meantime, it would be helpful for our preparation if you could email into the church office any questions you may have regarding Matariki, by the 5th of June.

We do hope you will plan to join us for this very informative evening.

Blessings on all,

Ross Woodhouse

Fairfield Baptist Church

Senior Pastor | Minita matua



Chartwell Church Dinner Event

DATE/TIME

June 22 6pm

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Guest Speakers

Serrina & Ryan
Malcolm



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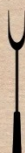
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As part of our Eco Church commitment, Chartwell Church has partnered with Para Kore. Para Kore is a waste minimisation organisation that offers various educational workshops, including a yearly waste audit. A waste audit helps identify opportunities to reduce waste to landfill. Chartwell Church had its first waste audit on Sunday the 5th of March. The Eco Church Committee will use the information from the waste audit and work with church staff and others to develop possible waste reduction actions.

Chartwell Cooperating Parish: Wehewehe Para | Waste Check

Kaupapa: Wehewehe Para | Waste Check Report
Rōpū: Chartwell Cooperating Parish
Te Rā: 5.3.23
Present: Paul Murray, Anna Casey-Cox, with Chartwell Parishioners

Purpose: *To assess what is currently going to landfill that could be diverted.*

Introduction

This was our first waste check at Chartwell. We were looking at (nearly) a week's worth of waste from the rubbish collection at the church centre.

We had these questions to answer:

- 1) Is there anything in the rubbish collection system that isn't actually rubbish?
- 2) How much of the rubbish could be recycled, composted, or reused?
- 3) What can we do to further reduce our rubbish volumes? What can we improve?

Findings - How Much of The Rubbish was not Really Rubbish?

We want to find as little divertable waste* in the rubbish sample as possible. We also want to see reduced rubbish volumes over time. These figures were based on a visual estimate.

| Year: | Period of time measured: | Total volume of waste collected | Divertible Waste found in Rubbish | Actual Landfill found in Rubbish |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2023 | (almost) 1 week | 1.25 bins | 40% | 60% |

1 bin = 60L

*Divertible waste can be diverted from landfill by composting, recycling, or reusing. This is stuff that should not have been in the rubbish collection given all the systems were in place to process this, e.g. compost systems and recycling collection or dropoff.

Summary: We want the divertable waste (highlighted yellow) to be the lowest score possible. A low number means you are getting things in the right places and that divertable waste, such as clean paper or food waste, is not ending up in the rubbish.

This was your first waste check, so this can be used as your baseline data. Making changes based on the recommendations below should see changes in the results the next time we do a waste check.

Recommendations

1. **Pepa Paru | Dirty Paper:** In order to compost it, you would need proper compost bays set up, alongside a large amount of green waste to layer it, as well as high levels of heat in order to process it safely and properly. We also discussed the tikanga around bathroom paper not going into food systems. But also, can we do things any differently? Single-use-anything will create waste. What is generating the volume of dirty paper? Would you consider other options? We discussed going up the waste hierarchy and about reusable options. Can we design this waste stream out?
2. **Hangarua | Recycling (cans, glass, plastics, paper, cardboard):** Do you need labelled bins in certain areas to collect these recyclable materials?
3. **Kirihou Ngohengohe | Soft Plastics:** These can be recycled in Hamilton. It requires setting up a system and a habit of separating out clean soft plastic wrappers (e.g. no food left in them). If you're motivated to do it, see <https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/> for locations and info on what can be recycled. As mentioned, you could use a larger plastic bag to collect these in, or a reusable sack and then take them to a collection point.
4. **Ruapara | Landfill Waste:** This is the category of waste that must go to landfill. It can seem the hardest to change because there are no recycling, reusing, or composting solutions for these materials. The only changes that can be made here are purchasing decisions - e.g. disposable, single use items. This is where 'avoid', 'refuse' and 'reduce' come into play.

Conclusions

As always, these waste checks highlight next steps for us to work on. We have to keep paddling the waka and have everyone on board doing their bit for this kaupapa to succeed. Thank you for the chance to take a peek into the waste systems at Chartwell Cooperating Parish. Nō reira, ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou o Chartwell Cooperating Parish, i tēnei kaupapa hei tiaki i a Papatūānuku rāua ko Ranginui. Congratulations on such an empowering and educational day for your church. Forward to Zero Waste!

“Riro Taonga Mai, Hoki Taonga Atu”.

We receive valuable resources from Papatūānuku, we return valuable resources to her.

Paul Murray - Kaiārahi Para Kore
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From Snoopy Zone to the Memorial Wall

It's not every day that a church is loaded onto a truck and driven up the road.

But it happened right across the road from us – the Bennett family – on a misty morning in 1973. Our dad Colin, an engineer, was an integral part of this relocation process, captured on video tapes now in the St Albans' collection.

Our family's close involvement with the parish had started not long before when we moved from Christchurch into a rather gloomy rental around the time of the church fair. Our mum Jean was struggling with the change. We were missing all kinds of household items and she knew no-one. Before long though, parishioners had lent us all we needed, pulled Mum into the guild and choir and discovered Dad could also sing and fix or design anything. Nick and myself were both in the popular youth group, later named Snoopy Zone, with other families well known to St Albans including the Miller's, Richard's, Crosbee's, McIntosh's and Kingsbury's.

As a family, much of our non-work and school time was taken up with activities including camps, retreats, study groups, supporting blood donations in the church hall, church theatrical presentations and Sunday services. We were both confirmed at St Albans and married at St Albans. When Dad died tragically young at 64 (nearly 30 years ago), the then minister (Florence) was right there with us. St Albans continued to support Mum in the following years and in the first week of May we held her funeral there, too. It would not have occurred to us to hold it anywhere else.

This parish has always been a safe and caring place for our family. We're intensely grateful for the love and support it has offered over many years whether from a little hall on the corner of Comries and Herbert roads or the much larger complex it has become. It's lovely to be able to remember parish members through the memorial wall and to feel part of a community however long between visits. Thank you to all the ministers over the years – from Geoff Crawshaw to Jekheli Singh - who have continued to welcome us back to Chartwell.

Sue Campbell (nee Bennett) and Nick Bennett.

Gratitude

I am thankful for my house; my bed and a sheltering roof over my head;

A toilet and a shower; my computer and my pets.

I am grateful for clean clothes and all of my belongings;

I am thankful for fresh water, healthy meals, not longing,
for the simple necessities to live.

I am lucky, I am privileged, and for all those who are not,

I admire your strength, at least you're truly grateful for the things you have got.

We live in a world where just life can be the cause of all our stress,

Little can find the happiness inside of all this mess.

But let's not forget the wonders of our Earth —

The sun, the trees, the skies, the whole universe.

We're welcomed to this world from the moment of our birth

And nature stays beside us we grow and age and learn, discovering our true worth.

I am thankful for the forests, and the animals all around;

The mountains, and the beaches and everything on or underground.

It's incredible to think about the science of it all,

Yet there's still so much to find and learn — the wonders of the world.

But would anything really matter without all the emotions and people in my life?

And, for them, I am most thankful, for if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be who

I am today.

Grace



Despair

Fragile, mishandled and trashed

will the feeling ever leave

This lifeless energy

Sense of love ripped from me

Now I feel uncomfortable

When I should feel beautiful

I'm no longer special

Forever damaged, fragile mishandled

I'm home made

Not factory bought

Can't be returned to the way I was

Now just another broken box

Isabelle

The internet and the World Wide Web (www) have opened up opportunities for people to learn and in some ways; it has made the world a smaller place. However, there are people and groups out there who use these modern tools to exploit others.



The cartoon on the left is what people experience by way of email on many days. In many ways the old saying of “If it sounds too good, it is”.

No matter how “tech savvy” you are there some simple things that we should all think about to make ourselves safe. All this “stuff” comes under the general heading of “cyber security”.

The most common forms of cyber-crime reported in New Zealand are computer viruses and malware, credit card fraud, online frauds, phishing (pronounced “fishing”), identity theft and mail take-

overs. There are no guarantees and the days of “lone wolf” individuals working by themselves in isolation are long gone. Today there are vast networks of organisations and some nations actively involved in cyber-crime.

Here is a list of simple steps that can be taken to protect yourself.

1. Protect your Computer

- Ensure that the computer itself is in a safe place and less likely to be visible to the outside world.
- Ensure that users have a strong password to logon onto the computer (NOT password, password123, 123456, 1111111, etc.).
- Ensure that you have anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall software installed, that it is working and that the software you use is kept up to date. All modern operating systems (such as Microsoft Windows 10 and 11) have firewalls and some sort of anti-spyware/malware software built into them

(Microsoft Security Essentials). As a bare minimum, activate them and ensure they are kept up-to-date). There are also free systems available and subscription based products available. Google “5 best anti spyware” or 5 best antivirus” systems, read the reviews from several sources.

- Make sure that the operating system you use (like Microsoft Windows 10, Windows 11, Apple IOS, and Linux) and applications (like Office) and other programs are updated with the latest versions or updated as soon as they become available. Using older operating systems such as the operating system Windows XP and Windows 7, which are no longer supported by Microsoft, are at risk of being exploited and should NOT be used at all.
- Uninstall programs that you do not use or do not intend to use.

2. Protect your Data

- Make regular backups of your data, onto an external device (external hard disk, USB stick, OneDrive, Google Drive, Drop Box, etc.) and keep that backup offsite or online. This can be undertaken by a simple copy from the hard drives of your computer to the external device or by using dedicated backup and restore software.
- The main considerations are regular backups and store offsite.

3. Create Strong Password

- Use strong password or a passphrase using letters, numbers and symbols. The modern way to create strong passwords is to use things like words in a song that you like. For example, it could be “StairwaytoHeaven” but it depends on the software you are using. Some software does not allow you more than eight characters.
- Use different passwords for each of your applications or online accounts.
- When you need to store your user names and passwords somewhere, use an application to do this. There are free ones, such as LastPass and KeePass and some of the paid products have free versions. Google “5 best password managers” and see what is on offer.
- Change passwords on a regular basis.

4. Take Care around Attachments and Links in Emails.

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5. Things to Remember and Look for

- Emails are like sending post cards in the old way of doing things. Everyone can see them. Take care of what you send, whom you send it to and the language used.
- Emails that do not address you by name, or do not include information within the email to prove that the sender knows you.
- Emails that use urgency or appeals for emergency help or funds, which are designed to make you act quickly.
- Emails that ask you to make financial transactions (urgent transfers to an account you do not know about, payment of an invoice for work done you do not know about, etc.)
- Emails that ask you to update personal and financial information.
- Emails that contain links or attachments or links in emails from senders you do not know, or are not expecting.
- Do not respond to, click or open any attachments or links with these traits.
- Even if you know the sender, if the email is asking you to make a financial transaction that is not normal or unexpected or does not feel right, you should always check with them by phone, even if the email states they cannot be reached by phone. Remember that the person's email system could have been compromised.

6. Tips

- If it sounds too good or too bad a situation, it probable is.
- Do not provide your banking, credit card or other financial information to others via unsolicited emails or phone calls.
- Scrutinise all email requests for payments, and always contact the sender by phone to confirm the instructions if you have any concerns.
- Use two-step verification processes where available.
- Do not use third party or untrusted app stores. Research the apps you download.
- Do not share too much information on social media.
- Keep your computers, devices and their applications up to date and ensure that anti-virus software is installed, working and kept updated.

For more information visit: www.connectsmart.govt.nz www.netsafe.org.nz



Time to Pray

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning,
and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

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