This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

Tues 10am	Pop In
Wed 10am	Study and Communion
Thurs10am	Pete's Place—drop-in
Fri 10am	Craft Group

Longview Home

Thurs11.20am Communion Service

St Christopher's Church

Mon 1:30pm	Prayer & Share (foyer)
Wed 10am	Pop In
Wed 3.45pm	Youth discipleship group
Wed 7pm	Prayer for new Vicar
Thurs 10am	Pop In
Fri 7am	Prayer for Community transformation
Fri 5pm	Illumin8—yrs 6-9 youth group
Fri 7:30pm	Radi8—yrs 10-13 youth group
Sat: 8am	Prayer, (Emmaus Centre)
Sun: 7:30AM	Listening to God, (Church)

Small groups meet for study and fellowship most evenings. Contact office for more details, or see notice-board in Annex or check in "Welcome Book".

Financial Matter$ (not incl vicarage refit)
Income for June: $26,797
Monthly expenses budget: $28,945

	Year to date	budget
Income:	$171,951	$180,712
Expense:	$155,486	$176,076

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning

8 July

A&H Davidson,

J Hollingsworth

Lawn mowing

3 July—23 July
Allan Pledger

Parish Office and Ezee Meals

Office Hours:- **Tues—Fri 9.30am-12.30pm**
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For those who generously give via automatic payment or internet banking, electronic giving acknowledgement cards are available in the foyers. These may be placed in the offertory plate as a symbol of your giving.

Encouragement Cards available in Foyers. If you would like to encourage someone, please write your words of encouragement, then either give to person, or place in offertory plate if you would like to remain anonymous.

Name Tags are available at the back of the church/foyer. If you do not see your name and would like a tag, please contact office and one will be made for you.

If you require confidential prayer support please phone Shirley 232 4300 or Philippa 232 3262

Priest in Charge and Mission Director			
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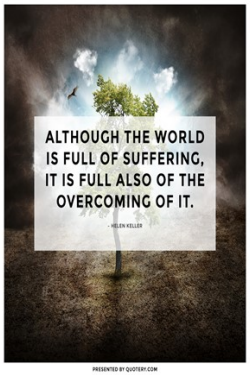
Tough Journeys

Horatio Gates Spafford was a prominent American lawyer. In 1873 he decided to take his family to England to hear his friend Dwight L. Moody preaching. His wife travelled ahead with their four daughters. His plan was to complete some business and follow a few days later. Tragically the ship his family sailed on was hit and sank within 12 minutes. 226 lives were lost including all his four daughters. Horratio booked passage on the next ship and as they crossed the Atlantic the captain showed Horatio where the ship went down. That night Horatio wrote the words to the hymn many of you will know - ***It is well with my soul.***



When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

The hymn goes on to proclaim Horatio's faith and assurance in Jesus, and his future hope.
Horatio wasn't a stranger to tragedy, two years prior he had lost a lot in the Great Fire of Chicago and after the sinking, the only son born to the couple died of scarlet fever. Yet Horatio and his wife Anna did not give up their faith in God and went on to form a Christian group that worked in Jerusalem. This group was named *The Overcomers* by the American Press and was critical in supporting Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities during and after World War 1, with soup kitchens, hospitals and orphanages.

The apostle Paul asked ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*** His response encourages us that we too can be overcomers.

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39

Difficult times enlarge our experience of life, people and especially our understanding and knowing of God. We have a chance to test our faith and prove it is genuine. To experience God's love, grace, mercy, power and faithfulness as He walks with us through our pain.

Hold on to Him. He loves you. You will be OK.. Fiona Warton

8:30am service	10am Family Communion
St Peter's Church, Linden	St Christopher's Church, Tawa

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

Sentence of the Day

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, grant that we your children may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but continue his faithful servants to our lives' end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2017 Diary Dates

AAW meeting: Sat 1 July from 10am
Alpha course: runs every Sunday until 23 July contact Andrew 2325338 for details
ticTACtoe board games: 6:30pm Sat 8 July,12 Aug, 9 Sept, 7 Oct, 11 Nov; 9 Dec Emmaus Centre—all welcome
Men's Convention - second Wednesday of the month—next one is 12 July, 7:30pm
Service Sunday: 30 July—tree planting etc.—if you have any ideas please contact Office

Please Pray for:

- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health, and recovering from surgery, especially Sid Durbin.
- Safety on our roads, waters and mountains.
- For our clergy Terry McIvor, Andy Hickman, and Hayley Balmer
- For God's Wisdom and Discernment for our Parish Nominators; Julia, James, Sally, and Andrew as they search for a new Vicar.

Thank You

Thank you to all those who turned out to help with the recent vicarage working bee we achieved a great deal. However we still have some tasks to complete so please do keep volunteering. Another working bee will be needed shortly. Particular thanks are extended to Grant Quin who has put in many hours as Project Manager. It has been a huge task and one he has managed very ably and efficiently. The Vicarage is looking terrific thanks to Grant's efforts. Others have helped along the way too and we are very grateful for the efforts of you all.

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This Week and Beyond

Volunteers Needed

While we have managed to purchase ready-made curtains for the Vicarage, the windows in some rooms do not fit these. We are looking therefore for volunteers to make some curtains for the Vicarage.
Please contact Sally Simpson on 5684843 or 021356364

Volunteers Needed

Thanks Ladies for removing the Agapanthus.
We would now like someone to take these plants to the tip.
The Church Office will pay for the tip fees.
We also need someone to clean out the guttering and sumps at St Christopher's. This is now urgent as we are coming into the wet season.
Please contact the Office for details

Pete's Place

Come in, have a cuppa and some good company
Thurs10am-2pm
at St Peter's Church.

Soup after Church today

All Parishioners Welcome.
Feel free to invite a friend or neighbour. Other soup days in July are 16 July, and 23 July, Please note these dates in your diary.

The deadline for notices for this Update is 9.30am Thursday in the church office (Admin@tac.org.nz)

Small Group Leaders Wanted!

Ministry Leaders' Family Camp is being held at Forrest Lakes Otaki from 3pm Sunday 16th July until 3pm Tuesday 18th. The theme this year is about "being sent!" Racheal Sangster from Unlimited Children's Ministry is running our 5-10 year olds programme which focuses on us all being created for a unique purpose.
We are looking for some small group leaders to help with games, small group activities & discussions. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with an amazing team and impact the lives of these young people. If you (or someone you know) is interested in finding out more, please email Debbie Smith dlsinz211@gmail.com or Colette Stevens colette@wn.ang.org.nz of the Anglican Diocese Children & Families team.

JOIN THE SIX MONTH BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

July is Bible Month - What better way to encourage personal Bible reading than to take a challenge together. The *Six Month Bible Reading Challenge* is a simple reading plan that will help people read through the entire New Testament in six months. The plan outlines each reading and provides space for participants to track their progress. These pocket-sized plans are just $5 for 20, plus shipping. Find out more on the website...

On Noticeboard

New Documentary presented by Kelvin Crombie, Tuesday 1 August
Fundraising Ballet Concert for Jemima Scott. Sunday, 6 August

Communion Assistants Training / Refresher -

after 10am service on Sun 9th July

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