

This Week's Activities

St Peter's Church

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

St Christopher's Church

Mon 1:30pm Prayer & Share (foyer)
 Wed 10am Pop In
 Wed 3.45pm Youth discipleship group
 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)

Longview Home

Thurs 11.20am Communion Service

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 Sept (11/9): \$13,030
 Monthly expenses budget: \$29,696

Year to date (11/9)

Income: \$244,425
 Expense: \$232,000

budget

\$273,772
 \$267,116

Administrative Matters

St. C Cleaning

23 September

B & C Darnell, Withell Family



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 on 232 4300 or Philippa Reaney on 232 3262

Lawn mowing

James Fahey



Parish Office and Ezee Meals

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Forgiveness

If Jesus was running for parliament, I wonder what policies he would be talking about. There were lots of pressing political issues in 1st century Palestine that Jesus left off the table - militarism, social inequality, gender inequality, religious conflict, poverty, slavery, taxation, racism, judicial corruption, even climate. (It's thought that all those animals required for sacrifice had caused overgrazing, aridness and dust problems!)

It's curious then that Jesus used much of his speaking time talking about forgiveness - not usually a hot-button topic and not one given any airtime, that I'm aware of, in our 2017 election campaign! Why was forgiveness a hot-button issue for Jesus?

Jesus knew that relationships define our identity. We are who we are only in relation to God and to others. So if relationships are damaged, our identity and the identities of all those we relate to are marred and we and our communities suffer.

In our Gospel reading this morning Jesus equates sin to debt. If we have incurred a debt then we owe that debt until one of two things happens; either we pay the debt or the debt is cancelled - 'forgiven'. If our debt is so impossibly large that we have no hope of paying it then our options are reduced to one - cancellation, or forgiveness, of the debt.

Our sin debt to God falls into that category. We have no hope of earning our way back into favour with God. Our only hope is that God cancels our sin-debt with him. Praise God, he does and has done that through Jesus Christ. Whew! Our identity before God is no longer marred - we stand before God 'sin-debt-free'.

But there is still that other issue - the sin-debts we hold to each other. Our relationships with each other will only be at their very best when we stand 'sin-debt-free' before each other. Sometimes those sin-debts can be paid. Physical restitution can and should be made. In Allan Martin's words "It's the putting right that counts". But rarely is physical restitution enough. Rarely will physical restitution address the breaches of trust, betrayal, personal hurt and humiliation that we experience when someone sins against us. That restoration requires us to forgive - to cancel the debt we are owed. It's never easy and sometimes seems impossible. But it is the only way we, and our communities, can be made complete.

Allan Davidson

8:30am service
 St Peter's Church, Linden

10am Family Communion
 St Christopher's Church, Tawa

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Exod 14:19-31; Ps 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

Sentence of the Day

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:34

Collect of the Day

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity, may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

2017 Diary Dates

Over 60s Morning Tea Monday, 18 September, 10-11:30 am Emmaus Centre (this replaces the usual lunch) \$2 koha to help cover expenses
Holiday Programme 2017—"Champions." :Oct 2-6 see noticeboard for details.

TEARFUND EVENT— 27 Sept @ St Chr 7pm-8:30pm -Noel Pabiona/Omega Levine

AAW— Monday 2 Oct 7:30pm at St Peter's

ticTACtoe board games: 6:30pm; 7 Oct, 11 Nov; 9 Dec, Emmaus Centre—all welcome

Day of Giving — Sunday, 15 October

Over 60s morning tea Monday 16 October, 10-11:30 am Emmaus Centre (this replaces the usual lunch) \$2 koha to help cover expenses



Please Pray for:

- For the Last, the Lost, and the Least
- For the election and wise counsel and that the politicians would engage in relevant discussions
- Blessing on all new babies and their families
- For our clergy Terry and Andy; and Hayley our Children's Ministry Leader
- Our Cathedral community as they come before God asking for His best in this next season of their journey, as they look for a new Vicar
- Strength and healing for all those struggling with ill health, and recovering from surgery.
- Comfort & Peace for those who are bereaved
- Safety on our roads, waters and mountains.



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

This Week and Beyond

Champions Holiday Programme:

2 - 6 October 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

Party Night: 5 October 5p.m. - 7p.m. (All invited)

We need : Prayers, ice-cream eaters, chair movers, bakers, children, well-comers, inviters, crafters, leaders and cleaners - please speak to Hayley if you are keen to participate in any way.

Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent.

ANZRATH presents

Source & Destination

Trafficking & Exploitation in NZ

(Slavery is closer than you think)

Mon 25 Sept 7:30pm

St Christopher's Annex

See noticeboards for details

Prayer Meetings

Friday 7am

**Prayer for Community
Transformation (St Chr)**

Sat: 8am Emmaus

Sun:7:30am St Chr

What we are Reading in the Office

- The Bible
- **The Return of the Prodigal Son** by Henri Nouwen
- **21 Elephants** by Scottie Reeves
- **Hiding in the Light** by Rifqa Bary
- **Home—Further Reflections** by Henri Nouwen
- **Revolution of Love**—NT Wright. Andy says it's a gem (it's in our Library at St Christopher's too)

DVD's

- 150 years celebration of St Peter's
- Brownsville Revival of 1995

**If you wish to borrow any of these
just ask the Church Office**

Annual Children's Church Electives

will be starting on 22 October and we would love to have you join the fun. They run for 4 wks until 12 November and I would be grateful if you could consider offering to participate for just one 1 hour session.

Everyone has something that they are passionate about that they can share with a small group of children - it could be cooking, baking, first aid, knitting, art, craft, sewing, sports, boardgames, dance, beading, gardening, puppets, electronics, photography, acting ... or something completely different.

The children would like to get to know the members of the congregation other than their regular leaders and the children's church leaders deserve a break.

The emphasis will be on relationship building since we, both children and adults, are all part of one body we should all get to know each other and share our skills which should all be used for God's glory. The electives will provide an opportunity for different groupings of children and adults to get together every week. Contact Hayley to discuss what you would like to share with the children.