



News from the Anglican Centre · April 2016

Greetings everyone

In a recent email to clergy I expressed my deepest thanks for all the extra work put into the Easter celebrations within our parishes and our communities. I am very aware of the creative thought that many of you brought to Easter this year. It is still a wonderful opportunity in what is undoubtedly the primary Christian Festival.

The interim Director of Music at the Cathedral and his wife have been financially and prayerfully supporting a Franciscan Catholic community in Yemen. Earlier in March members of ISIS attacked an old people's home run by this community and captured members of the order. Just before Easter news leaked out that they were threatening to crucify the priest (Father Tom Uzunannil) on Good Friday unless he recanted his faith. Initial reports were that their threats had been carried out but we're relieved to see recent news that he is alive and negotiations are taking place for his release. Please uphold Father Tom and this situation in your prayers.

On Easter Sunday I began with the dawn service at Tahuna organised by the Parish of Tahunanui – stunning morning. Then I was up to the Cathedral to celebrate there. Back to the Cathedral at 4.30 pm as Hilary and I led the informal 'word and worship' service, staying on to conclude the day with evensong. The variety of the Anglican Church!

Over the next few weeks I'll be doing a flying visit around the Deaneries to talk about the 'A Way Forward Report' with Synod reps (and other members of the parishes should they wish to be a part of the discussions). This is intended to be a chance to inform and to listen prior to General Synod which is to be held in Napier next month, at which this report will be presented.

Next month the Diocese will be saying farewell to Merryl Hodgson. She has been at the very centre of the Diocese's transition to administering all parish accounts – something that became increasingly necessary with the demands placed upon accountability by the Charities' Commission. Not only has Merryl facilitated the transition so seamlessly, but she has also earned the deepest respect from every parish that she has had dealings with. While we have advertised for a replacement, we are very aware of how hard it will be to replace her. More in the next Ad Clerum.

I appreciate all that Graham O'Brien has done in drawing together my dream of peer support groups within the Diocese as our primary delivery for ongoing professional development. There will be some teething issues as we draw all of this together. It is critically important as a dimension of our strategy for ensuring healthy and safe leaders in an increasingly challenging environment.

I mentioned the FCA conferences in March's Ad Clerum – and sent a separate email out to all licensed clergy a week or so back. These conferences are so important for the orthodox churches throughout the Province as we head into General Synod.

This Easter I have, once again, been reflecting personally on a Christianity that professes a faith in God, but it is in God as a concept rather than God as a reality. This has a huge impact on the vitality and vibrancy of our worship. I get somewhat disappointed when I experience little or no excitement or anticipation of what God might do when we are united in praise and adoration. In some respects God as a concept is the natural consequence of a 'head faith' – a faith that studies and debates, whereas God as a reality is a 'heart faith,' - the consequence of a personal experience.

This is where I find myself deeply concerned at the polarisation and mistrust that seems to exist between the evangelical and the charismatic and this of course is far more than a head versus heart debate. It is a tension between the fundamental truths (and doctrines) of our faith as scripture reveals them, and the transforming joy of our faith through the liberating presence of the Holy Spirit - as if they are separate realities. Jesus himself said that, after he left them he would send the Holy Spirit who would lead them into all truth.

I consider myself to be an evangelical – but I am one who rejoices in the daily experience of a God who speaks and who encourages and who challenges, both through the words of scripture, as I do my daily reading and study, but also in the still small voice as I pause and listen.

As someone who likes to stand with one foot firmly in each of these movements I grieve when I experience this polarisation within the church. I was really moved on Easter Sunday as I played the piano for the 4.30 pm service and heard people expressing their joy in the Lord during moments of spontaneous free praise, then (a couple of hours later) to be leading the gathered congregation through the profound words of Cramner's evensong. It was a wonderful end to a moving weekend. But it caused me to reflect....

One of the strengths of this Diocese is the balance we have between Spirit and Truth and it is a balance that I am determined to maintain and to encourage. I believe that an emerging generation wants to know what it is we believe, but also wants to see in the worship of the Church that it is real for us.

Food for thought??

Every blessing

+Richard

The following for your information and parish newsletters

EVENTS & NOTICES

(refer also to 'Ministry Education' for details of training events coming up)

St Johns College Trust Board Scholarship for Funding in 2017 Application papers are now available for Scholarship Funding in 2017. There categories are 1. Post Ordination; 2. Lay; 3. Group. Completed forms must be with Bishop Richard no later than **Friday, 3 June 2016**. Applications are for those seeking funding to assist with further study or for sabbatical leave. Contact Anita at the Bishop's Office for Applications papers or by email: bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz

FUTURE ANGLICAN CONFERENCES (AFC) 16 APRIL AND 18-20 APRIL 2016 'Contending for the Gospel in Contentious Times'

In the context of Motion 30 the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is facing an uncertain future. The issues of human sexuality have proven to be theologically contentious and pastorally sensitive. The Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (New Zealand) invites you to its 2016 Anglican Future Conferences. We desire to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ seeking the best way to honour God and love people. Vaughan Roberts and other international and local speakers will teach from God's Word and share their experiences. We will also examine our Anglican roots to help us look towards the future. Together we will explore how best to contend for the gospel once for all entrusted to the saints.

Christchurch – 9am-5pm Sat April 16th – La Vida Centre – \$39+booking fee.

Auckland – 1:30pm Mon 18th – 12:30pm Wed 20th April – AUT \$135+booking fee.

Visit www.fcanz.org to register.

Mental Health and the Church A one-day conference that will take a close look at a range of mental health issues. With a fairly high percentage of people in our churches and community organisations with mental health issues, this conference intends to equip churches with more information around this important area of life and assisting those around us. 14 June 2016 at Windsor Park Baptist Church, Auckland.

E-flyer attached or for more details, this link: <http://willowcreek.org.nz/events/mhac/>

MINISTRY EDUCATION

Hi Everyone, I hope you are now settling into the rhythm of the year. There are some exciting events planned for ministry education so please diary them now.

God Bless

Graham

TRAINING EVENTS 2016

EQUIP MINISTRY EDUCATION

EQUIP is part of Diocesan ministry education and is designed at an appropriate for anyone to attend to learn about ministry skills. **Please advertise these in your parish and invite current and future ministry leaders to attend.** As you are aware, BTC is thinking about ways to make lay training/discipleship more accessible, and Andrew and I will be meeting with the regional deaneries in the New Year to discuss this further.

Topics for 2016 (will finish off this 3 year cycle):

- Unit 5 Discipleship and Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Unit 6 Contemporary Pastoral Care
- Unit 8 Everyday Evangelism

Marlborough: (St Christopher's)

- June 18 Unit 6
- September 3 Unit 8

Nelson/Waimea (St Stephen's Tahunanui)

- July 2 Unit 6
- October 15 Unit 8

Mawhera

- April 9 (Holy Trinity Greymouth) Unit 5
- July 30 (St John's Westport) Unit 6
- November 5 (Holy Trinity Greymouth) Unit 8

If you are interested in tailoring some training for your parish or a cluster of parishes please ring to have a chat about possibilities.

SCHOOL OF PREACHING

Rob Harley is coming back to run his new course "Storycraft". This is a brand new course on telling stories as a key to changing lives. In this course you will:

- analyze the crafts and skills employed by world-class communicators and learn how words, concepts and ideas can be woven into a captivating message.
- do practical, work-shop based exercises to build a whole new way of engaging listeners by use of your personal story and stories from around the world.
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- find a new level of personal excitement in the process of shaping and delivering your messages.

Dates: Fri July 8 (7-9pm) and Sat July 9 (9.30-4pm). Venue: All Saints, Nelson.

Cost: \$65 per delegate (discounted to \$15 for Members of Anglican Churches)

TO REGISTER GO TO: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18L-nh-z8SwtB1_B-gUn7AGEA-IUQCgxfr-moNuRvphc/viewform?c=0&w=1or via BTC website.

CLERGY AND LAY WORKERS CONFERENCE

The theme for our 2016 conference is 'Discipleship' and we are lining up 3 keynote speakers as well as workshops.

Date: **Sept 26-28** (first week of school holidays)

Location: Lake Rotoiti (Alpine lodge and Community Hall).

Begin: 12.30pm Monday Sept 26 with Lunch

Finish: 2.30pm Wednesday Sept 28 after Communion.

POST ORDINATION MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT (POMD):

Currently I am discussing post ordination professional development with regional deaneries outlining a proposal to change the nature of POMD. At this stage I hope to hold an event for those new to the Diocese or newly ordained after Easter. I will be in touch directly with details soon.

TRANS-TASMAN RURAL MINISTRY CONSULTATION 2016

The Ninth Trans-Tasman Ecumenical Rural Ministry Consultation will be held in the Wairarapa at the Copthorne Hotel Solway Park Masterton, **16-20 May 2016**. The theme is: "Life, death and resurrection: the future of the rural church, for the whole community". See attached flier for details.

There is a subsidy available for those wishing to attend so please contact me.

Registrations close March 26.

MINISTRY INTERNSHIP SCHEME

If you are interested in this for 2016 now is a good time to begin a conversation with myself, your vestry and any possible intern. Please remember that an intern is a training position, so the intern needs to be working under someone with experience.

WILLOWCREEK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2016

The Nelson GLS date is confirmed as **Friday 4 November**.

Again we have been offered a discounted rate so that if you book by October 4 the cost will be \$52 (not \$100), and this will be paid by ministry education.

To register, go to the Willowcreek NZ web site and enter the same coupon code **nelson anglican**, (this will give you a 100% discount and I will be invoiced in bulk).

This is open to clergy and lay leaders.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Sally Nash, Jo Pimlott and Paul Nash. *Skills for Collaborative Ministry* (London: SPCK, 2008)
- Paul Nash and Sally Nash. *Tools for reflective ministry* (London: SPCK, 2012)
- David Livermore. *Cultural Intelligence: Improving your CQ to engage our multicultural world* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009).
- Stephen Covey. *7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful lessons in personal change*, 25th Anniversary edition (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2013).

RESOURCES

NEW Resources now available. If you know of any good small group resources please let me know so we can update our supply.

EQUIP DVDs are also available at Holy Trinity, Greymouth and St Christopher's, Blenheim for loan.

Please let your small group leaders know about these resources by passing this list on.

NAME	TYPE	LOCATION
WillowCreek: Global Leadership Summit 2015 Jim Collins at the Summit Best Leadership talks from Bill Hybels	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
WillowCreek: Best Talks of the Summit – Celebrating 20yrs	DVD	Anglican Centre
Mission Together: Common Life Missions Conference 2015. Christopher Wright Disks 1,2,7	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library St Christopher's and Holy Trinity Greymouth
Freedom in Christ Discipleship Course	DVD, leaders guide, course book	Anglican Centre

Online: via BTC/ Diocesan websites "Resources" sections.

BTC has now established a platform to make video presentations available at www.bishopdale.ac.nz/resources.

Free Online Resources.

Free Lectionary/Theme based resources and for all ages.

<http://connectible.nz/> <http://localsharedministry.com/>

Questions on Theology and Science.

BIOLOGOS is an organization founded by Francis Collins, of dedicated evangelicals committed to the relationship between the Christian faith and science. They have a new site for "pastor resources" which has very good resources for many of the difficult questions people ask. Check it out <http://biologos.org/news/september-2014/new-pastor-resource-centre>.

New Resource: <http://biologos.org/resources/the-big-story/>

ISCAST is an Australian organisation (with many NZers and expats) dedicated to exploring the interface between science and the Christian faith. Its membership consists of scientists, theologians and professionals with standing in their own fields and a commitment to the

Christian faith. Their website has many good resources that tackle many questions about science and faith. See <http://www.iscast.org>.

InterChurch Bioethics Council.

The **InterChurch Bioethics Council** (ICBC) is composed of appointed representatives from Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the purpose of addressing crucial ethical issues in NZ relating to bioethics <http://www.interchurchbioethics.org.nz>.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

The first of the 'Safe Here' Coordinator's Meetings/Trainings was held on 17 March. Thanks to those who attended either in person, on skype or by video conference. It was an interesting experience having people in a variety of places and was a learning curve for both the presenter and the participants!!

This training event marks the beginning of another stage in the process of ensuring all parishes are using the mandatory 'Safe Here' safety programme in all ministries in a parish. You will remember that the coordinator role involves two people per parish with one person, usually a lay member of the parish, who is responsible for administration and training plus the vicar or priest in charge. The role of the vicar/priest in charge involves the appointment of people to ministry roles and this should now be as per the process outlined in 'Safe Here'. You will find the process outlined in the Team Member and Team Leader Manuals which each parish should have multiple copies of.

With this in mind it is important that **all** vicars/priests in charge as well as lay coordinator's attend one of these meeting/training sessions in the future.

The next two sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday May 4th - 9.30-11.30am, Anglican Centre Boardroom. Provision for joining the meeting via video conference or skype will be available. RSVP to Sue-
cfm@nelsonanglican.nz

Wednesday June 8th - 9.30-11.30am, Anglican Centre Boardroom. Provision for joining the meeting via video conference or skype will be available. RSVP to Sue-
cfm@nelsonanglican.nz

Intermediate Camp:

FOCUS



A **CAMP** for 10 – 13 year olds

(Year 6- Year 9)

Friday 22 April (6pm start)

To

Sunday 24 April (2pm finish)

\$80

Bridge Valley Adventure Centre, 22 Moore Road, RD1, Wakefield

Based around a Hollywood Movie Theme we will be exploring discipleship.

Registration forms are already in each parish. All I need now is the forms filled in and sent to me. There are also vacancies for team members to assist in running the camp.

Sue Fallow Ph: 03 5483124 or email: cfm@nelsonanglican.nz

YOUTH COORDINATOR

'Raising up the next generation with a passion for Christ'

Hi everyone, welcome to April! Hope you all had a fantastic time over the Easter break, celebrating the risen Lord and possibly consuming some hot cross buns and chocolate delights. I really enjoyed visiting Southern Easter camp, which was rocking as usual, in Christchurch and was impressed with our crew as they battled with a dodgy bus both there and back. With heaps of prayer and some helpful mechanics, everyone was able to make it home safe and sound in the end which was amazing. A huge thankyou to all our people involved in making the trip to camp happen and to those who went out of their way to help the stranded Anglicans, we so appreciate it. To view a highlights video go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKbCfYkUcCw&feature=youtu.be>



THE SAUCE Last date for term one is **Friday 15 April. 7-9pm at St Barnabas Hall, Stoke** - head on down! Dani will be defending her Sauce challenge yet again, still undefeated, reigning champ, Nathan will be speaking on being a radical and the games will be super fun yet safety conscious.

CHARGE LEADERSHIP will be starting back up next term now and will be geared for senior youth and emerging young adult leaders - This will be based in Nelson and run on a Sauce night so people aren't being expected to be out too many nights a month. The Charge crew will meet earlier, have dinner and talk leadership before assisting with the Sauce that night and putting theory into action. Start shoulder tapping people now ;) Info on the first night of Charge out soon with Sauce info.

KIRIBATI MISSION EXCHANGE Luke and Nathan will be heading to a chain of islands in the Pacific called Kiribati (Pronounced Kiri bus), for a mission exchange. The island of Tawara which we'll be staying on is directly above Fiji on a world map, just around the equator mark which means it'll be rather hot. Last year we put on a BBQ for some of the Kiribati men who leave their home each year and travel to Seddon to work on the vines for around 9 months, sending money back home to their families. We felt led by God to build relationship with these guys and to go and spend time with them on their islands to encourage them and possibly develop a regular mission exchange destination for senior young people and youth leaders. We will be leaving this school holidays for a 9 day trip, 17-26 April. Pray for us as we prepare to head away and get ready for what's in store.

CHURCH ARMY INTERNSHIPS 'Become a disciple-making Superhero!.' A programme through Church Arm which runs for 14 weeks, from 18th July to 21st October 2016. For more information contact Monika Clark Email: moni@canz.kiwi. Ph: 09 2786825 Mobile: 027 470027

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BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Courses currently planned for Semester two are as follows:

New Testament Greek Intermediate

Biblical Interpretation

Old Testament: Introduction

Old Testament: Psalms

Gospel of Luke

Church in the Mission of God

World Views and Ways of life

Formation (level 4 and 5)

Ministry in Context – Internship

Please check out our website www.bishopdale.ac.nz for further information or contact office@bishopdale.ac.nz.

<http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz>

BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

New Books in the Bishop Sutton Library

Darren Wilson – Finding God in the Bible : what crazy prophets, fickle followers and dangerous outlaws reveal about friendship with God. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Chosen, c2013.

Darren Wilson is a film director and artist-in-residence at Judson University. In his book, Wilson explores perceptions of God. Do we see God "as an absentee landlord? A distant deity? An old man in the clouds?" With a fresh look at Bible stories, Wilson explores what friendship with God can mean. The book is "sure to stir up fresh hunger for God's Word and lead you into deeper intimacy with the One who longs for you to know Him better".

David G. Benner – Opening to God : Lectio Divina and life as prayer. Downers Grove, Ill. : IVP Books, c2010.

David Benner is a Professor of Psychology and Spirituality at Richmond Graduate University in Atlanta.

In this book, Benner invites us to move beyond being someone who merely "prays" and to become someone "whose entire life is prayer in union with God". Openness to God is the essence of prayer. Prayer is more than "communication with God" it is "communion with God".

Quote for the day

"I cannot lose anything in this place of abundance I have found." – St. Catherine of Siena

New Books for Ministry Training

Baker, Jonny and Cathy Ross (editors). The pioneer gift : explorations in mission.

Norwich : Canterbury Press, c2014.

Olsen, David C. and Nancy G. Devor. Saying no to say yes : everyday boundaries and pastoral excellence. Lanham, Maryland : Alban Institute Book, c2015.

Jennifer Patterson - Bishop Sutton Library Tel. (03) 548 8785 Ext 4 library@bishopdale.ac.nz

VACANCIES IN OTHER DIOCESES

Auckland Diocese

Priest-in-Charge - Bombay Pokeno Mission District

Applications are invited for this rural-based ministry, south of Auckland. The role is for a half-stipend with pro rata housing allowance. The profile document for the vacancy can be downloaded here. <http://www.aucklandic.org.nz/latest-news/ministry-opportunities/priest-in-charge,-bombay-pokeno-mission-district>

Please forward a CV along with a covering letter which outlines your interest in the position, sets out your theology/approach to ministry, and details the gifts and skills which you believe you would offer to this context. Your application can be forwarded by email to the Bishops' PA at bishop.office@aucklandic.org.nz and received by **Monday 18th April.**

Christchurch Diocese

Children and Families Co-ordinator - St Christophers Church

The position requires someone gifted and passionate in growing ministries and young leaders. The successful applicant will be able to relate easily to a range of ages and personalities encountered in a ministry involving children, their families, supervisors, leaders, and volunteers, not only at a personal but also at a group level and in pastoral situations. He or she will be an effective communicator with parishioners, staff, and other ministry leaders. Preference will be given to applicants with a proven ability to implement Christian children's programmes. A job description and application form are available from:

<http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz>

The Interim Parish Manager, St Christopher's Church, 244 Avonhead Road, Christchurch
Ph: 03 358 8780 Mob: 022 637 5296 email: manager@stchristophers.org.nz
Applications close Friday, 29 April 2016.

UCANZ EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Applications are being received for the position of Executive Officer for UCANZ (Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand). Here is a significant role for somebody with wide experience with Cooperative Ventures (CVs) and their partner churches – a leader, advocate and facilitator.

- National position
- Currently Wellington-based
- Up to full time
- Term of 2 years, with possible extension.

Enquiries to Clare Morrison at ucanz.clare@gmail.com Applications close **30 April 2016** (note extended closing date).