



News from the Anglican Centre · June 2013

Greetings in the Name of Christ,

Bishop Richard and Hilary are off and into the first stages of their sabbatical. Please keep them in your prayers as they move around the world and take in a number of experiences and learnings. Pray especially that they will watch the pace of their journey and be willing to modify things if Hilary becomes a little tired from all the travel. My prayers are that the time away is one of real refreshment and encouragement for them both and that for Bishop Richard in particular, it will be a time where he can carve out some space to marshal his thoughts and ideas and reflect on where to for our Diocese going forward. There are many challenges to being church in this day and age that are new and unique to our experience and it's important to think and pray through what our response to them will be.

Submissions to the General Synod Ma Whea commission exploring the issues around sexuality will have closed by the time you read this, but rest assured that the Diocese through its Ma Whea Working Group has put forward a very full and thorough submission covering the biblical, sociological, legal and pastoral areas around the topic. You can request a copy of the Diocese's submission from the Diocesan office if you wish. Later we will be forwarding material to help parishes work through this issue locally in the form of readings, bible studies etc. The Ma Whea working group is also looking at the consequences of the Marriage Amendment Bill and may bring a possible motion to our Synod later in the year if this feels warranted.

POMD is on June 21st at All Saints and again we have a very capable presenter in the form of Murray Robertson from Spreydon Baptist who will be speaking on how we proclaim the gospel in our local community. I know I personally enjoyed Archbishop Peter Jensen at our last POMD and I am expecting even better things from Murray who has the advantage of having a good grasp of our NZ context.

Recently I attended and spoke at a May Day event at Blackball the birthplace of socialism in New Zealand. The event was in part to launch the Living Wage campaign in the Grey District, and I must admit to being very challenged by the widening gap between the rich and poor in New Zealand and the emerging value system that drives this. I have included the parable I used from Matthews gospel and what I said below to provoke some thinking around the topic.

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells a story that explains what the kingdom of God is meant to look like. It goes like this:

'God's economy is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of one hundred and fifty dollars for the day. Later, about 9am, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. He did the same thing at noon, three o'clock and five o'clock. When the day's work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, 'Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given one hundred and fifty dollars. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same. Taking the money, they complained angrily to the manager, He replied to the one speaking for the rest, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on a wage of one hundred and fifty dollars, didn't we? I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money?'

The key thing to note from this story is that one hundred and fifty dollars was a living wage for farm workers in the ancient near east. On \$150 they could feed their families, pay their bills and care for their children. If they did not get that daily wage on a regular basis then they would go hungry, face eviction and their children would suffer. There was no social welfare back then, and although the community would look after you to a degree it couldn't sustain that long term, the general principle was you either worked or you starved.

And the estate manager knew this. He knew that each of those labourers waiting in the market square, lined up outside the employment office, so to speak, depended on getting that daily wage in order to live, and that's why he goes back to the market, time and again, to make sure everyone got a job, and that's why at the end of the day because of a sense of social responsibility he pays everyone the same. A living wage.

In this story the estate manager can be described as God and his message to the people listening back then and today is that a fair and just society is one where everyone has the ability to earn enough to feed their families, put a roof over their heads, and to enjoy the good things that life has to offer. It is not one where in NZ from 2004 to 2010 the average chief executive's pay packet jumped by nearly 80 per cent, and where over the same period the average worker's earnings rose just 27 per cent, according to Statistics NZ. It is not a fair and just society where in the US CEO's at large firms earn 325 times what the average worker does up from 30 times in the 1970's. In my mind this growing gap in incomes is both immoral and unjust.

Capitalism is failing and it is not rewarding the average worker who puts in an equal amount of effort and toil to that of his or her CEO, and it is failing not because of the system itself which rewards enterprise, initiative, hard work and creativity but because for capitalism to work it needs to be underpinned by a moral base where the Boards, CEO's and regulatory authorities are asking how can all, workers and managers, benefit in a fair way from their efforts. Instead with the demise and decline of a Christian worldview from our society the value system that increasingly underpins capitalism is one of personal greed, situational ethics and cronyism, to list just a few.

Every one of us has an internal moral compass that guides our actions. And the root of the problem is not a government that seems bent on ratcheting down the minimum wage but rather the value system they're working from that says it's ok to do this in the first place. And as the Christian world view is increasingly pushed out of the picture in our society and replaced by one of secular humanism this is what we will see more and more of.

And the Christian response is not just to become more involved in social action because while that addresses the results of social inequity it doesn't address the root causes of a belief system that produces the values that make social inequity the problem it is in the first place. What we also have to be doing is changing people's values, which requires a change in the underlying beliefs that produce those values in the first place. In other words we're talking about evangelism and conversion. If we want to make New Zealand a more equitable place reflective of kingdom values then we need to be becoming more serious about how we share the gospel in this day and age and so again I would recommend our next POMD with Murray Roberston which will be addressing this very issue.

Yours in His Service

Ven. Tim Mora

Vicar General Nelson Diocese

For your Prayers

- For Bishop Richard and Hilary during their three months sabbatical/study leave.
- For the shortlisting and interview process for Victory Parish

Events & Notices in our Diocese

- **EQUIP Ministry Education** - Marlborough – **Sat June 8** | Nelson/Waimea – **Sat June 29**. Unit 8 – Evangelism (Graham O'Brien & David Hollingsworth)
- **Barnabas Fund** – 5th June at 6.30pm Grace Church, Richmond. Dr Patrick Sookhdeo will give an insight to after effects of the Arab Spring. *The mission of the Barnabas Fund is to support Christians where they are in a minority and suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith.*
- **POMD - Friday, 21st June** at All Saints. Guest speaker will be Murray Robertson Topic: Mission and Evangelism – The place of proclamation (How do we proclaim the gospel in our community).
- **CHARGE LEADERSHIP:** JUNE 20 (NELSON) AND JUNE 26 (MARLBOROUGH)
This is a night for all our youth leaders to gather together over dinner, to chat all things youth ministry, be resourced, network, share, pray and receive input and support. Senior youth looking to step up in to leadership are welcome as well. For more information contact Luke Shaw email youth@nelsonanglican.org.nz
- **Caleb Leadership School** - In Nelson as an 11-day course based at the Headingly Centre, Richmond - Date: **25th June to 5th July**, cost \$1500. The course entails Monday-Fri 8.30-5pm and a 3-day residential camp over the middle weekend. If you are interested please email Rex Booth – calebnz@xtra.co.nz or visit www.calebnz.org.nz. See further details under Ministry Education of this Ad Clerum
- **How to Hear God's Voice** – Learn 4 keys that will help you hear God speak to you in 2-way prayer. Saturday, 29th June 10am-3.30pm at Picton Anglican Church. Cost \$5 (drinks provided). To register interest please contact Kaye Dyer Ph: 03 573 6466 email: kaye@mightymessage.com
- **Diocesan Overseas Mission Council (DOMC)** - advance notice.....
Missions festival: Saturday 26 October (Labour weekend) – a Diocesan festival at Brightwater parish from 10am-4pm with Archbishop Philip Richardson as keynote speaker. More details later.
- **Synod 2013** – When: 10, 11, 12 October 2013. Where: Picton (Marlborough)

Notices outside our Diocese

- **Rico Tice** –passionate evangelist and author of 'Christianity Explored' will be speaking at Bishopdale Reformed Church, Christchurch **6th June 2013**. Cost \$10 (lunch provided). RSVP now to reserve your place: cam.gracey@christianityexplored.org
- **Apartment to rent** - Andrew & Debbie Smith have a bach in Rakaia Gorge for rent: single bedroom apartment to rent. Stunning location – sleeps 4 max. Contact: Debbie or Andrew at ajsinz211@gmail.com for details – mates rates!
- **St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford** – Centennial Celebrations 14-16 February 2014. Organisers would like to advise former members of the school who may be interested in these celebrations. Please contact: oldgirls@stmarysstratford.school.nz

- **Vaughan Park Scholarships 2014** – applications close on 5 September 2013. For full information including criteria and Application and Conditions of Grant, please contact 09 473 2600 or email director@vaughanpark.org.nz or submit a Scholarship Enquiry or a Scholars and Writers Opportunity Enquiry using the form on www.vaughanpark.org.nz Scholarships.
- **Gospel Bicentenary 2014 (25 December 1814-2014)** The 2014 gospel bicentenary provides an opportunity to review our past; to commemorate people and events that helped shape our churches and country; and to look forward to building on the strengths of what has gone before. More information on www.gospel2014.org
- **For upcoming retreats at Vaughan Park**, visit their website www.vaughanpark.org.nz

Ministry Education

TRAINING EVENTS

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE)

I am pleased to announce that Rev Kath Maclean (CCDHB) and Rev Ros Sims (parish priest) have agreed to jointly run CPE at BTC this year. The start date is July 11 and 12; finishing on November 7 and 8 (the other dates are being worked on to avoid some clashes). The cost for CPE is \$2,000pp - \$1000 of which is subsidized by Diocesan ministry education funding.

If you are interested please email me for enrolment information.

CALEB LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Rex Booth is bringing the Caleb Leadership School to Nelson as an 11 day course based at the Headingly Centre, Richmond - Date: 25th June to 5th July, cost \$1500. The course entails Monday-Fri 8.30-5pm and a 3-day residential camp over the middle weekend. Costs include accommodation and food for the weekend camp. If you are interested please email Rex Booth – calebnz@xtra.co.nz or visit www.calebnz.org.nz. Also contact me about possible funding.

COMMUNICATIONS BOOTCAMP – Rob Harley

October 3-5 (Thr, Fri, Sat) based at Bishopdale Theological College.

The cost is \$495pp+GST but I would hope to be able to subsidise some of this. There is a min. number of 12 and max. of 16 places so be in quick.

Registration details on the BTC website <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/news.htm>.

EQUIP MINISTRY EDUCATION

Please advertise these dates in your parishes.

UNIT 8: Evangelism (Graham O'Brien and David Hollingsworth)

Marlborough – **June 8**

Nelson/Waimea – **June 29 - Note new date**

Mawhera – **Aug 17** (Greymouth) - **Note new date**

POMD – THINKING MISSIONALLY:

Friday June 21,

Thinking Missionally: Mission and Evangelism, with **Murray Robertson**.

All Saints – 30 Vanguard St, **10am** start (coffee from 9.30; later start due to flight).

Please remember that these sessions are compulsory for all stipendiary clergy, and optional for all non-stipendiary clergy, parish staff, lay leaders.

Please note that in previous years POMD travel has come out of ministry education funding. Because all stipendiary clergy are required to attend in 2013, travel won't be covered by ministry education (but can be covered by normal clergy travel allowance).

MINISTRY APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME (MAS)

There are some people who are looking at ordination discernment and are actively involved in Parish ministry, as well as studying through BTC. For these students, the MAS would provide a framework for study and ministry discernment. If they are studying fulltime and engaged in 10hrs a week ministry, I can offer \$6,000 from the Ministry Education programme (Project 6 –Leadership Development) and suggest the parish contribute up to \$2-4,000 making a total grant of up to \$10,000 (rather than up to \$18,000 in the “full” MAS proposal).

Remember the MAS is available for any area of ministry. If your parish is considering the Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme in 2013, please contact me (graham.obrien@bishopdale.ac.nz).

There are a number of paid ministry apprenticeship positions available – so if you know of anyone who may be interested please let me know.

NZ VISIT OF RICO TICE (All Souls, Langham Place)

A passionate evangelist, Rico is the author and presenter of “Christianity Explored”, a great resource used by God all over the show to communicate the gospel of Jesus to a blind world. Rico is speaking in Christchurch on **June 6**, Bishopdale Reformed Church, 9am-3pm, cost \$10 (lunch provided). To reserve a place please email cam.gracey@christianityexplored.org.

RESOURCES

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.

NAME	TYPE	LOCATION
Essential Jesus	DVD and Book	Anglican Centre
E100	DVD and Book	Anglican Centre
Six Steps to Encouragement	DVD and Book	Anglican Centre
Six Steps to Talking about Jesus	DVD and Book	Anglican Centre
Old Testament Template (Landa Cope)	DVD and Book	Anglican Centre
Mission of God’s People (Christopher Wright)	Book	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
Following Jesus the servant King (Jonathan Lunde)	Book	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library

Online: via BTC/ Diocesan websites “Resources” sections.

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

- Bp Graham Cray – Fresh Mission Conference, Christchurch, 2010
- Rev Dr David Peterson –William Orange Memorial Lecture 2010
- Rev’s Tim Mora, Marge Tefft, Robin Kingston – Ministry in life’s Crises – Pike River Disaster, 2011.
- Michael Harvey – Unlocking the Growth – PDF of powerpoint.
- School of Preaching 2011 with Paul Windsor – PDF’s also available.
- School of Theology 2011 – All presentations and public lecture.
- Rob Harley – School of Preaching 2012
- School of Theology 2012. All sessions on DVD (Anglican Centre and Bp Sutton Library) and online.
- Rev Dr Christopher Wright powerpoint and video (recorded at Laidlaw College)

God Bless,
Graham
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Bishop's Advisor for the Care of Older People

June 2013 is the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's coronation and in some places (especially the UK) celebrations are being held. As we know The Queen is also Head of State for New Zealand and so we ought to note that even though she is an octogenarian she continues to fulfil the commitment she made all those years ago.

As I travel around the diocese and the country I see similar commitments being demonstrated by many older people. "A promise is a promise, after all," one person said to me. Compare that to the fragility of our contemporary society where people seem frightened to make commitments or promises and are continually guarding their own backs.

I hope that younger generations can learn about the value of commitment, inspired by older people they may know.

As I am getting around the parishes and meeting with those actually involved in older persons' ministry, I am mightily impressed by the commitment and dedication that is so evident. If you have a function or a meeting for older persons on your patch please do let me know so that I can come and share with you.

June 15th is World Elder Abuse Day. Abuse of older persons is on the increase and is a terrible indictment against our society. Please ask your congregations to be aware of the older people living near to them and to demonstrate Christian neighbourliness and care especially if these seniors are vulnerable.

Also in these colder months, put your congregation on alert to ensure older neighbours aren't suffering in anyway. This would be a very Christ like thing to do.

Charles Tyrrell

The Very Reverend Charles Tyrrell QSO
Bishop's Advisor for the Care of Older People

Social Services Enabler

Dear folks – very many thanks to all of you (or your 'on the ground ministry' people) who completed the accountability forms for ACCT. There was robust discussion at the meeting last week and some feedback will be forthcoming. Some folks reflected that it was a useful exercise to complete from their own perspective also.

Just a reminder that due dates for grants are coming up:

1 July for Nelson/Richmond folks involved with community projects

1 August for any Older Persons' Ministry Fund projects (please contact Charles Tyrrell if you need help with these).

Please get in touch with me for any ideas/queries you may have.

Blessings

God bless

Gerrie Mead

Social Services Enabler

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Children and Family News



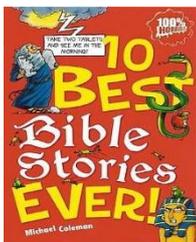
CFM is now on face book "CFM Nelson"

Become a friend and get up to date notices, news, photos, ideas etc.

Side-By-Side has begun well in Nelson, with a great group of people from a range of churches. Unfortunately though, although we ran day 1 in Blenheim, a number of people never eventuated so we decided that for the following two training days we'll only run it in Nelson.

Child-safe Thanks to the clergy who completed & returned the quick survey at POMD on safety of your children, youth & vulnerable adults. Luke, Gerrie and I are now planning the best way forward, along with assistance from Julie Hintz (STRANZ) ... more details to come.

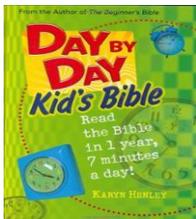
New in the CFM library...



10 Best Bible Stories ever.

Struggling to find Bible stories that appeal to 8-10 year olds (especially boys)? In the style of the Horrible History series, this is just for them!

Ten Old Testament stories, that are engaging, funny and written to read.



Day by Day, Kid's Bible.

Written by Karen Henley, who wrote the Beginners Bible, this is a great start for kids' devotional reading. Genesis—Revelation broken into 365 short readings, written for 7-10 year olds to discover the wonder of the Bible.



Our new office-mate...

Did you know that the Bible mentions the word DONKEY 147 times? So, now you can bring those stories to life by borrowing Shrek's pal Donkey ... at about 1m high x 1m long he's a great addition to any all-age service!

Jude Benton (Rev) Nelson Diocese Children and Families Ministry Enabler Cell:021 884 931; Office: 03 548 3124
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Youth Coordinator's News

CHARGE LEADERSHIP: JUNE 20 (NELSON) AND JUNE 26 (MARLBOROUGH)

This is a night for all our youth leaders to gather together over dinner, to chat all things youth ministry, be resourced, network, share, pray and receive input and support. Senior youth looking to step up in to leadership are welcome as well. Nelson and Waimea meet every third Thursday of the month, Marlborough every second Thursday.

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

Luke Shaw: Youth Coordinator

youth@nelsonanglican.org.nz

www.youth.nelsonanglican.org.nz



Opportunities in other Dioceses

Waikato Diocese

St Paul's Huntly - Half-time Vicar:

Seeking a new half-stipend vicar to lead and inspire them. The congregation are seeking someone who inspires trust and has the energy and vision with strong leadership skills to promote growth and encourage the gifts of those within the congregation.

For a parish consultation report and parish profile, please contact Ellen Luccock, Bishop's PA at bishopspa@waikatoanglican.org.nz or 07 857 0020. Applications close on the 14th June.

Wellington Diocese

Parish of Onslow - Full time Vicar:

Is looking for a full time Vicar to lead our 'local, lively and loving' Christian community not far from the CBD of the Capital City.

Visit the parish website: www.onslowanglicans.org.nz

To request a Parish Profile, indicate interest and/or apply, please send your CV with a covering letter to: The Right Revered Justin Duckworth, Bishop of Wellington, PO Box 12046,

Wellington 6144. Ph: 04 472 1057 Email: Justin@wn.ang.org.nz

Applications close Friday 28th June 2013.



Navy, Army and Air Force are recruiting full-time and part-time Chaplains.

Requirements - Be ordained, licensed, commissioned or equivalent thereof and in good standing with your denomination. Normally have completed five years full-time pastoral ministry and have the competencies to function in the equivalent of a sole charge parish or ministry position. Have excellent health and be physically fit. NZDF Chaplaincy seeks applicants that are self starters, committed to their faith, keen to develop in ministry skills and are prayerful team players.

We currently have Reservist vacancies in Navy, Air Force and Army in many parts of New Zealand including Auckland, Tauranga, Hamilton, Rotorua, Napier, Palmerston North, Whanganui, New Plymouth, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill. We also have Regular Force (Full Time) Navy, Air Force and Army vacancies in various locations from time to time.

Please keep our seeking of new NZDF Chaplains in your prayers.

To express an interest, send a one page CV to chaplains@nzdf.mil.nz

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