



News from the Anglican Centre · October 2015

Greetings everyone,

My deepest thanks to the parish of Buller who hosted our Diocesan Synod so wonderfully. It was a privilege to hold Synod back in Westport for the first time in 46 years! I particularly want to acknowledge Rev Steve Wockner and Pip Fairbrass who did so much of the organising. Comments from those attending have been incredibly positive. Thank-you!

My sincere apologies to those representing youth at this Synod. I promised them that at the end of Friday's business and again at the end of Synod I would invite them up to reflect back to Synod their impressions of the experience. They were great on Friday – but in the busyness of the wind-up I totally forgot to invite them to respond at the end of Synod.

The day after Synod I repacked my bags to head off to the annual Bishop's weeklong 'training event' which this year was hosted by Tikanga Polynesia. We were ferried out to this idyllic little island west of Suva where each one of us had our own private 'bure' (thatched cottage) on the water's edge. Beautiful clear water – it was absolutely stunning. The only problem was we had a week of rain and cold winds. The rain was so heavy our 'bures' began to leak – and the toilet block was about 100 metres from the accommodation so nocturnal walks were not the most pleasant of experiences.

However it was probably the best gathering of Bishops I have attended. It was very positive and the Bishops grappled with some of the deeper issues facing our life as a Church – particularly our three Tikanga partnership, 25 years after the church's constitution was amended to embrace our three cultural strands. A very constructive and positive gathering.

Last Sunday, after arriving back in Nelson, Hilary and I both headed over to Golden Bay to stand alongside Ian and Karen Thatcher as he read out a statement to his parish advising them of the cancer that has now metastasised into his bones. It was so moving to be with them all on Sunday. Please keep Ian and Karen in your prayers.

Things have moved pretty quickly on the resettlement of refugee families in New Zealand and the Anglicans and Roman Catholics are being seen as crucial to the coordination of New Zealand's response. The Church has been very proactive. Nelson has been identified as one of the 9 or 10 resettlement areas and I have invited Rev Chris Donaldson to be our Diocesan contact as things continue to move.

This has been a month on the move for me – happens every now and again as everything gets concentrated into a short period of time. This weekend Hilary and I head up to Auckland for the four yearly 'Common Life Missions Conference'. There are only a few going from the Diocese – distance, and the cost of travelling has made it difficult. The keynote speaker is Rev Dr Chris Wright and I am so looking forward to hearing him again. (Great to have such a gifted evangelical as the keynote speaker)

I offered to take responsibility (again this year) to co-ordinate the worship so it will be a pretty full week. We will be back in time for Standing Committee on the 13th October.

On a personal note I flew down to Christchurch a couple of weeks ago to help my sister move our Mum out of her home where she has lived for 50 years and into a rest-home. It was tough because she didn't want to leave the familiarity of her surroundings. We are thrilled though at how well she has settled in a very loving and caring environment at Annaliese Haven in Kaiapoi. Felicity and Aubrey Whitcombe have already been to visit....

Nick Kirk has continued to be battered because of his stance against the performance of the 'Armed Man' in the Cathedral because it includes the Muslim call to prayer. This was always

going to be a controversial decision. In the context of the work – which is a 'Mass for Peace' the 'call to prayer' is simply representing one of the two sides in the Kosovo Crisis – it is followed directly by the Kyrie representing the other side in this very violent and bloody event.

However, since it was last performed in the Cathedral in 2007, sensitivities have become even more heightened with recent ISIS events. It is a different world now. The media are fuelling the debate – this is what sells papers and lifts ratings!

Neither Nick or I are going to be drawn into this media debate with its accusations of intolerance and bigotry. We will just continue to be a Cathedral that proclaims Jesus as Lord and Saviour – and let that be our response. Perhaps when it is all settled we might jointly write to the paper and explain the difference between tolerance and respect. I think Jesus calls us to the latter....

Spring seems to have well and truly 'sprung' – after a long and rather chilly winter. May we all see signs of new life in our own faith and in the life of our churches.

May Jesus continue to bless us and guide us.

+Richard

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- For Ian Thatcher who was recently advised that cancer has metastasised into his bones. Our prayers, love and support are with Ian and Karen.
- For Sue Fallow recovering from recent eye surgery and awaiting a prosthesis fitting
- For Charles Tyrrell's recuperation. Charles will be in Nelson hospital for an operation early October, which will see him out of action for up to 6 weeks.
- For the annual 'Spring Camp' youth event held during Labour Weekend. For all those involved (leaders and guest speakers) that it will be a fun-filled and inspiring time for the youth of our Diocese.

EVENTS & NOTICES IN OUR DIOCESE & COMMUNITY

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

St Lukes Spring Creek 125 Years – 18th October. Church service at 10am followed by shared lunch. Tour around the district with afternoon tea concluding with dinner at 6pm with guest speaker, historian John Orchard. Registration details:
<http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz/spring-creek> or phone 03 5705050 or 125thbirthday@gmail.com

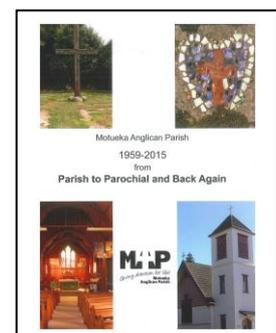
Refresh – Women's 2015 conference - Saturday 31 October 9.15am-3.30pm at St Stephens, Tahunanui. Guest speaker: Jane Halliday. Register in advance online at www.ststephenstahunanui.co.nz/refresh or on the day from 9.15am.

You're Losing Us - Growing kids and young people with faith. Scripture Union interactive workshops **Wednesday October 14**, 6.30pm-9pm at The Salvation Army, 57 Rutherford Street and **Thursday October 15** 6.30pm-9pm, Church on the Hill, Richmond Parish. Come along and discover how you can do faith formation more effectively with the children and young people in your church. (Flyer attached)

Harvest of Grace (celebration of 150 years) – There are a few copies of our Harvest of Grace 'Celebration of 150 Years' book left which are available at a price of **\$15 per book**. Also available is the New Every Morning DVD **for \$8**. Or.. **Both can be purchased for a total of \$20**. A great history of the Diocese and could make a special Christmas present for someone. Please contact the Anglican Centre office 548 3124.

Surprised by the Holy Spirit – Rev Dr Edgar Mayer will be visiting Westport 1-4 October for a series of Worship services and to lead a Holy Spirit Seminar. St Johns Anglican Church, Lyndhurst Street, Westport. Ph: Rev Steve Wockner 03 789 8348 or bulleranglican@xtra.co.nz

Motueka Parish 1959-2015: 'Parish to Parochial and Back Again'. You'll enjoy this updated history of the Motueka Parish which can be purchased for \$25 (p&p free). Contact the parish office 035288825, 101 High Street, Motueka.



MINISTRY EDUCATION

Hi Everyone,

I am currently on sabbatical until November. If you have any questions about ministry education please contact Fran at BTC (office@bishopdale.ac.nz) who will put you in the right direction. David Hollingsworth is taking the EQUIP sessions for the remainder of the year. Also please can you fill in and return the short questionnaire I sent out about EQUIP and return this to Fran. God Bless - Graham

TRAINING EVENTS

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.**

Nelson/Waimea (St Stephen's Tahunanui)

- October 17: Unit 10 Prayer (David Hollingsworth)

Mawhera

- October 31: Unit 10 Prayer (David Hollingsworth); St John's, Westport)

Post Ordination Ministry Development (POMD)

POMD is on a Thursday and starts at 10am (coffee from 9.30 unless stated).

- November 6 (Friday) - Willow Creek GLS2015 – will have a group "Nelson Anglican" booking
- November 19-20– Bishop's Retreat

Willow Creek GLS 2015

In order to get a good group registration rate I have pre booked and set up a Nelson Anglican Group for the Nelson GLS, Friday Nov 6.

You can now register yourself and others from your church (lay and ordained) following the instructions below. You do not have to pay as this will be covered by Ministry Education.

<http://willowcreek.org.nz/product/gls-2015-conference-individual-rate/>

From here, people choose Nelson, number of registrations they want, then 'add to cart'.

They then need to enter the coupon code: **Nelson Anglican** 'Update cart' – then 'proceed to checkout', where they can enter their details and also details of any others they are registering at the same time.

T4T training conference

Church Army NZ is delighted to invite you to a **T4T training conference** in Auckland from **Fri 23rd – Sun 25th October**. With proven, experienced trainers such as Chuck and Deb Wood from USA, and Tim Scheuer and Dave Milne from Australia, as well as Kiwi input, all participants will spend each morning being trained together in T4T skills and principles, using current best practice. After lunch together, we will partner with three Auckland churches in different parts of the city, and visit homes to identify Houses of Peace, establish Discovery Bible Studies, see people give their lives to Jesus, and plant churches. Finally we gather in our three locations to debrief.

Up and Coming Events

- Trans-Tasman Rural Ministry Forum – Early 2016.

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
Network Course	DVD	Anglican Centre
Survivors Guide to Hell Pt 2 Rob Harley	DVD	Anglican Centre
Transformed – Rick Warren	DVD+book	Anglican Centre
Son of God Movie	DVD	Anglican Centre
Missional Small Groups – Scott Boren	Book	Anglican Centre
Making Small Groups Work – Henry Cloud and John Townsend	Book	Anglican Centre
Christianity Explored	DVD+book	Anglican Centre
Discipleship Explored	DVD -book	Anglican Centre
Soul Handbook – Older teens/Young Adults	DVD+book	Anglican Centre

(Christianity Explored youth series)		
CY (11-14yr; Christianity Explored)	Book	Anglican Centre
Animate "Practices" – Children Ministry Resource – Spiritual Practices. Spark House Publications	DVD+book	Anglican Centre
Phil Trotter Mentoring (POMD)	DVD Also https://vimeo.com/125527525	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
Julie Hintz SafeHere 3 and 4 (POMD Oct 2014)	DVD Also Session 3 https://vimeo.com/125010455 Session 4 https://vimeo.com/125010454	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
Brian Rosner (School of Preaching 2014) How we read, interpret and apply Scripture	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
EQUIP Handling the Bible Updated version	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library St Christopher's and Holy Trinity Greymouth

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

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

BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - COURSES OFFERED IN 2016

Semester One - 22 February – 24 June 2016

Level 5 (Foundation) courses

- 104.515 New Testament Greek: Introduction* (Intensive: 9–19 February; 9am-12.30pm)
- 115.515 Biblical Theology
- 140.515 New Testament: Introduction
- 201.515 Theology: Introduction
- 301.515 History of Christianity: Early Church to Reformation
- 460.515 Internship – Journeying into Ministry

Level 6 and 7 courses

- 202.615/715 Theology: Christ and Revelation
- 211.615/715 Theology: Ethics (Intensive: 9-15 April)
- 524.615 Anglican Bicultural Mission (includes field trip) – NEW COURSE**
- 607.615/715 Christianity and World Religions

Semester Two - 18th July – 18 November 2016

Level 5 (Foundation) courses

- 120.515 Old Testament: Introduction
- 401.515 Formation

Level 6 and 7 courses

- 105.615 New Testament Greek: Intermediate* (Intensive: 4-15 July; 9-12.30pm)
- 111.615 Biblical Interpretation (Semi-Semester)
- 125.615/715 Old Testament: Psalms (Intensive: 22-26 August)
- 142.615/715 New Testament: Gospel of Luke
- 205.615/715 Theology: Church and the Mission of God
- 270.615/715 Worldviews and Ways of Life (Intensive: 22-26 August)
- 302.615/715 History of Christianity: Reformation to Current Times
- 463.615 Internship – Ministry in Context

* Please note that due to timetable requirements we can accept only early bird enrolments for these courses.

Unless stated, courses are delivered in Semester mode, with weekly tutorials for 12 weeks. Courses designated 'semi-semester' run over fewer weeks with longer tutorial sessions. Bishopdale Theological College reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a course if enrolments fall below an educationally appropriate level. Courses which Bishopdale does not offer may be taken as distance learning courses directly through Laidlaw College. These courses include online tutoring.

All enquiries to registrar@bishopdale.ac.nz or office@bishopdale.ac.nz for further information.



SOCIAL SERVICES ENABLER

Greetings everyone,
Started by our social work student this year and as indicated at Synod, I'm undertaking a survey of all parishes to document details of current happenings in social services in the Diocese – of course the general picture is obvious but there are many more people involved than our stats would indicate so do expect to hear from me in this regard. Funding opportunities for this year are now completed with the ACCT applications to be determined at the October meeting of ACCT. Just a reminder for those interested in social justice matters NZ Council of Christian Social Services publishes Kite Kupu and Policy Watch with regular commentary on topical issues. You can sign up on their website www.nzccss.org.nz
Blessings
Gerrie Mead

ENABLER FOR OLDER PERSONS MINISTRY

First, may I thank people who sent Elaine and me cards and emails of sympathy on the death of my father, Charles Tyrrell snr. He was a wonderful Christian who taught me much, especially in terms of selfless service. I believe his final prayer was "I just want to go to Heaven" and I believe that God has granted his request.

I have been listening to quiet meditative music to help me through this period and one piece moved me dramatically. Will Todd is a young English composer of Christian Music and his short piece entitled 'No More Sorrow' sets to music some words from Revelation 21:4 which say,

God will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The former things have passed away.

Reminded by those wonderful words, I now know that my Dad has not passed away but '... the former things have passed away.' For Dad, life continues but pain and loss, grief and tears have passed away and all because Christ lives, and we live in him. Let's make sure we proclaim this immutable truth when we minister to people who are bereaved. If we don't then we neglect our calling as Ministers of the Gospel.

Second, well done to the people who are completing the Certificate in Ageing and Pastoral Care this month. I know that their ministries will be enhanced through their hard work.

Third, recently I was elected as Chair of the Nelson/Tasman Positive Ageing Forum. I believe that as Anglicans we have much to share in our communities and that is the purpose I was prepared to stand for election. I covet your prayers as I take up this voluntary responsibility later in the year. (And yes, while I was overseas I was re-elected as Chair of the Board of Age Concern Nelson/Tasman also.)

Fourth, on 5th October I shall be in Nelson Hospital for an operation which will see me out of action for up to 6 weeks. Again, I would value your prayers for my recuperation.
Every blessing,
Charles

YOUTH COORDINATOR

'Raising up the next generation with a passion for Christ

Hi everyone, Good to catch up with our youth reps at Synod in Westport and also catch some of that famous West coast sunshine. It's true, it is sunny down there! Some interesting discussions at Synod around youth discipleship and how we raise up our kids and youth with a resilient and genuine faith - a conversation worth continuing as we look ahead to how as a Diocese we can be on the cutting edge of where God is moving.



Coming up over the next few weeks...It's the school holidays so rest up if you're taking a well earned break, team. This Friday we have the 'Stronger' regional youth service happening in Nelson hosted by All Saints and a youth service happening on Sunday in Blenheim with special guest Spanky Moore. Our next instalment of Order of the Vine: Alcohol is also on in the holidays at St Stephens. We also have Spring Camp looming - only 4 weeks away, people! Time to dust off ye olde log and engrave Nelson on it...

➤ **Combined Youth Groups**

Friday 25 September: Combined Youth Service at All Saints '**Stronger**' / 7.00-9.30pm

* With special guest speakers Dave and Heidi Fraser (Bridge Valley)

* Worship, ministry, games, food and prizes plus Spring Camp T-shirts to give away!

➤ **Spring Camp '15**

Friday 23 to Monday 26 October/Bridge Valley, Wakefield

- WE'RE CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT IF KEEN?
- REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER AT MIDNIGHT!
- THE RUGBY WORLD CUP WILL SCREEN AT CAMP!

To check out where we need help, download our PDF from the YOUTH website

To register (Before Sunday 11 Oct) and for info, please head to the Youth website

Youth Website: <http://nelsonanglicanyouth.org.nz/event/spring-camp-2/>

To register (Before Sunday 11 Oct) and for info, please head to the Youth website

➤ **The Order of the Vine**

Thursday 8 October. 7-9pm / St Stephens, Tahunanui / for young adults (roughly 18-35)

The Next event for our new network of Nelson / Waimea young adults is happening in October with a theme tackling issues around '**Alcohol**'. Super relevant, book it in and bring a crew. For a high % of details and excess info: facebook.com/theorderofthevine
Guest Musician Ryan Beehre (aka Serpico Beats).

OTHER NOTICES:

➤ **The Ambient**

This is a night aimed for people 18-40, an open space decked out with couches and lamps and tealights where people can gather to praise and worship God and learn how to walk in the light of his presence. 'City of Light' feature as the acoustic house band with special guests. Happening on the 4th Sunday of every month in the St B's 18 October at St Barnabas hall, Stoke with coffee from 7pm. St B's Stoke hall

➤ **You're Losing Us**

An interactive workshop for kids or youth ministry teams looking to tackle the issue of how we best disciple and integrate our kids and youth into the life of the church in a way that helps faith stick so we don't lose the next generation. Ideal to take a team to so you can wrestle with the content and forge a plan of attack. Hosted by SU and the Salvation Army. Register online at www.sunz.org.nz INFO - 0508423836
Wednesday 14 October / 6.30-9pm / 57 Rutherford St Nelson

➤ **Hawke House**

Is a supervised flat in Christchurch, set up to help students and young adults explore faith, flatting & freedom. Rent is affordable, the pad is huge, uni is within walking distance, plus we have a live in mentor & a ready made community of young adults to make your first year of study unforgettable. Life doesn't get any better than this...

Email wilderness@stchristophers.org.nz for an application form

➤ **Transitions for School Leavers**

An SU hosted event for Year 13 School Leavers (going to Uni, Polytech, having a GAP year etc.) being run in Nelson, with Workshops on budgeting, flatting, cooking, looking after

yourself and more.

Monday 19 October / 7.00pm / Richmond New Life 85 Wensley Rd / \$10

➤ **Alcohol and the Teenage Brain**

A night with Nathan Mikaere-Wallis covering topics such as: What alcohol does to the teenage brain, legal responsibility as parents and how to communicate with youth around this issue. Includes a discussion panel.

Tuesday 13 October / 7.00-9.00pm / Nelson College School hall / FREE entry

Dates to Diary for up and coming events

Term 3

Combined Nelson youth Friday 25 September at All Saints - Youth service!

OOTV Thursday 8 October / 7pm / St Stephens / Free, for young adults 18-30

Term 4

Spring camp: Friday 23 to Monday 26 October (Registrations / info out term three)

Charge Nelson: Thursday 26 November / 8.30am-10.00am / Deville on New St.

Charge Marlborough: Wednesday 02 December / TBC

Shed Ball: Details and dates TBA

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NATHAN HUGHES: Youth Assistant Mobile 021 1103 322 youth.assist@nelsonanglican.nz

BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

Nicholas Lash – Holiness, speech and silence : reflections on the question of God. Surrey : Ashgate, c2004.

This lucid book reflects on attributes of God and aspects of Christian faith. The book is described as "wonderful theology for people who think theology is not for them".

Timothy Keller – Preaching : communicating faith in an age of scepticism. New York : Viking, c2015.

Keller gives practical guidance on preaching a Christ-centred message which engages with a sceptical culture. This book should interest "anyone who is interested in communicating their faith so others can be transformed."

David Limbaugh – Jesus on trial : a lawyer affirms the truth of the gospel. Milton Keynes : Authentic, c2014.

Limbaugh is a lawyer and a New York Times bestselling author. In this book he traces his personal journey from scepticism to belief. His book provides a wonderful reaffirmation of faith for Christians and, with a legal eye for evidence, Limbaugh offers "a challenge to sceptics that cannot be ignored".

Quote for the day

The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God. – **C.S. Lewis**

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

GENERAL NOTICES

New Wine Summer Festivals 2016 - Warkworth 13-17 January AND Kapiti 21-25 January. Great south Island early bird discount – register and pay by 30 November. Enquiries to admin@newwine.org.nz or 0800NEWWINE.

PEACE, NOT WAR, SHALL BE OUR BOAST"

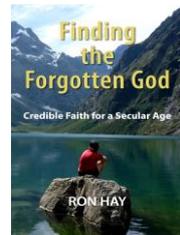
Historical, theological and contemporary perspectives on peace and Christianity in New Zealand

Victoria University of Wellington, 18-20 November 2015

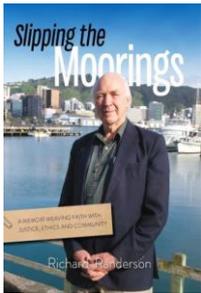
This conference will provide a forum for critical reflection on Christian contributions to peace and peacemaking in New Zealand. It will provide an opportunity to evaluate Christian contributions historically, and to think theologically about the relationship of peace to Christianity. The conference is being hosted by Victoria University, with support from the Religious History Association of Aotearoa NZ, the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (Otago), and the College of St John the Evangelist (Auckland).

Conference rates are heavily subsidised: full registration: \$80 (\$70 early bird); unwaged/student: \$40 (\$35 early bird) - early bird rate applies where payment/registration is received by 31 October 2015.

Finding the Forgotten God - A brilliant explanation of the Christian faith which deals in a fresh way with the questions people often ask. By Ron Hay. Available now from DayStar Books www.daystarbooks.org or from Ron Hay haycienda@xtra.co.nz
Retail Price \$27.99 or from the author \$25.
Postage \$5.



Slipping the Moorings: by Bishop Richard Randerson. His memoir 'weaving faith with justice, ethics and community.'



About this Study Guide

The guide has been developed in response to requests from church and other groups for questions as group discussion starters. It adds no new material, but simply identifies some key issues where discussion might begin. Not every chapter, nor every part of any chapter, is included. Groups should feel free to choose issues of key importance to their situation. Feedback about the guide is welcomed by the author, Richard Randerson:

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Books may be purchased by email as above, Tel (04)976 6050, or 13 Matai Rd, Hataitai Wellington 6021 NZ1-3 copies: \$29.50*; 4-6 copies: \$24.50*; 7+ copies

: \$19.50* *plus P&P from \$5 (single copy) to \$15 (10 copies).

VACANCIES OUTSIDE OF OUR DIOCESE

Anglican Diocese of Wellington: Diocesan Manager Vacancy

The Diocesan Manager leads the team that works to support to the human resources, financial, communications and other administrative affairs of the Anglican Diocese of Wellington. This is an exciting opportunity to lead an organisation into the future. We are seeking a person who has:

- Considerable experience in management and leadership. Experience in a not-for-profit organisation would be advantageous but not essential.
- An understanding of the Anglican ethos and of the Wellington Diocesan goals.
- The ability to thrive in a multifaceted and busy work environment.
- Excellent interpersonal skills as well as a high level of ability in written and oral communication, including Board reporting.
- Energy, strategic vision, flexibility, has successfully lead change processes, and is a people person.

This is a fulltime position based in Wellington. Your application and CV should be sent by email to Rebecca Apperley on Rebecca@wn.ang.org.nz, from whom a full job description may be obtained.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 16 October 2015