



## News from the Anglican Centre · May 2013

Greetings everyone,

I don't think that I have stopped for breath over the past few weeks – but it has been an interesting, challenging and at times exciting few weeks.

I really wasn't looking forward to going to the Bishops' meeting in Tonga – despite the attraction of the venue! But it ended up being a very good meeting with a high degree of collegiality and authentic fellowship. There was quite a bit of time devoted to the issues surrounding same-sex marriage, blessings and ordination. Despite our obvious differences there was a real respect and a desire to listen. As the Bishop who comes with a biblically orthodox perspective I sensed a real desire to find a way ahead that honours our viewpoint. There is much talking yet to be done but it seems as if the Bishops are keen to take a lead in determining the way ahead.

Archbishop elect, Philip Richardson sent out the following email to all clergy in his Diocese following the recent amendment to the Marriage Act by Parliament. Some parishes may appreciate seeing this

*'The passage of the Marriage Amendment Bill has changed nothing in terms of where our church is at in our own processes and work on these matters. In my view the State has the right and the responsibility to determine who may be legally married. The Church has the right and the responsibility to define the nature of Christian marriage. The two are quite distinct and in some jurisdictions, such as in Germany, these always take place on separate occasions. A couple are legally married at a registry office and then, if they so chose, are married in a Christian marriage service subsequently. In New Zealand when witnessing the declarations and signing the register Anglican priests are acting as agents of the State. When we witness the vows and bless the marriage we are exercising our priestly duties on behalf of the Church.*

*So Anglican priests are not marriage celebrants on any basis other than because they are ordained priests who are subject to the Declaration of Submission and Adherence to the Constitution and Canons of the General Synod that we have each made at the time of licensing to any office we hold. Our constitution and canons have no provision for the blessing of civil unions nor any provision for the blessing of same-sex state marriages. Similarly a priest in this Church is, by license, only permitted to use those forms of service authorised by the General Synod. There are no forms of service authorised for use in relation to the blessing or 'solemnisation' of either civil unions or same-sex marriages.*

*As you are aware, as a Church we are working through a cluster of inter-related issues on these matters through the Ma Whea Commission and through a separate Commission looking into the nature of Christian Marriage and these will not be reported on and considered by our General Synod until 2014."*

Watch this space.....

This coming week we have the final of the Regional Retreats with the Mawhera Regional Deanery meeting in Hanmer. These have been wonderful occasions and I have deeply appreciated the opportunity, as Bishop, to spend in depth time with the clergy in each Deanery.

Following this retreat, Hilary and I will be heading to Christchurch for a couple of days to have a family conference with my Mum prior to our heading away. We'll then return from Christchurch to be in Kaikoura for Kevin Topp's ordination on the 12th of May.

Over the last few years Rev Phil Greenwood has been really keen to develop a combined service on the evening of Pentecost Sunday to celebrate this festival together. This year it will be held in the Cathedral (on Pentecost Sunday, the 19th of May). Although an Anglican initiative other denominations will be welcome to join with us. Imagine a night of celebration and praise on what has often been described as the 'birthday of the Church.' If you're interested in being part of this celebration or knowing more about it, please contact Phil.

During my time away on sabbatical Archdeacon Tim Mora will be 'in loco parentis' in his role as Vicar General. He is authorised to act on my behalf in any matters that would normally be handled by the Bishop except, of course, for those acts of ministry such as confirmation that need the Episcopal authority. David Hollingsworth will be my point person for any of the day to day issues regarding ministry etc. Please don't hesitate to contact Tim or David with any questions or concerns.

This coming week we have Archbishop Peter Jensen with us, both for our POMD Mission Day and also for the preaching school on Saturday. I have the deepest respect for Archbishop Peter and am thrilled that he has been able to make the time to come and be with us in these weeks leading up to his retirement from Sydney. It will be a great few days with him.

Please note that the Victory Community Anglican Church's nomination process is continuing and the position is currently being advertised. The closing date is 24th May. This is a unique and very healthy community church that needs the right person to lead them and to inspire them. Please pray for Victory.

Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege of visiting many parishes of different shapes and sizes in all four regions of the Diocese and I am really excited by what I see developing and growing (and happening) in every single one of these parishes. I am heading away on Sabbatical with a real sense that God is moving within the Diocese and is working His mission out within this part of His Church.

With every blessing

+Richard

## **Appointments**

- The Anglican Centre is pleased to announce that Merryl Hodgson has been promoted from Assistant Account to Accountant. Along with her new areas of responsibility, Merryl will continue to look after the parish accounting scheme.

## **For your Prayers**

- For the people of Victory parish as they work through the process of seeking a new vicar.
- For those called to ministry - Marianne James & Jonathan Wasley(Stoke Parish), Jean Palmer (Richmond Parish), ordained Deacons 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Cathedral and Kevin Topp (Kaikoura Parish) on 12<sup>th</sup> May in Kaikoura.

## **Events & Notices in our Diocese**

- **EQUIP Ministry Education** - Mawhera – **Sat May 11** (Westport); Marlborough – **Sat June 8**
  - **Moody Men's Collegiate Choir** (from Chicago). Concert in Nelson **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, Nelson Cathedral**. All are most welcome. An offering will be taken to assist with their travel costs. *Founded in 1957, the Men's Collegiate Choir is composed of students of all ages, from the undergraduate division of the Institute. The group presents a carefully designed programme of the best in sacred music representing a variety of styles. With ministry in mind, the group is very committed to striving for musical excellence with the goal of encouraging believers and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.*  
We would be grateful for offers to billet members of the Choir – arrive evening 25<sup>th</sup> May, depart for Blenheim early morning 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact Anita at the Anglican Centre Ph: 548 3124 or email [anita@nelsonanglican.org.nz](mailto:anita@nelsonanglican.org.nz)
- There will also be a concert at **Nativity, Blenheim on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. Contact Nativity Office [info@nativity.org.nz](mailto:info@nativity.org.nz)
- **POMD & School of Preaching** - **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May (POMD) & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May (School of Preaching)** May at All Saints. Guest speaker will be Archbishop Peter Jensen (Sydney). Topic: "Connecting the Old and New: Preaching the Biblical Metanarrative"  
**For online registration for School of Preaching** <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/news.htm>
  - **Archbishop Peter Jensen** will be preaching at the Cathedral on Sunday May 19 (Pentecost Sunday)
  - **Holy Trinity, Picton: celebrating 150 Years** – 31 May-2 June 2013. For more information contact 03 573 6466 or email [soundnews@clear.net.nz](mailto:soundnews@clear.net.nz)
  - **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.
  - **Nelson Seafarers needs Volunteers** – Volunteers are urgently sought for Seafarers Mission, Port Nelson. If you would like to help out 3-hours per month, please contact James Ph 027 5382041. For more information on Seafarers mission in Nelson, visit their website [www.nelsonseafarers.org](http://www.nelsonseafarers.org)
  - **St Johns Scholarship Applications for Funding in 2014** – Application papers are now available for Scholarship Funding in 2014. There are two categories of Scholarship available: **1. Post Ordination; 2. Lay**. The application form covers both categories of Scholarship and is to be used for both initial and continuing applications. Completed forms must be with Bishop Richard no later than **Friday 31 May 2013**. For those

seeking funding to assist with further study or for sabbatical/study leave, please ask Anita for a set of application papers. Email: [anita@nelsonanglican.org.nz](mailto:anita@nelsonanglican.org.nz)

- **Synod 2013** – When: 10, 11, 12 October 2013. Where: Marlborough (Picton)

## **Notices outside our Diocese**

- **Rico Tice** –passionate evangelist and author of 'Christianity Explored' will be speaking at Bishopdale Reformed Church, Christchurch **6<sup>th</sup> June 2013**. Cost \$10 (lunch provided). RSVP now to reserve your place: [cam.gracey@christianityexplored.org](mailto:cam.gracey@christianityexplored.org)
- **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](mailto:director@vaughanpark.org.nz) or submit a Scholarship Enquiry or a Scholars and Writers Opportunity Enquiry using the form on [www.vaughanpark.org.nz](http://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](http://www.gospel2014.org)
- **For upcoming retreats at Vaughan Park**, visit their website [www.vaughanpark.org.nz](http://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 - a \$1000 of which is subsidized by Diocesan ministry education funding. If you are interested please email me for enrolment information.

- **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.

The Dates and Topics for 2013 are:

UNIT 7 (Bi-Cultural Christianity: Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand) – Core Course for BTC ministry Certificate. Mawhera – Sat May 11 (Westport)

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

Marlborough – June 8

Nelson/Waimea – June 29 (**Please note change of date**)

Mawhera – Aug 10 (Greymouth)

- **POMD – Thinking Missionally**

Friday May 17, Thinking Missionally: Missional Discipleship – Archbishop Peter Jensen. All Saints – 30 Vanguard St, 9.45am start (coffee from 9.15).

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

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

• **SCHOOL OF PREACHING**

Saturday May 18 – Archbishop Peter Jensen

Topic: "Connecting the Old and New: Preaching the Biblical Metanarrative"

All Saints Foyer, 30 Vanguard St.

- 9.30 Registrations and coffee
- 10.00 Session one
- 11.00 Break
- 11.15 Session two
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.15 Session Three
- 2.30 Afternoon Tea
- 3.00 Session Four
- 4.00 Finish

Electronic registration: <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/news.htm>

This is a free event for those who are part of the Nelson Anglican Diocese or BTC. Otherwise the cost is \$20.

Archbishop Peter is also preaching at the Cathedral on Sunday May 19 (Pentecost Sunday).

**MINISTRY APPRENTISHIP 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](mailto: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.

**CALEB LEADERSHIP SCHOOL:**

Rex Booth is bringing the Caleb Leadership School to Nelson as an 11 day course based at Grace Church 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](mailto:calebnz@xtra.co.nz) or visit [www.calebnz.org.nz](http://www.calebnz.org.nz).

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](mailto: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](http://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.

NEW 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**

In the last week I attended two AGM's concerned with the care of older people. The first was the Annual Conference and AGM of Age Concern NZ, of which I am the National Vice President. The second was the AGM of our local branch of Grey Power. Let me share a point from each.

At the Age Concern conference there was an impressive display of speakers including academics, an author, a government minister and a representative of the BNZ. You may be wondering why this latter person was allowed to speak to a non-sectarian gathering. Let me tell you.

The young lady from the BNZ had been so shocked by the amount of money being stolen from customers by fraudsters involved in scams. She told us about case after case of older people being duped by international thieves who send glossy letters to NZ promising millions of dollars for just a small outlay of say, \$25. She had dealt with people who had been robbed of \$32000 and MORE in the course of just a year. The racket now pilfers millions of dollars from innocent Kiwi's. Thank God this young woman is working hard to combat such crime which is breaking families apart.

Electronic crime is just as pernicious and needs to be checked also.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Simply be aware of the vulnerability of older people. Keep your ears and eyes open as you visit and encourage people with doubts and fears to take their concerns to the Police or the Age Concern elder abuse service This is international abuse at its worse. Left unchecked this situation could even take away the ability of people to contribute to their local churches!

At the local Grey Power AGM I was impressed by the address given by Chris Fleming the new CEO of the Nelson Marlborough DHB. Chris is very involved in advocating for older citizens within the Health Service and it was wonderful to hear his level of commitment.

Amongst other things, Chris spoke about the massive costs of running this DHB, which includes the GP service around the area. He described how the Board was trying to strengthen GP services as the primary health providers in our communities. All power to his elbow, I say.

As we become busier in our work with senior citizens, remember to check whether the two organizations I have referred to may already be able to assist your older members. There is no use in reinventing the wheel, as they say.

Charles Tyrrell

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

## **Social Services Enabler**

Hello folks – a big thank you to all who have returned ACCT accountability forms. Gratefully...!  About half have come in. For those still to come please forward as soon as possible.

The next social services applications are due on 1 June and if you have plans to apply see [www.nelsonanglican.org.nz](http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz) Resources/Grant application forms – ACCT  
As always, please get in touch if you have a query/idea/dream for outreach ministry in your patch.  
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.

### **COMING UP...**



#### **SIDE BY SIDE MENTORING**

It's that time that we need to know numbers, and get the registrations in. So ask around, or sign up yourself!

Remember this is Mentoring for families on the fringe of your church through your community outreaches. This is about every-day families supporting every-day families, and building relationships with them.

Here's a quote from Sheena Pearson from All Saints who did Side-by-Side training in 2010.

*I recently spent time with a young woman who's husband had been away working most of the baby's first year of life. I remarked on the numerous rich, little experiences she was giving her child during the day, i.e., playing recorder while he blew harmonica, tapping a rhythm for him to copy, giving him a milk-bottle and lid to screw on and off, reading to him etc. She burst into tears and said, "Lots of people have come in and given me advice on*

*what I should do, but until now, nobody has ever told me I'm doing well". It made me realise how important it is to encourage our young women. During the Side-by-Side Mentoring course I was able to re-evaluate my own parenting skills, keep the best and realign them with today's skills. I remain 'me', not a trained professional, just a more aware 'me' helping in our community.*  
 Sheena Pearson.

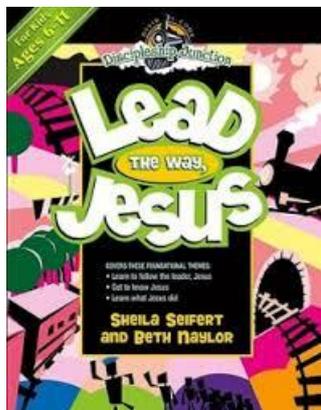
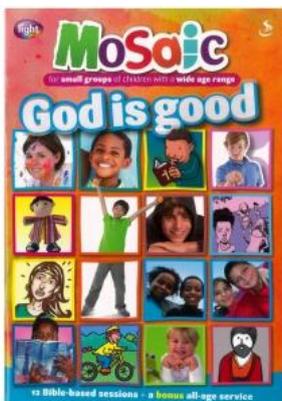
Training dates:

**NELSON** (Fridays) 10th May, 7th June, 5th July – Bread of Life Centre.

**BLenheim** (Saturdays) 11th May, 8th June, 6th July – Nelson Baptist Church.

**Cost \$75pp.** SOME funding assistance may be available, please ask.

**New in the library:**



**FINALLY** – some resources written for the small church with a small number of children with a wide age-range!

**MOSAIC** is new from Scripture union. We have two editions. God is good & God with us. Also **'discipleship junction'** is a program being used by St Christophers, and has been recommended by their team for small, mixed age groups. We have 3 editions Lead the way Jesus, Happy Birthday Jesus & Stepping up, stepping out.

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**Youth Coordinator's News**

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

Luke Shaw: Youth Coordinator  
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**BAND CAMP 3:**

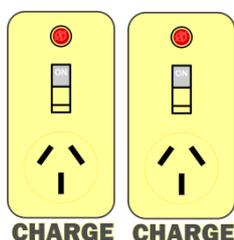
**26-28 APRIL, ALDOURIE BRIGHTWATER**



Coming up this school holidays we have our Band camp for all young muso's either in a band or looking to be in one – whatever skill level they're at this will be a cool weekend with input from guests City of light, workshops, practical stuff, epic jams and encountering with God all while hanging out with other like-minded muso types. We're looking forward to a great weekend with youth attending from each of our four regions.

**CHARGE LEADERSHIP: MAY 16 (NELSON) AND MAY 22**

(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. Hopefully a West Coast charge type night to come later in the year.

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

## **Opportunities in our Diocese**

### **Victory Parish** – full time Vicar

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Vicar at Victory Parish in Nelson City. Victory Parish is a small, evangelical and vibrant inner city parish with a wide cross section of the community represented in parish life. The parish has an effective outreach into its multi-ethnic community. Vision Statement: 'To be a Christ centred community reaching out to our community'

Application forms and Parish Profile are available from the *Bishop of Nelson, PO Box 100, Nelson 7040* or by contacting the Bishop's PA, Anita Jones-Stiles Ph:03 548 3124 or email [anita@nelsonanglican.org.nz](mailto:anita@nelsonanglican.org.nz)

Closing date for applications is Friday, 24th May 2013. Parish profile can also be viewed on [www.nelsonanglican.org.nz](http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz)

### **Holy Trinity Anglican Church Picton**



**150 years  
1863 – 2013**

**Queen's Birthday Weekend  
31 May - 2 June 2013**

For more information Contact: 573 6466

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