



News from the Anglican Centre · June 2016

Greetings everyone,

We survived General Synod!

Seems a strange way to start but that's pretty much how we all felt.

This biennial get-together of the Church's governance body should be the most inspiring, visionary gathering but over the past years it has been a focus of bitter division and debate.

This year three days were given over to very difficult debate on the Way Forward report looking at how the Church might move on the blessing of same gendered relationships. It was a naturally difficult debate but in the end the Church decided to take two more years to see if there is a structure that would enable people of both sides of the discussion to remain in communion. I hope that this is possible and that we might have a role to play in that because I'm aware of how seriously scripture treats the concept of unity.

There were huge steps taken in our inter-Tikanga relationships which were a highlight for me, but I want to echo Bishop Victoria's pre-General Synod editorial in Christchurch's Diocesan Magazine when she suggested that 'the most important matter facing our Church.... is the fact that we are shrinking and not growing. We are failing to evangelise to the people in our communities who do not know the Lord Jesus.... Why are we not calling for a radical recommitment to the Lordship of Christ in our lives?'

Now that would have been a discussion to engage in. Sadly, it never happened.

Farewells:

I missed the last day of General Synod because I returned with Ian Pask and Annie Fraser to be present for Julie Allen's funeral. Her death was so sudden although not unexpected with the recurrence of the cancer she had struggled with a few years ago. Julie was one of the characters of the office who had this delightful habit of rolling her eyes when having to deal with the Bishop seizing up his computer yet again. And then there was her chuckle. She was a very private person but we felt privileged to share her life. She was so loyal and worked many more hours than she was paid for – often working late at night at home on Diocesan stuff. We miss her around the office.

During this week we had Merryl's farewell as our Diocesan accountant. In this role she has had the responsibility of overseeing the development of the Diocesan based parish accounting system. During these years she has endeared herself to almost every single parish treasurer. She took the time to visit parishes who were struggling financially to suggest ways in which she might help and to help out when some of their systems were 'short-circuiting.' At her farewell, Wayne Harding, the Diocesan manager spoke of her dedication and commitment to this new system but also of her sense of humour that often made this place come alive with laughter.

New at the Centre:

Tony Bennett is the new face of our parish finance system. A trained accountant he has spent most of his subsequent years working that out in business rather than in an accountant's office. We welcome him to the staff team at the centre and know he will be every bit as valuable and appreciated as Merryl was.

Mary Garrett-Selwyn and Margaret Jane Wylie are two new faces in the office – or voices on the phone. We appreciate having them here while we review our staffing and job descriptions.

Retirement:

Ian Thatcher has recently announced his intention to retire from the parish of Golden Bay on the 1st August. He and Karen will be moving up to Palmerston North where they have a home and some old friends. Ian's health is very good at the moment and they have taken a trip back over to Helsinki to visit their son and grandchildren. We continue to hold them in our prayers.

Although John Eggers will be remaining as a member of the Diocesan Finance team, he is taking the opportunity of celebrating his 80th birthday by stepping down as the chair. He and Beth are amazing servants of this Diocese.

Ordination:

Last weekend Gordon Taylor was ordained as a Deacon within the ministry team at All Saints. His impact on the younger people of the parish – particularly those in children's ministry was evidenced by people such as Izzy Paine (a children's ministry intern last year) who came down from University to be present for this special occasion.

Book Launch:

I might have got the time wrong (arriving half an hour late) but it was still a privilege to be present at Mapua to mark the launch of Archdeacon Robin Kingston's book on inner healing. It is essentially a 'how to' book that is birthed in the many years of ministry in this area. Robin has seen lives dramatically changed as they have let go of long buried issues that have affected their ability to function as a liberated son or daughter of our loving God.

We have copies on sale at the Anglican Centre or you can order through Robin directly. And we pray that Robin and Marge have a special time as they head away on Sabbatical in July.

Visits:

I had a wonderful time with the Vestry of Richmond a couple of weekends ago, leading them in a retreat/planning day; helping them to reflect on where they are at as a parish and where God might be leading them. I love doing this – thinking and dreaming vision with some like-minded people.

I then preached at a combined service the next day. Great sense of celebration – but very hard to say farewell to Owen and Elizabeth Kimberley at this service.

Annual Leave:

Hilary and I will be away for three weeks from the middle of June, on annual leave. We are going to visit our daughter and are looking forward to spending some time with her. We'll be back early July – in time to welcome the asst. Bishop of Tasmania (Rt Rev Ross Nicholson and his wife Jenny) who will be spending a week with us.

Finally a quote from Archbishop Justin Welby, taken from his biography that I have just finished reading. It is from a sermon he gave at a New Wine conference in 2013,

'We are in a time of revolution' (describing the challenges facing the church in the 21st century) 'and we need another revolution in the Church. What it looks like I don't know, but I want to be in it. What it feels like is Jesus-centred, fire-filled, peace-proclaiming, disciple creating, and the church word for this revolution is revival.'

Every blessing
+Richard

The following for your information and parish newsletters

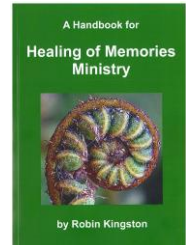
PRAYERS

- Family and friends of Julie Allen, who passed away last month due to the recurrence of her cancer.
- Ian and Karen currently on annual leave and as they prepare to retire to Palmerston North. Continued prayers please for Ian's health.
- Those taking sabbatical leave from July-October, Marge Tefft & Robin and Dawn Daunauda.

NOTICES

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

A Handbook for Healing of Memories Ministry – by Archdeacon Robin Kingston. Available through the Anglican Centre office 0305483124, reception@nelsonanglican.nz or Robin robin@greymouthanglican.co.nz
Price: \$20, plus \$5 for postage.



Glimpses of Te Omanga – over a hundred stories relating to the hospice movement and palliative care. While the stories collated give glimpses of life especially at Te Omanga hospice, they nevertheless would reflect the atmosphere experienced at hospices up and down NZ. Coming from the heart and often reflecting deep emotion, the stories do much to correct some widespread 'myths' about hospices. collated by Beryl Anderson. Cost per copy \$20 plus \$3 postage. Proceeds to the hospice movement. Purchase through Beryl: 04 5892141 Email: dougandberyl@xtra.co.nz



NZCMS – Thriving as a "Link Church"... Interested in seeing mission thrive in your parish? This event is specifically targeting parishes already linked to a Mission Partner **but all** are welcome to hear what others are doing in their churches. Friday 1 July (7pm-9pm) & Saturday 2 July (9am-4pm). Laidlaw College, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui, Christchurch. For more information: NZCMS office: 03 3772222

NZ Faith Community Nurses Conference in Nelson! 'Called to Care' Sharing the FCN Experience... Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 2016 at NMDHB Seminar Centre, Braemar Campus, Waimea Rd, Nelson. See www.faithcommunitynursing.nz

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, Please note the range of events coming soon – especially the School of Preaching with Rob Harley. Also please tell your leaders about the range of small group resources available.

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**

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

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

- 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.
- learn how to bring humour, life, and dozens of other proven 'tricks of the trade' into your talks
- 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 THE BTC website <http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz/newsandarticles/>

CLERGY AND LAY WORKERS CONFERENCE

The theme for our 2016 conference is "Discipleship". Online registration details will be out soon.

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.

Keynote Speakers:

- Kevin Ward – Knox College, Dunedin "Cultural context of discipleship".
- Paul Burton – Unite Church, Nelson "Building a Discipleship Culture".
- Rosemary Dewerse – St John's College, Auckland.

Workshops: Planning to have workshop options on the Tuesday afternoon

Kid's Programme: There will be a programme organized for a range of ages.

REMINDER: THIS EVENT IS FOR CLERGY AND PARISH LAY STAFF SO PLEASE INVITE YOUR TEAM.

POST ORDINATION MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT (POMD)

The new "Community of Practice" model for post-ordination professional development is now underway across the Diocese, and it has been great to see the engagement within the groups. Dates are indicated below:

	Mawhera	Nelson	Waimea	Marlborough
January				
February	19			
March				
April	8			
May		05	12	19
June	17	23	28	
July	29			21
August		18	25	
September				
October	7	13	27	
November	25		24	17
December		01		

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. We now have the exciting development of offering a 1yr fulltime diploma which majors on internship (20hrs per week) which would be ideal for any young person wanting to do a gap year programme or gain experience in Christian ministry (see attached PDF). Our two internship options are:

a. *Fulltime Diploma of Christian Studies (Internship).*

The BTC Diploma in Christian Studies (Ministry Internship) is a 1 year fulltime diploma, designed to equip students for church-based ministry through an introduction to biblical and theological studies and mentored spiritual formation as reflective practitioners in a church-based setting. The 20 hours of ministry per week forms the basis of a 30 credit Internship paper as well as 2 other 15 credit papers at level 4 or 5 per semester (60 credits per semester; 120 credits total). On completion of the Diploma in Christian Studies (Internship) students will have developed the capacity to tell the biblical story, to read the Scriptures within their wider historical context and to understand a theological framework for life and ministry. They will have been equipped for effective leadership and ministry in the church and in the world through mentored and coached hands-on involvement in ministry and reflective practice.

Costing:

20hrs/week or DipCS (Internship)

[\\$16.50@20hrs](#) = \$17,160.00

Kiwisaver @4% = \$686.00

ACC = \$75.00

Total = \$17,921 (\$12,000 Min Ed + \$6,000 parish)

b. *Fulltime BTC (4 papers/semester) and 10hrs ministry per week.*

There are a number of fulltime Dip CS, B.Theol or B.Min students who are also engaging in significant church ministry and leadership, especially those looking at fulltime ministry and ordination. This pathway enables them to gain valuable practical ministry experience with supervision and mentoring as well as earn some money. These students would be encouraged to take at least 1 internship paper (15 credit) to aid their ministry reflection and integration.

Costing:

10hr per week

[\\$16.50@20hrs](#) = \$8,580.00

Kiwisaver @4% = \$343

ACC = \$37.00

Total = 8,960.00 (\$5,000 Min Ed + \$4,000 parish)

LATIMER MINISTRY RETREAT 2016
 Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th October
Details TBA

WILLIAM ORANGE MEMORIAL LECTURE 2016 HOW RELIGION CREATED SCIENCE
 Our annual William Orange Memorial Lecture is coming up soon. We are privileged to have Professor Edwin Judge join us from Australia to deliver the lecture. He will be speaking on 'How religion created science'. Professor Judge is one of the remaining 'Orange Pips' whom William Orange mentored.

- Auckland: Friday 17th June, 7.30 - 9pm St. Chad's, Meadowbank (38 St John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland)
- Christchurch: Sunday 26th June, 3 - 4.30pm St Saviour's Anglican Church (200 Colombo Street, Christchurch)

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
How I Changed my Mind About Evolution: Evangelicals reflect on faith and science	Book (Biologos and IVP)	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.

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-center>.

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>.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Dear everyone,

Just a reminder about applying for Anglican Care ministry funds in the next few months (refer to your bright orange ACCT A3 wall chart – if you don't have one please let me know.)

Closing dates are:

1 July (Nelson only) Mary Foster-Barham Trust project funding

1 August Older Persons' Ministry funds

1 September Tindall Foundation funds

1 October ACCT funds

Stay blessed!

Gerrie Mead socialservices@nelsonanglican.nz

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14-15 Oct



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ENABLER FOR OLDER PERSONS MINISTRY

Dear colleagues,

Elder Abuse Awareness Week begins on June 15th and concludes on June 22nd. As Christians and especially for those of us in ministry, we have a duty of care to God's people, especially to those who are weak and vulnerable. Elder Abuse Awareness Week is an opportunity to seek out vulnerable people and in Christ's name to offer them support and protection.

Maybe you could preach about the call to care on Sunday 19th June and raise the level of vigilance and awareness in your community by getting our members 'mobilised' in this respect.

I happen to be free on 19th June and I would be happy to come to your parish to preach that day. First come first served!

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

Attached with the emailed Ad Clerum, is backgrounder from the Age Concern national office. It makes for salutary reading. Please forward it on to your elder care workers in your parish.

Best wishes,
Charles Tyrrell QSO

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Hi everyone, Autumn is here in style in Nelson. How did your Pentecost celebrations go? May God's Holy Spirit be with you this week in every aspect, as you walk with him in the work he's called you to and may it not be a burden but may there be times of peace and joy as you give out.

SYNOD YOUTH REPS The Diocese is discussing at this year's synod our current rep procedure and how we can make changes to encourage more youth voice and participation, not just at synod but at a vestry level in our parishes. However this year there will still be the 8 youth spots needing reps. If interested in representing your region please talk with your vicar for more details and contact Annie Fraser before 13 June to register interest - Synod this year will be held at Stoke over **4-6 August**.

The Sauce - Fridays, 10 June, 24 June, 8 July. St Barnabas, Stoke 7-9pm The dates are set in for next term! We will still aim for fortnightly but there will be a three week gap over Queens birthday weekend. For any Sauce related thoughts, feedback and questions remember to chat to Nathan.

Charge Leadership - , 24 June, 19 August, 16 Sept, 18 Nov, 2 Dec
It's time to re-launch our Charge Leadership program and we're excited to be doing so next term. A little different from previous years, this time around Charge will be aimed at senior high school youth and emerging young adult leaders from within our Nelson / Waimea parishes. The content will be a mix of quality teaching around leadership heart and culture with a real practical component where our crew can learn valuable skills and put them to work, hopefully helping them to become the best leaders they can be... The program will run for seven sessions over the rest of the year, once per month on the same night as the Sauce - meeting 5pm till 6.30pm which will include dinner on us. Our Charge leaders will also be subsidised to go to Spring Camp as part of the program. If you have any keen youth please feel free to spread the word and let them know about the program - the first night in May will be a launch where people can come check it out before committing - youth leaders are welcome to attend this with their youth.

The Abbey 26-28 August - This year the Abbey - our national Anglican Youth leader conference - is happening at **Living Springs in Christchurch** (South Island represent!), and we will be sending a team from Nelson again. If you are a youth leader or Charge leader and keen to go, you will need to register via the 'Resourced' website Anglicanyouth.org.nz. Regos are open! If you (ideally your parish) can cover your rego, the Nelson Diocese will cover travel. We will look to fly people there/back but you will need to check the airport bus option on the rego form to get a ride from the airport to the venue at Living Springs. Any questions please talk to Nathan - registrations are limited so register asap to go! once registered please let us know so we can arrange travel. Should be a great trip.

40 HOUR FAMINE Happening this term, more details below - thought of signing up? You might also be interested in putting on a Famine event - let us know what you're thinking if you'd others groups to join in the fun. The Famine this year is focusing on Syrian Refugees and has a real advantage of being so topical presently. The theme is **"One Weekend, One Backpack"**, based on how many refugees have survived for up to 5 years with only the gear in their backpack when they fled Syria. The famine web site is up and running where you can register and download

great a whole heap of great resources to help you spread the word to your youth!

Some of their ideas below:

- Short 3 minutes video clips
- The simulation game about refugees - 2 billion miles
- Interviews with Kiwi celebs and others who have visited overseas
- And heaps more than we can list here...

Visit www.worldvision.org.nz for more info or to register your group for the weekend!

Term 2

10 JUN The Sauce: Friday / 7-9pm / St Barnabas hall, Stoke

10 JUN 40 HOUR FAMINE

06 JUN Youth Leaders brekkie: Thursday / 8.30-10am / Deville cafe Nelson

24 JUN Charge Leadership: Friday / 5-6.30pm / St B's Stoke hall Nelson

The Sauce: Friday / 7-9pm / St B's Stoke hall Nelson

08 JUL The Sauce: Friday / 7-9pm / St B's Stoke hall Nelson (DODGEBALL COMP!)

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BISHOPDALE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Courses for Semester 2:

Your personal journey with God - Formation

What is happening in the church today? - Church in the Mission of God

What has shaped our culture, assumptions & beliefs - Worldview and Ways of Life

Digging deep into the Old Testament - Old Testament Introduction

Praising as David did, looking at - Psalms

Who was Luke, what made him different? - The Gospel of Luke

Diving deep into scripture - Biblical Interpretation

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

BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

New Books in the Bishop Sutton Library

- **Kathryn Greene-McCreight – I am with you : the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2016. London : Bloomsbury, 2015.**

"And there was evening and there was morning, the first day" (Gen. 1.5)

Greene-McCreight notes that this verse gives us insight into understanding God's presence.

The verse assures us that "Darkness is not the final word". It is "darkness that is enclosed by light, not the other way round". This reflective book explores God's presence as light.

Ultimately, it is the power of the resurrection that both "illuminates our darkness" and draws us into God's presence that "Light by which we see light".

- **David G. Benner – Presence and encounter : the sacramental possibilities of everyday life. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Brazos Press, c2014.**

Presence is a "relational concept". Our "most vital and significant moments in life are moments of encounter".

This book explores how we can make ourselves more "available for encounter" and experience the presence of God in everyday life, in a more profound way.

Quote for the day "All real living is meeting" – Martin Buber

New Books for Ministry Training

John Patton. Pastor as counsellor : wise presence, sacred conversation. Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, c2015.

Simon Rundell. Creative ideas for frontline evangelism with young people. Norwich : Canterbury Press, c2013.

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

VACANCIES IN OTHER DIOCESES

Christchurch Diocese:

Parish of Hornby, Templeton and West Melton – evangelical leader who is biblically focused and spirit-filled with a gift of biblical interpretation and teaching. A priest who understands a multi-centred parish

Applications which must include a CV, a response to the profile of not more than three pages, and a statement about your personal approach to ministry, are requested by 29th February 2016 and are to be mailed to, bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz **Applications close on 20 July 2016**

Children's Ministry Developer for The Diocese of Christchurch

The Diocese of Christchurch seeks a Children's Ministry developer who will enable parishes to re-imagine their outreach to children and offer education that engages the whole family. This is a 20 hour a week position to allow job sharing.

The successful candidate will have:

- a theological education / understanding
- experience working with children and their families – ideally in a ministry role

He or she will become a member of the Diocesan Mission Team and work closely with parish clergy, staff and volunteers and collaborate with the Youth Ministry Developer and the Child Poverty Solution Advocate of the Diocese of Christchurch. They will be based at the Anglican Centre office.

For a complete Position Description and an Expression of Interest form, please email bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz Applications close on 20 July 2016

Anglican Parish of Sumner – Redcliffs, Christchurch Vicar, Fulltime

We are an evangelical church that embraces and lives an open, generous and Christ-centred mission. Our worship encompasses both contemporary and traditional styles. We aim to build on the best of the past as we embark on the next step of our journey towards continued growth of our church, mission and outreach. We have one Fresh Expression called the Board Room which reaches out to those who surf, skate-board and do other 'board' activities. A parish profile and an expression of interest form are available by emailing the office of Bishop Victoria Matthews of the Diocese of Christchurch: bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz or by phoning 03 348 6701. Applications, which must include a CV, a response to the profile of not more than three pages, and a statement about your approach to ministry, are to be sent to bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz . Applications close on **24 June 2016**



Caring for seafarers
around the world

Chaplaincy to the Mission to Seafarers and the Port of Nelson

A brief update from Franz Murbach, Chaplain

Thanks to a dozen of dedicated volunteers, the Mission is open every evening from 7 to 10 pm when ships are in port. It would be great if we could open the Mission also in the afternoon because the stays in port are getting shorter. I intend to visit the churches in and around Nelson to make them aware of the importance of the Mission and the ministry in the Port and to recruit volunteers.

Sea Sunday 2016 will be held worldwide on 10th July. I quote from a letter of the Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, the Rev Andrew Wright:

2016 is the 160th anniversary of the Mission to Seafarers. Throughout those 160 years we have been in integral partnership with, firstly, the Church of England and, later, as the work developed, with the wider Anglican Communion (and other Churches)... "160 years" is the theme of this year's Sea Sunday celebrations. To reflect on the past and to give thanks for what has been a great mission story is important. However, the primary focus of Sea Sunday is to celebrate the life and work of today's seafarers, the 1.5 million on whom we are all dependent and yet who are so often forgotten. They and their families face many challenges and our work with them in over 200 ports around the world remains absolutely vital. It is work we could not carry out without your prayers, your friendship and your practical generosity...

If your church does decide to hold a Sea Sunday service, please go to www.seasunday.org for more information and Sea Sunday materials.

Over the **Sea Sunday** weekend, Rev Lance Lukin, the Regional Director of the Mission to Seafarers will be in Nelson, taking part with Bishop Richard in the **Blessing of the Fleet** on Saturday 9th July and preaching at Holy Trinity, Richmond, on Sunday.

I can only underline Rev Wright's words and encourage your parish to integrate the Sea Sunday into your services on 10th July. Please support our local Mission to Seafarers and the Chaplaincy.

Franz Murbach
Chaplain