

# THE HERALD

Anglican Parish of  
Rangitikei  
March 2018



## Bishop Ellie writes.....

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Greetings whānau; it's good to be home after such a long period away. As many of you will know, I have been in the UK since Christmas, enjoying the chance to catch up with family, and at the end of this time, attending the school for new bishops run from Canterbury. This involved training sessions and orientation, including a martyrs' pilgrimage in Canterbury Cathedral, and Eucharist with Archbishop Justin Welby. This was an intense ten days of learning, reflection and the development of new friendships with colleagues from around the Anglican Communion.

I would like to bring you back words of encouragement for each of us as members of the bigger picture of our Diocesan family. My overarching take-home message from my time in Canterbury is that we need to keep running the race set before us. With God's grace, we are doing so well. As a Diocesan family many of us have firmly taken up the mantle of being a sent people, and are already busy answering and enacting solutions to the hard questions around mission and discipleship that the

rest of the communion are often only just beginning to ask. So be encouraged, and take heart!

Bishop Justin and I have just begun our new season of new community shared life, and as we step out in risk, trust and obedience, I am heartened by the example of one of my new colleagues, the Bishop of the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique, Vicente Msoo. He shared with us the story of his first weekend as Bishop, in which he visited a part of his Diocese where he knew there was the opportunity of fresh mission. The priest he met there to accompany him gave him many reasons why he shouldn't go - but his response was that it is better that we fail trying, rather than we fail to try.

Last week, on retreat with our senior leaders, Bishop Justin spoke around the need for all of us to confront areas of idolatry. Part of answering those hard questions means we need to ask for God's grace to reveal within us areas of our own idolatry; knowing that we are always the

answer, and we always need that ongoing internal transformation that God is so keen to give us when we ask.

Can I encourage all of you to take up the opportunity of doing our Lenten study booklets this season; ideally in a group with others, and I look forward to the

**Our Chrism services are approaching, and every member of the Diocese is encouraged to attend one of the three services.**

Chrism services are an annual diocesan event at which our family gathers to re-affirm our baptism vows, and for ordained clergy and the Bishop to re-affirm the vows made at their ordination. It is also the time at which Bishop Justin blesses the oil to be used in the coming year for anointing the sick, and for baptisms and ordinations.

As we journey towards Easter, Chrism represents a poignant moment for each person in the Diocese. As well as being a reminder of our place in the family, our joining together reminds us of our active role in being brothers and sisters in Christ as we recommit ourselves to our walks with Jesus.

opportunity of catching up with you at one of our Chrism services in the lead-up to Holy Week, as we take the chance to re-affirm our calling as Sent People in this place.

+Ellie



Traditionally only a service for the Bishop and ordained clergy, the Chrism services have been expanded in recent years to include all lay members of the Diocese, and have been held in three locations across the Diocese throughout Holy Week in order that as many members of the family could be present.

This year's Chrism services will be held at: [St John's, Feilding](#): 7pm on Monday the 26th of March.

**Contact clergy members to arrange transport.**

## **Te Reo Maori/Maori Language Classes**

Thursday evenings 6-8pm

All Saint's Church

(commencing 5 April 2018)

Helping people to incorporate Te Reo into worship and everyday life.

Kaiako/Tutor - Bridgitte Te Awe Awe-Bevan

Incorporates Night Prayer.

All welcome/ Nau mai, haere mai, haere mai.



# Rev Tim's Reflection

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Hebrews 12:1-4

We did it! On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March I had officially been in the Parish for 1 month ... and I got to ring St Stephen's bell for the first time! (A duty I shared with my young friend Elijah!)

It has been a great month - Everywhere I go I meet faithful and passionate people, and see signs of God's new life growing up from the deep roots of faith. With all sincerity I can say that you, God's people in the Rangitikei, have been incredibly welcoming, and after a month in the role I am looking forward to a long season with you.

While it has been a little bit manic starting this role at the beginning of Lent, with all the intense build up to Easter, and of course AGMs, it has also been quite profound too.

As we all know, God is calling his Church in the Rangitikei, his people in the Rangitikei, to walk with humility and faith forward into the future he is preparing for us. As we step into this exciting season of growth and new hope, it's perfect that we start in Lent - a time of reflection and examination.

A time where we are invited and challenged to strip away all that hinders us in our pursuit of Jesus and his Kingdom. A season that prepares us to welcome the living God again at Easter and step boldly into the new season he has for us.

The verse above from Hebrews is one of my favourites. I come back to it time and time again as I wrestle with what it means

to be a Christian - a disciple of Christ. As I stumble, let fear get the better of me, and grow too comfortable with the status quo of my life, I am challenged again and again to 'Keep [my] eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever.' (Heb 12:2 MSG)

In order to do this I ask myself two questions regularly, and in this season of Lent I share them with you as an invitation - join me in asking yourself these questions every day because I truly believe it will change the church for God's good. The two questions are; 'What might God be saying to me today, in this situation?' and 'What is God inviting, or challenging me, to do about it?'

I believe that God is inviting us all into a season of new life and growth. And I believe that if we can commit to focusing on Jesus, by regularly examining our lives with questions such as these, then together, as God's people, his church, in the Rangitikei, we will be able to 'Run with perseverance the race marked out for us' and see God's Kingdom come in our lives, our churches and our communities.

As we near the Easter celebration I pray that God may bless you with humility and wisdom, faith beyond doubt, and love for all His creation.

Yours in Christ Jesus who is alive forever



## Rangitikei Faith Trail

What a wonderful opportunity it was for the forty people on the recent Faith Trail to see the variety of churches in the Rangitikei Parish, and to learn about what each church meant for its own community.

John Vickers gave the group a fascinating insight into the history of the churches, with members of each congregation providing local colour. Margaret Thompson demonstrated the different sounds of the various organs and harmoniums, and described the distinctive features of each instrument. Richard Peirce also played some of the organs.

At St Thomas's in Sanson, Barry Brown assisted John in bringing alive the local history of the church. It was built entirely with wooden pegs instead of nails, and the signature of one of the builders is still visible on an inside wall: "Ellerm, 1877". Keith Morrison, a great-grandson of this builder, came down from Rotorua for the tour, and has maintained a family connection to the church even after moving away.

St Martin's, Greatford, and St John's, Tutu Totara, have each been beautifully maintained for many generations by the Willis and Marshall families respectively. St Martin's was built by Major Willis after a falling-out with Bishop Hadfield, and St John's was rebuilt on its present site after WW1; a memorial to a grandson of Bishop Hadfield who was killed in the war. Wendy Willis and Derrin Marshall represented the continuing family commitment to each church.

St John's, Hunterville, is notable for a set of fine stained glass windows commissioned



FOLK ARRIVING AT ST. JOHN'S HUNTERVILLE.

in the 1980s from Beverly Shore Bennett, who also designed a window for St Stephen's school, which was transferred to St Stephen's church, Marton, when the school closed. The Hunterville church also has a beautiful round stained glass window depicting St Francis of Assisi, which came from a church in Ohingaiti. Hamilton McConachy welcomed the group on behalf of the Hunterville congregation.

The foundation stone in St Stephen's, Marton, dated 1871, was the first to be laid by Bishop Hadfield after he was consecrated Bishop of Wellington. The impressive stained glass windows in the chancel were donated by Mrs E.Tidy in gratitude for her son's safe return from WW2. The chancel would once have been much darker, as an early vicar thought that the plain leadlight windows made the area too sunny, so he had the windows replaced with wood paneling.

Tim Lethbridge welcomed the tour to St George's, Turakina. The church is a Frederick de Jersey Clere design, as are several others in the parish. The building is very little changed from the days when Turakina was one of the biggest centres of Scottish immigration in NZ. An interesting feature of the church is a French harmonium, of a type which was a favourite of French composers who composed many works for such instruments.

The group was welcomed at St Andrew's, Bulls, by Jim Howard. This church has always had generous supporters in the Wilson family, which donated the stained glass windows in the chancel. On display were several lovely altar frontals, some of which were worked by women of the Wilson family. The organ was designed for a much bigger space and can produce a large volume, but can be toned down by closing the swell shutters and choosing the correct stops.

The last visit was to Wheriko church at Parewanui Road, Bulls, where Graham Nitschke welcomed the group and spoke about the history of the church, which his family has been associated with for many years.

It is the only church on the tour which has been moved from its original position. It used to be by the river (Wheriko means "rushing by") but was moved on rollers to its present site because of flooding.

The church is constructed of two inch thick interlocking totara slabs, and is in very much the original condition.

Thank you to everyone involved in the tour. You did a great job. Sue Wells (chair) and all the members of the St Stephen's Local Committee organised a brilliant tour. Everything ran smoothly, and kept well to time. To everyone who ensured that delicious morning teas, lunch, and afternoon teas were provided, thank you.

At the end of the day, those on the tour were bubbling over with enthusiasm for the experience, and commenting that there was potential for at least two other tours - architecture/stained glass windows, and organs.

### ***Prayer Chain***

If you need prayer please contact Sue 3276533 or Marian 3276365.

The prayer chain is a group of people who pray for those who have any prayer needs or requests.

This is confidential and only the members of the prayer chain have details.

## **From St. Stephens' Local Committee**

Well, the **Rangitikei Faith Trail** has been and gone, and was a resounding success! Thanks so much to all who had any part in organising it, and especially to those who cleaned and decorated the churches for the day! You can read about the event elsewhere in the Herald. We raised \$1585.00 for the parish.

Our **new Local committee** for 2018 has been elected, and thanks to Ann Hammond and Francis Twiss for contributions over past years, who now, with a change in Diocesan Canon are unable to be both warden and Local Committee members. Those elected are Diane Chapman, Janice Gower, Jason Groube, Caro MacArthur, Stephanie Shaw, Margaret Thompson, Sue Wells, Ngaire Wishnowsky and representation from CFM.

Please pray for the new leadership team and let us know if you have comments or ideas.

**Coming up** we are planning, but with no confirmed dates: - a garage sale in May/June, a dessert evening in July, St Stephen's Day celebrations in August, maybe a Spring Festival, the Plant Fair in October, and Armistice Day commemorations with the RSA in November. Also in 2021 we will organise our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations! Sue Wells (Chairperson)

# HOLY WEEK in the RANGITIKEI PARISH



## 25<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday

- St George's Turakina @ 10.00
- St John's Hunterville @ 9:30
- St Thomas' Sanson @ 9:30
- St Stephen's Marton @ 8:00 & 9:30am

## 29<sup>th</sup> March: Maundy Thursday

- Passover Meal & Footwashing
  - St Stephens @ 5:30-7:30pm.
- Tenebrae Service: Stripping the Altar

*Join us for a simple communion, using bread & wine blessed at the earlier Passover meal, followed by the stripping of the Altar in these locations.*

- St Stephens Marton 7:45pm
- St John's Hunterville 8:00pm
- St Andrew's Bulls 8:00pm
- St Thomas' Sanson 8:30pm
- St Georges Turakina 8:00pm

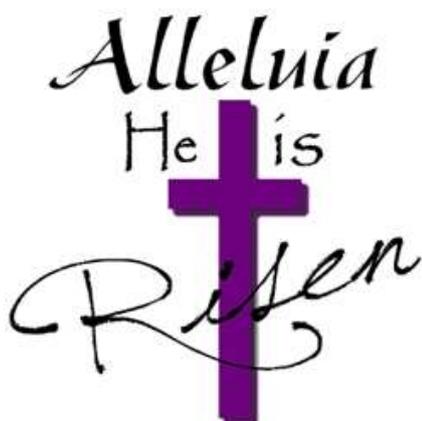
## 30<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday

- March of Witness 9am Living Hope Church
- Gospel Narrative Service - St Stephens @ 2:00pm  
*A 45min service in which we hear the entire Gospel Narrative read from beginning to crucifixion.*

## 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Saturday

- Easter Vigil Service - St Stephens @ 7:30pm  
*Join us to light the Pascal Candle, re-affirm our baptism vows, and celebrate the beginning of Easter Sunday & the resurrection of our Lord Jesus*

## 1<sup>st</sup> April: Easter Sunday



- Combined Family Service - St Stephens @ 10:00am  
*Join the whole Parish to celebrate the Risen Lord Jesus this Easter Sunday in a service that will honour all the best traditions and strengths of our diverse and beautiful Parish.*
- Car pooling available, contact local committee.

**Making Palm Crosses**  
**10am Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Stephen's Hall**  
**Instruction given.**  
**Lovely to see a rep**  
**from each worship**  
**centre.**





**St. Stephen's Hall, Maunder St. Marton**  
**29<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm**

*REMEMBER THIS DAY ON WHICH YOU CAME OUT OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY, BECAUSE THE LORD BROUGHT YOU OUT FROM THERE BY STRENGTH OF HAND. (Exodus 13:3)*

Passover Seder is the ceremonial dinner that commemorates the Exodus from Egypt. It follows the Jewish ritual of thanksgiving and remembering, and the consuming of symbolic foods. The text used is the traditional Hagadah, which is said during the meal. The Seder will follow the order of the traditional Jewish Passover meal that is held on the first day of the Passover.

Towards the end of the meal, Christians continue with the Eucharistic Banquet, ending with a Blessing. Following this, those who wish to join the Footwashing Ceremony will move to the Towgood Room. Here, we will commemorate the moment when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in an act of humble service. The service is short and dignified and makes a fitting end to a significant evening in our lives of faith.

*We look forward to all of you joining together to savour two profoundly beautiful acts of worship...*

*...and a really good dinner!*

## **LENTEN STUDIES**

- **Tuesdays** at Tim & Kim Duxfield's  
21 Maunder St. Marton.  
6:30pm for potluck dinner,  
7:30pm for study & prayer.
- **Wednesdays** in St. Stephens Towgood Room 11am (ish) after the 10am communion. **All welcome**  
or pick up a study booklet to use at home from the Parish office.

## **PARISH AGM THURSDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7.30PM TOWGOOD ROOM, ST. STEPHEN'S HALL, MAUNDER STREET. MARTON**

*Please ensure you are on the parish electoral roll if you wish*

- *to speak or vote on any matter at the AGM*
- *to be nominated for vestry or other offices in the Parish*

*To be eligible to be on the Parish roll you must*

- *be baptised*
- *have been participating in the life of the parish for a minimum of 4 months*
- *not be on the electoral roll of another parish*
- *enroll prior to the AGM.*

Nominations for vestry and Peoples warden can be made via the Parish Office or pick up a booklet with nomination form from the back of your churches.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**



## Tour Leader & Co-ordinator.

My name is Barry Brown and for the last 30 years I have arranged and escorted special interest tours to England, Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic, plus inbound tours to New Zealand from these countries. I plan to retire from these tours within the next two years

and wish to gift the tours as a fund raiser to the Rangitikei Anglican Diocese.

Is there someone aged between 50-65, independent, with an interest to work with me over the next two years, with the intention of taking over the tours?

There is no cash outlay or financial reward involved, only expenses would be covered at this stage.

Please email the writer on [rodenberg@inspire.net.nz](mailto:rodenberg@inspire.net.nz) for further details.

### **From the Parish registers:**

**FUNERALS:** We commend into the hands of God and pray for the family and friends of **Rona Violet Phoebe Rippon** service at St. Stephen's 26<sup>th</sup> February.



**HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS**, or anyone unable to attend services due to ill health or incapacity, and who would like communion brought to them, please call any of the clergy.

**HOSPITAL OR HOME VISITS**, if you, or someone you know in the Parish, is ill or has to go into hospital, please let us know so a visit can be arranged if wanted. Phone one of the Clergy or the Parish Office.

### **Priests:**

Tim Duxfield (06) 327 7930  
Cell: 022 105 1237

Robin Peirce 327 5951,  
Diana Howard 327 6350  
John Vickers 327 7280,  
John Sleep 02240689355.  
Peter Brown 027 3488800

### **Deacon:**

Judith Tamblyn 322 1278

### **Wardens:**

Francis Twiss 06 3276569  
Ann Hammond 3276267

Tim is on a part-time Stipend, please respect his private time and make contact as below. **His Parish hours are; Sunday and Monday Sabbath, Tuesdays and Thursdays full days, Wednesdays afternoon only, Fridays morning only.**



### **Parish Office**

23 Maunder St. Marton.

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