



The Herald

March 2019

As I write this, waiting for the Panadol to kick in, I contemplate this latest trip to the dentist. The loss of another tooth, loss of too many dollars. Some pain and discomfort with the hope of long term relief. If there is anything I have learnt in this life, it is that I am going to lose bits and pieces along the way. Like eyes and teeth.

Some in this world preach that life is easy, that being a Christian is easy. How wrong they are. None of Jesus' disciples found it easy. None of the apostles said it would be easy. Jesus didn't say it would be easy.

In recent times we have lost a few of our members. Despite the pain and suffering we go through at these times, we have the hope and surety that they are safe with Christ. As the signboard says, we have that Hope that secures the soul. If we add to this the peace that only Jesus can give us, and the knowledge that he loves us unconditionally, we are able to carry on. Remember the verse that John has recited to us for some time: "In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Despite what we face, the pain, the frustrations, the losses, the disappointments, we must focus our eyes on the ultimate goal – eternity with Christ. That is the prize.

May God's love and peace continue to surround us until He comes again.

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OILWATER

A BEAUTIFUL COLLABORATION

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM,
THE OLD WAS WASHED AWAY.

IN THE OIL OF CHRISM,
THE NEW IS SEALED IN GOD'S LOVE.

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER WITH OUR BISHOPS
AT THE BANQUET TABLE TO REAFFIRM
OUR BAPTISM AND ORDINATION VOWS.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

CHRISM SERVICES

15 April • 7pm • Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

16 April • 7:30pm • St Mark's Carterton

17 April • 7pm • St John's Feilding

movementonline.org.nz



Environment—by Russell Lyon



This picture was taken in Dumfries on Saturday 9 February 11, 2019.

You may say this is only a flood of a town that happens sometimes but in this case the floods are becoming more frequent. So what. It's serious as the local businesses can no longer get insurance so they have to recover from their own resources.

If you look at most towns and cities in the world, they have been developed alongside rivers and harbours. Shipping was the prominent form of transport because railways didn't exist and roads were of indifferent state of repair. Even in NZ we see that many of our cities are alongside rivers (Whanganui, Christchurch) or around harbours (Auckland, Wellington) so any rise in sea level or frequent flooding will not help their future.

As we see from the Dumfries case, insurance companies are starting to include climate change effects into account. This has even had an affect locally. When we moved to Staces Road in 2000, there were plans to develop a large urban subdivision down Pinfold Road. In 2003 there had been big floods in the UK and as a result insurance companies stated that they would reconsider insurance cover on new developments on flood plains. In some cases not offering any and in other making the cost of insurance more expensive. That canned the Pinfold Road subdivision.

Also most homeowners in some parts of San Francisco can be charged 17% of their house value annually for total cover. Needless to say earthquake cover is seldom purchased.

Insurance cover is not a given if you choose to live in an area known to have a high risk.

Can your grandchildren live with our ignorance of climate change?



**OPEN HOME
FOUNDATION**
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Foster Parents Needed Manawatu

"Supporting Families Caring for Children"

Do you want to make a real difference in the life of a child/tamaiti?

The Manawatu Service Centre is looking for caring people who are willing to open their heart and home to care for children/tamariki or young people/rangatahi.

This could be for a weekend once a month, a week, or sometimes longer.

Open Home Foundation is committed to mobilising the mainstream Christian community to serve children/tamariki and family/whānau in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The ideal couple will:

- Have a passion to provide a safe and loving home for children/tamariki or young people/rangatahi.
- Enjoy a sense of fun.
- Be part of a team, well supported and reimbursed for the care you provide.
- Be excellent at establishing rapport and routine with the children/tamariki or young people/rangatahi.
- Have an understanding of how the role recognises the special relationship between Māori and Tauīwi.
- Have NZ residency and a full drivers licence.

For an application pack or further details,
please contact:

Ella Retter

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www.ohf.org.nz

A Christian Community Response

We need you

“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is within your power to act.” Proverbs 3:27

Surely every Christian wants the future of New Zealand, our children to be in a safe and caring environment. For without that how are children expected to grow, and for the future of New Zealand to be bright.

Between June 2016 and June 2017 there was a 7% increase for children in care in New Zealand (From 5312 to 5708). There was also a 7% increase in the number of out of home placements for the same period. The need for Foster Parents continues to grow.

Open Home Foundation is a Christian Community response to a very real need. We have centres across New Zealand to provide support to children and families. Some of the support we provide includes finding foster families for children and young people, respite care and social worker support. Our vision is that every child and young person be able to grow up in a secure, loving family and receive a depth of care which will bless them throughout their life.

Foster parents are just ordinary people called to act to do an extraordinary job. As Christians we see so much bad news in the media and are unable to assist, we are unable to act. If you have room in your heart and your home, you can help us at the Open Home Foundation in our mission.

Perhaps you have a spare room and could provide respite care one weekend a month, short term care or longer. Are interested in becoming a foster parent and make a huge difference in a young New Zealanders life. Do not withhold good when it is in your power to act.

For further information please see our website www.ohf.org.nz or call the Manawatu Office on 06 358 4024 Ella Retter, Foster Parent Recruiter.

From Eddie Chapman

Some parishioners may not know that we have a columbarium within the grounds of St Mary Magdalene

What is a columbarium?

It is a place to belong! Where past and present believers unite on Holy Ground—the deceased cremated remains are held in a compartment within the brick wall—the term comes from the Latin *columbaria*—a compartment for doves and pigeons called a dovecote—in some churches they are built into the church structures.

At present there are seven people who wish to have their cremated remains deposited in the brick wall within the church grounds in the South-West corner.

A book of remembrance is available from Vestry in which to record the life and work of the deceased.



The time is now!

We have now been involved with Amlaku in Ethiopia for almost 10 years. During that time, we have seen this extraordinary young man come into his own as a community leader, as a visionary, and as an instigator of projects that have transformed life for his entire community of some 70 families.

Last year's harvest exceeded anything they had ever dreamt of. Amlaku himself recently did a 2 week training course in Kampala, Uganda, learning how to make and market the Days for Girls reusable sanitary towel kits that have made a huge difference to the lives of the girls and women in his village. Lasting for between 3 and 4 years, they enable women and girls to continue to work or attend school during their period, rather than having to withdraw from life for a week every month. Now, supported by some very generous gifts from New Zealand, Amlaku is establishing an enterprise where he will employ 20 youngsters from the village to make and market these kits throughout the area. He has purchased two sewing machines and an overlocker, along with all the necessary fabrics he needs. They have rented a building in Lalibela, and will start manufacturing the kits at the beginning of March. The youngsters he is employing would normally struggle to find work, so for them this is huge, even if it does mean an 8 km walk to and from the village every day. They have also been trained in all aspects of reproductive health, and will share this knowledge as they market the kits throughout the area.

The project has now reached the stage where we can look to withdraw our support from the end of this year. Over \$200,000.00 has been invested into the people of Baregota, it has been well used, and the results are very evident in terms of changed lives, changed attitudes, and the emergence of a sustainable village economy. Much to celebrate and praise God for. Check it out at www.bricks.org.nz

We do however have two things we need to do before the end of the year.

In order to enable them to build up some reserves in the bank account each family now has, we want to fund fertiliser for one more year – to the tune of \$460.00 per farmer. We have applied for a grant for some of this funding, but at the time of writing, we have not had an answer from the potential funder. Money in the bank for them means that from now on they will be able to purchase their own improved seed and fertiliser, as well as meet other needs that they have.

They have also asked that we provide each home with a solar panel, so that they can have lighting in their houses. This is particularly important for the children doing their homework. A panel costs \$250.00.

If you, as you read this, have ever thought 'this is a neat project, I would love to support it some time', then can I suggest that now might be that time! Please talk to me, call me (326 8887) or make a direct deposit into our Bank Account – Bricks for Life Inc, A/C No. 06 0729 0613936 00. All donations are receipted (as long as you let me know when you make the donation), but regrettably cannot be used for a tax refund.

Ric Foxley.

a pilgrimage of *grace*

Our shared journey: Lenten Devotional 2019

We say it weekly in our liturgies:
Grace and peace to you from God.

What does that mean, grace? Elegance? Good will? Honour? It all falls short. God's unmerited favour, predisposed goodness, a giving of mercy are all part of the definition, yet short. It is something we can discuss, even wrestle with, but it hits much closer to home in giving it when there is deep hurt and loss. It's almost as hard to receive it from another. It's most difficult to give to ourselves.

Grace means accepting the hurt and loss; giving mercy, forgiving, releasing debt, and even turning to favour and love towards another who is hurt. Yet, if we do not give that grace, we become a prisoner. This impacts everyone.

This year, take this pilgrimage with us. Journey through Lent and wrestle with grace; receiving and giving. Take apart the stories and Scripture, and cross over from "nice lesson" into transformation, becoming more like Jesus than before.

May this be a year that changes us forever

Scriptures for Lent

Here are the scriptures being used in this year's Lent devotional series:

John 8:2-11 The woman caught in adultery

Matthew 15:21-28 The Canaanite woman

Luke 15:11-32 The prodigal son / gracious father

Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus

Matthew 13:44-46 Pearl of great value

Matthew 5:13-16 Salt and light

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall—6 weeks starting

Monday 4th March 2019

7.30pm



This is the cover of the Parish Magazine issued April 1908 (Almost 111 years ago). Churches involved are All Saints, St Peters (Palmerston North), St Barnabas, Bunnythorpe, St Mary Magdalene's Ashhurst, St Aidans Awahou, and St Columbia's Linton.

The magazine cost 2s 6d (25 cents) per annum and with the church chronicle 3s (30 cents)

In 1908 the average wage of a shop assistant was 85 pounds (\$170) per annum.

Today a 1908 pound (\$2) is worth at least 100 times more so that makes the cost of the Parish magazine (that was 2/6d (25c)) in modern prices it would cost a parishioner today more than \$25 now (but we get it free)

Russell Lyon

Rosters

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with duties in and around the church.

If you are willing and able to assist with any of the following please see Helen Morgan, or send an email, asking to be added to the rosters with details of where you are able to help out.

Sound desk (training given)
Data projector
Chalice / grape juice
Readers
Welcomers
Morning Tea
Childrens church
Lawns/gardening

Tithes and Offerings; Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

We give because;

- It is an act of honour and obedience when we give God the first and best of everything we own. (Proverbs 3:9-10)*
- It acknowledges that God is our provider. (Philippians 4:19)*
- It is an opportunity to imitate God's generosity. (Ephesians 5:12)*
- It maintains that our possessions do not control or define us. (Luke 12:34)*
- It is one of the ways God involves us in the good work He does throughout the earth. (Philippians 2:13)*

Offertory recording allows parishioners to claim a rebate from IRD after 31 March each year. In April receipts are issued with total giving for each person/family for the previous year. If you would like to be part of this system using envelopes or automatic payments please talk to Helen or Lyn.

Services for March 2019

3rd 8.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Ashhurst
6th 7.00 pm Ashhurst
10th 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
17th 10.00 am Ashhurst
24th 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
31st 10.00 am Ashhurst

Prayer Breakfasts 2019—8am start

March 2nd, Saturday: Alva
April 6th, Saturday: Noeline
May 4th, Saturday: Barbara & Michael
June, July & August: no breakfast
September 7th, Saturday: Penny & Ric
October 5th, Saturday: Alva
November 2nd, Saturday: Noeline
December 7th, Saturday: Barbara & Michael
February 1st, 2020, Saturday: Penny & Ric

Dates for your Diary

4th March, Monday: Lent Study, 7.30pm—6 weeks, Ashhurst
6th March, Wednesday: ASH Wednesday service: 7.00pm Ashhurst
6th March, Wednesday: PACT Meeting (follows Ash Wednesday service)
20th March, Wednesday: Vestry Meeting 7.30pm
26th March, Tuesday: Lay Training, St Johns Feilding: 7pm
17th April, Wednesday: Chrism Service, St Johns Feilding: 7pm
19th April, Friday: Good Friday service: 10am
21st April, Sunday: Easter Sunday services: 10am Ashhurst & Komako

House Groups

Monday evenings 7.45pm - 9.45pm

At either Ric and Penny Foxley's 100 Worcester Street, 3268887

Or Mike and Barbara Russell's 144 Winchester Street 3268547

