



# The Herald

**April 2019**

Spending time alone with God is extremely important and has the potential to bring us closer to and into deeper relationship with the Almighty. However, it isn't always easy – often the most valuable things come at a cost.

I recently parked at Totara Reserve with the intention of spending some quiet time with the Lord. After a while I wrote the following in my journal.

## Listening to God

The birds are chirping

The cicadas are making the noise that cicadas make

And I am trying to listen to God

Among this racket!

A car goes by

A fly distracts me

And those birds are creating mayhem in the trees

If only God would shut them up

And speak loudly and clearly to me

Say it straight, give me a clear heads up.

But that's not His way

Well, not with me anyway

I need to listen, focus, concentrate

Even feel His Presence

Before I hear His voice

Prompting me

To look deeper inside of me

For there He dwells

I need to be still and know that He is here

Loving me

Watching over me

From without and within  
And when my heart is quiet  
Then my ears will hear  
What they need to hear  
The quiet voice of love  
Calling me deeper into Him.

I am no poet but I do want to emphasise the importance of spending time alone with the Lord, quietly listening to the still small voice that calms and to the voice of Authority that challenges. If you can tolerate another 'poem' from me, this is one that I believe came to me by the prompting of the Holy Spirit as I sat quietly on another occasion recently:

### **Sit Quietly**

Do not think  
But instead allow My thoughts to penetrate the cold hard stone of your heart  
Allow Me to hammer, ever so gently, at the mortar of coldness, indifference, selfishness and pride  
Allow My persistent knocking to turn your heart to Me  
This cannot be rushed, we must take our time  
Love grows slowly, steadily, surely  
But grow it will  
If you sit quietly and let Me knock  
Do not think  
That I am angry  
Do not think  
I will give up on you  
Sit quietly and let My knocking  
Refine the stone of your heart  
Till it becomes a polished gem  
Gleaming with life and love  
Take time out, alone with Me  
Listen and I will speak  
Listen, and you will hear  
The still small voice of God  
Repeating with every knock  
I love you, I love you.

May God bless you richly as you spend quiet time, allowing Him to grow your relationship..... Pam

## Bishops' News: March 2019

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

[Matthew 22:37-39, NIV]

Dear whanau

This year we continue to explore what it means to lean in together as family. What a challenge this is as we live in the early days of response following the tragedy of March 15th. Who is our family? Who is our neighbour?

Thank you all for your amazing stories of neighbourliness, generosity, friendship and manaakitanga between Christian and Muslim brothers and sisters after the tragic events of Friday the 15th of March. Let's all continue to form friendships which are deep and long-lasting. Rosie Fyfe, our Intercultural Communities Enabler, who worked for five years in the Diocese of Egypt and has extensive experience in facilitating Muslim-Christian relationships, has provided some thoughts on what might be our next steps, and perhaps to answer any questions you may have going forward about how best to support each other in the inter-faith sphere.

(Resource available at: <http://movementonline.org.nz/11708/building-bridges-with-muslim-brothers-and-sisters-a-resource>)

As the nation speaks about forming an identity founded on love and compassion, both +Justin and I have also been profoundly affected by the needs of our global family, particularly the devastation in Southern Africa following Cyclone Idai, with a swiftly rising death toll, hundreds of thousands displaced, and homes and livelihoods ruined. Meteorologists have described the cyclone as the worst on record to affect the Southern Hemisphere.

+Justin and a team from our Mission and Ministry group have this weekend been at the Surrender Conference in Melbourne, learning about God's compassionate heart for justice. At missionary evangelist Heidi Baker's talk, she also lamented of the impact and reality of the cyclone to those her mission group cares for in Mozambique and surrounding countries.

I personally have a deep friendship with +Vicente, Bishop of the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique, formed when I attended the training for new bishops at Lambeth last year. Since then we have been in regular communication over WhatsApp, sharing the realities of our very different lives. His most recent photographs have been a brutal reminder of the reality of the life of our African church and the very limited resources available to cope with a disaster of this magnitude.



In the same spirit of local friendship witnessed over the last weeks, we are asking our diocesan family to reach out globally to those brothers and sisters in need in Southern Africa.

Anglican Missions will be launching a fundraising campaign shortly which will focus on what these communities might need long-term to piece their lives back together again. In particular +Vicente has asked for help with fundraising for seeds to replace lost crops and work against ongoing food shortage.

We encourage you to share widely and give generously. We will share details on Movement Online in due course.

So as we continue to explore building close friendships with our local neighbours, we remember that we are each and every one of us a part of God's global family, tasked to extend the wideness of His mercy beyond boundaries of street, belief, theology, or nation.

+Eleanor and +Justin

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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

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# Walking the Labyrinth

Have you ever wondered how to walk a labyrinth?  
Are you interested in using it as a tool for spiritual growth?



If you would like to find out the answers to such questions, and the opportunity to walk a labyrinth, come along to one of two sessions:

Friday 12 April at 2 pm *or*  
Saturday 13 April at 10 am

Each session will be approximately 2 hours long.

We will gather initially in the hall behind St Peter's Church,  
229 Ruahine Street.

After a short introduction, you will be invited to walk the  
labyrinth mown into the grass behind the hall.

Bring walking shoes and a jacket.

Please reply to Anne Chrisp by Wednesday 10 April if you  
would like to come:

email: [anne\\_chrisp@me.com](mailto:anne_chrisp@me.com)  
or phone 358 0712

Koha appreciated.

## Summary of Vestry Meeting 20 March 2019

The following is a brief summary of the topics that were discussed at the last Vestry Meeting:-

- City Intercessors: will be visiting us again on June 13th 2019 at 7.30pm
- Quiz night: has been confirmed as Thursday 16th May 2019, 7.30pm at the RSA. We need to get teams together. All money raised goes towards the Hall refurbishment.
- Vestry Meeting attendance: the number of meetings attended by each Vestry member throughout the past year was recorded, and all were reminded of the responsibility of being on Vestry, and attending meetings regularly.
- Lawn mowing contract: Vestry voted to accept the quote from ‘The Moa Man’ to mow the church lawns—this will be a 12 month trial.
- ‘Process of Approval for Permission to Carry Out the Blessing of a Same Gender Civil Marriage or Union in the Diocese of Wellington’ - a copy of this document was handed out to Vestry and a brief explanation followed from Lyn on the process. To be explained at the AGM to parish members.
- Hall renovations—the building committee met with Rob Moonlight from the Wellington Diocese and discussed the option of selling the paddock to fund the hall renovations. It was agreed to discuss this at the AGM with Parish members.
- Lyn O’Fee has purchased a number of the “Chapel of Tarore Song Books” - and asked if the music groups would like to take a copy and look at perhaps introducing some of the songs on Sundays.
- Brian Brighting committal (Columbarium) —Pam will be taking the committal on Sunday 31st March 2019 at 12.30pm

Finances for February:  
Offerings banked \$3,243  
Expenses paid: \$4,233  
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## 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 April 2019**

7th        8.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Ashhurst  
14th      10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako  
19th      10.00 am Ashhurst (Good Friday)  
21st      10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako (Easter Sunday)  
28th      10.00 am Ashhurst

## **Prayer Breakfasts 2019—8am start**

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**

10th April, Wednesday: Vestry Meeting 7.30pm  
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  
25th April, Thursday: ANZAC Day

## **Prayer Chain for April: Mary - 326-8459**

## **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

