



# The Herald

**May 2018**

In our journey through life we are continuously faced with choices, whether they be personal, family, business or church. Sometimes they are easy and obvious, and almost seem to make the decision for you. Others seems to be more difficult, requiring much thought, guidance and the counsel of others, and much prayer. They can be peaceful, and sometimes they are not.

The latter often leave questions open for a long while, all the time thinking “why is this happening to me?” and “what is God’s will in this?” and “will there ever be an end to this?”. We battle with these, sure that there was an answer “just around the corner” and looking for a solution - quickly. And often there is no answer – or not yet.

Soon I will again find myself on another, and probably my last, long journey – to where the decisions I was once making about my future and my life were taken away from me because I didn’t duck fast enough. And I had to leave a place that at that time, I considered home. Journeys present many decisions for us and I am hoping that this one will be stress free, yet I know that even if there is an oopsie, God has my wellbeing in His hands.

There are number of references in the bible that give us hope in our personal journeys. Philippians 4:13 makes reference to “having the strength to do all things”. Psalm 28:7 says “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him”. Paul says in 2 Corinthians “God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles.” Colossians 3:15 is what we say week by week: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.”

So keep on living with the promises in God’s word!  
Peace and Blessings..... Neill Smart.

## Environment.... by Russell Lyon: **River Pollution**

We have all heard about our rivers being polluted with dairy run-off and that the farmers should be prosecuted for all this pollution they cause. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, I heard that an event organiser of ocean swims in Auckland had to cancel about half of the planned swims this summer due to pollution. Even when a sewer failed and spilled raw effluent into the harbour, people continued to swim in the local bay. It is becoming a major problem with sewerage contamination around urban populations. Food wastage is again to the fore, with the use of insinkerators munching up waste and putting it down the drain. If you have a septic tank, you are advised not to have a garbage disposal or you have to clean out your tank more often.

To curb this wastage, there are schemes being set up to collect this waste on a regular basis (every second day in the scheme I heard about) and turn it into stock food or valuable compost. Thus reducing the pressure on the sewerage system.

It is becoming known that our local infrastructure is becoming dated and in need of replacement or major upgrades. People complain if the footpath is decaying or potholes develop in the road, but because our water and sewerage pipes are underground and therefore unseen, people don't complain until they fail. Local bodies know this and are starting to plan for improvements, while the regulatory bodies (in our case, Horizons) are becoming more stringent demanding something be done, as urban pollution for storm water and treated effluent is increasing nutrient levels in river and seas.

Auckland is up for about a \$6 billion cost over the next 15 years to fix their pollution problem. To solve their transport problem, they intend to institute a fuel tax of 11.5c per litre and remove the annual transport rate of \$114 per year. They then propose to introduce an environmental rate of \$114 per year to try and resolve their environmental problems with \$49 to go towards upgrading their waste water systems. (But the environmentalists say it should be closer to \$70). Palmerston North will soon be up for a bill of \$200 million over the same period to stop discharge of treated sewerage and storm water into the Manawatu River. (Storm water is contaminated with rubber from roads, plastic thrown out onto the street etc).

Are you willing to pay the rate increase to solve this problem?

**Thy Kingdom Come** is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

- ◆ people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- ◆ churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, throughout the world;
- ◆ people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Could we suggest that each parishioner prays for five people who they would love to see become children of God.

**During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.**

A very good video clip can be seen here - <https://vimeo.com/264041099>

## **International Needs Meeting**

Monday April 30  
in the Hall at 7.30pm

A reminder of this meeting  
(see April Herald for more details)

Come and hear Mac Adikary tell us about  
his work in Bangladesh.

City Intercessors will be visiting  
St Mary Magdalene Church, Ashhurst  
on Thursday 3rd May  
at 7.30pm

They will be praying for our church  
and community.

Please feel free to come along and  
support them.

## **Tear Fund Concert**

Friday May 18, 7.00pm  
at Life Church, Featherston St, Palmerston North

Come and hear the Mwangaza Children's Choir from Uganda as they sing, dance and raise awareness and support for the churches, schools, medical clinics and orphanages established by ARM, Tear Fund's partner agency, in Uganda.

It's all about shining the light of Jesus throughout Uganda and the world!

More details on the notice board in the hall.

The Pastoral Care Group  
has been asked by several Church members  
to provide a phone list,  
giving contact numbers of all parishioners.

If you do not want to be included on this list,  
could you please advise Ric or Penny  
by May 10

(Tel 326 8887)

## **Services for May 2018**

6th 8.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Ashhurst  
13th 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako  
20th 10.00 am Ashhurst  
27th 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako

## **Prayer Breakfasts 2018—8am start**

May 5th: Barbara & Michael  
June, July, August: No Prayer Breakfasts  
September 1st: Penny & Ric  
October 6th: Alva  
November 3rd: Noeline  
December 1st: Barbara & Michael  
February 2nd 2019: Penny & Ric

## **Ezeemeals**

Please remember this service is available to all. If you know someone who may benefit from the Ezeemeal service please see Helen in the office for a meal list/pricing sheet.

Current prices: Main Meal \$9.00,  
Light Meal \$6.00

## **Ezeemeal orders**

Tuesday 2pm—3pm Telephone 3268543. The meals can also be purchased straight from the office, email or via website <http://pactrust.co.nz/>  
Home Deliveries on Fridays 3pm—4pm

## **Dates for your Diary**

30th April, Monday: International Needs Meeting, St Mary Magdalene Hall 7.30pm

3rd May, Thursday: City Intercessors 7.30pm, Praying at St Mary Magdalene Church

13th May, Sunday: Mothers Day

16th May, Wednesday: Vestry Meeting, 7.30pm

## **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

## **Prayer Chain for May: Marie—ph 356 6089**

*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.

