



The Herald

February 2019

This past weekend Ric and I went to Waitara to join my sister and her husband in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. It was wonderful to meet with family members, many of whom we see only at weddings or funerals - and sometimes not even then, because we all live so far apart these days. I'm sure that is true for many of us, yet family relationships are important in our lives, and it is so good to have opportunities to gather and catch up.

Our church family relationships are equally special and important. For some of us, our brothers and sisters in Christ are closer to us than our nuclear family, because we share life and faith together at a deeper level than may be possible with blood relatives.

We need to foster these vital spirit relationships for each other's, and the Church's, well being and growth, sharing and supporting one another through the ups and downs of life, the joys and the sorrows, and also the everyday things that may seem monotonous at times. We are all walking this pathway together, and an arm to lean on or a little encouragement go a long way.

I am reminded of these words from the letter to the Hebrews in chapter 10: 'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day of the Lord approaching.'

May God bless us all in our life together, and strengthen our bond of love in Jesus' name.

Penny.

Environment, by Russell Lyon

Naked Shopping

Now that I have your attention, the headline has nothing to do with people but it's about produce. We all know that single use plastic bags at supermarkets have been consigned to the rubbish bin of history. The next challenge that supermarkets are being faced with is the growing demand for their customers to provide "naked shopping".

What does this mean? Have you ever tried to buy vegetables without its plastic packaging? We have cucumbers in individual plastic sleeves, other produce in plastic bags, meaning you have to buy a kilo of something even if you only want two. (I have noted how hard it is to buy for one because of this and the wastage it creates.)

Recently a lady went to her fruit and veg aisle, refusing to use the single use plastic bags provided but used the paper mushroom bags instead.

Much to the annoyance of the checkout operators and the store management.

However, all is not lost. A New World supermarket in the Christchurch region anticipated the changing public mood on packaging and has spent three years researching the alternatives. It now has very limited lines of fruit and veg in plastic containers. By rearranging the shelving, keeping them cool with refrigeration and regular water misting they have overcome the plastic problems. An unexpected outcome has been the 30% increase in sales as customers have come from other supermarkets that have not adapted.

What is the next step into the future of naked shopping? Suppliers are looking at recyclable fibre trays, looking at making a plastic like material out of waste wood that is fully biodegradable. Then there is the simple solution of allowing consumers to bring their own containers, even though some politician says it's a health hazard. That must be proven and compared with the damage soft plastics are doing to the environment.

How do I get on? As I only shop for one, I collect the paper bags that my grandsons get when they buy pies from local café and use them for the small quantities. So, we all can make changes to help save us from the ever-increasing mountain of waste plastic in the world.

We received the following “thank you” from Chris Casey at the Wellington Anglican Centre (6th December 2018)
This relates to the Tithe we (the Parish of Pohangina) sent to them to put towards the set up of the Ohakune Retreat being developed by the Diocese

“A great big thank you to the parish from the team (that you are part of) that is developing the retreat in Ohakune. The generous donation is going to be used to buy materials like beds etc.
You are the first to show such generosity. It brings lots of Joy.

We open our give a little page today.
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/ohakune-lodge-retreat>

We have start day for construction of 25th January and opening 14th June.

Love you guys to come and stay. To relax or come early and help with the construction.

It will be a 18 bed lodge open for winter and summer. We hope that the physical work will all be by the wider Anglican family.

To keep you in the know we would love it if you liked the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ohakunelodgeretreat>

Book for a retreat or coming early to help out. This can be actioned at ohakune@wn.ang.org.nz or 0274721057.”

Services for February 2019

3rd 8.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Ashhurst
10th 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
17th 10.00 am Ashhurst
24th 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako

Prayer Breakfasts 2019—8am start

February 2nd, Saturday: Penny & Ric
March onwards will be in the next edition of the Herald

Dates for your Diary

6th February, Wednesday: Waitangi Day
20th February, 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

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.

The Man Who Refused to Forgive

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God's Promises

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FAITHFULNESS
 BLESSINGS
 HOLINESS
 DESERT
 PACTS
 PROVISION

PROMISES
 JESUS
 AGAPE LOVE
 PEACE
 COVERING
 FINANCES

HAPPINESS
 FATHER
 PHYSICAL
 GODS WORD
 HEALING