



The Herald

February & March 2020

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” – Psalm 23: 1 – 4

Being Christians doesn’t mean our lives will become easier and have no hurdles. At least this is not the case in my personal spiritual walk. When I said “yes, I believe in God” and decided to get baptised on the 8th July 1998, wow how time flies, that was twenty-two years ago, the second year after I arrived in New Zealand. In the beginning of my Christian life, I felt like things seemed to be working differently and better. Then over the years, more and more challenges have made me think, and I was in doubt many times whether God is always with me. Of course, those times make me read more about God’s message, especially when referring to Psalm 23:1-4. God uses these messages to speak to me, comfort me and make me stronger.

I’m glad I made this choice twenty-two years ago.

- **Cindy Phillips**

Changes to Archdeaconry Structure from 2020

Posted on 27 November 2019

Bishop Justin and Bishop Eleanor are excited to inform the whānau of some changes to the senior leadership structure of the diocese next year. With the retirement and a change of roles for some of current regional archdeacons, the opportunity has presented itself to reconsider the role of Archdeacons and how senior leadership best serves our entire diocesan family.

For several years now, a structure of network groups, known as clusters, have grown into the primary source of support for clergy within their geographic locale. Cluster relationships will be further developed to underpin clergy wellbeing and will be the first port of call for our clergy team to receive advice and assistance in their various ministries. The administrative functions around HR that Archdeacons have held in the past will move towards being held centrally at the Anglican Centre.

With that local support in place, moving forward into 2020, the bishops are pleased to announce the new Archdeaconry team and their various responsibilities – which move away from a geographic focus to one that is arranged around portfolios based on skills, experience, and perceived areas or needs for growth and development within the diocese. They are:

Rev Nigel Dixon – care for church growth and health, and church planting

Rev Canon Sue Fordyce – care for governance issues

Archdeacon Julie Rokotakala – Vicar General and assisting with canonical issues

Rev Scottie Reeve – care for church planting and for the Spiral Network (pioneer or edge ministries)

Archdeacon Martin Robinson – care for pre- and post-ordination training and church growth

Dean David Rowe – care for church growth and health

Archdeacon Gendy Thomson – care for mission and ministry

Rev Pete Watson – care for discipleship and intergenerational ministry

These new Archdeacons will be commissioned at our first Team Training Day of the year, to be held at Samuel Marsden Collegiate, Karori, on Saturday 14 March 2020, to which all are warmly welcome.

Our deep thanks to the leadership of our Regional Archdeacons throughout the last season. In particular we extend deep and heartfelt thanks to Wendy Scott, Stuart Goodin, May Croft and Stephen King. Your love for your clergy and congregations, your wisdom, and your dedicated and faithful service is so appreciated.

The bishops encourage all of us to hold our Archdeacons, outgoing and incoming, in prayer before God as they seek to best serve our entire whānau with the gifts they have been given.

2020 Lent Study

Lent study starts Monday 24th February and will be held every Monday for 6 weeks, in the Hall, starting at 7.30pm

Week 1: Monday 24th February

Week 2: Monday 2nd March

Week 3: Monday 9th March

Week 4: Monday 16th March

Week 5: Monday 23rd March

Week 6: Monday 30th March

If you would like to be part of this Study, the Lent booklets are now available. See Helen or Lyn on a Sunday morning following the 10am service for your copy

We are asking for a small donation of \$5 per booklet to cover costs

During this 6 week Lent period, at the 10am service(s) there will be short videos shown also, supporting the Lent study/theme

Bishop Eleanor

*will be joining us on
Sunday 22nd March 2020
at the 10.00am Ashhurst Service*

*If you would like to be Confirmed or Baptised,
or you simply want to re-affirm your faith,
please make sure you join us for this service,
Bishop Eleanor will be officiating.*

*(if you are interested in being
Confirmed or Baptised,
please speak to either Lyn or Helen,
as soon as possible)*

*We look forward to seeing everyone
at the service.*

*Your support and prayers for those
being confirmed/baptised is a very
important part of our journey together
as the body of Christ.*

What IS Confirmation?

It is a combination of:

- A new reception of the Holy Spirit for witness and service
- A public, personal profession of faith
- A commitment to discipleship and ministry
- A transition from parish to wider church
- An encouragement to others in their faith and ministry
- An Episcopal laying on of hands with prayer for renewal and commitment
- A sacramental action
- A link with our tradition

It also offers the opportunity for:

- Anointing
- Prayer for others
- Personal testimony (oral and written)

Environment, by Russell Lyon

Recently I found an article on the net from a Swede who is employed at the Copenhagen Business School, Bjorn Lomborg, discussing what people and Governments are doing to combat climate change. He said we are all doing little bits but are being taken in - that electric cars and vegetarianism will be big saviours.

People are turning to eating plant based food but the failure rate within a year is 84% (results of a large USA study) The achievement per person is only 540 kgs of carbon per year (saving of 4.3%) but that can be nullified by the transportation and processing, reducing the savings to 2%

Electric cars, when they reach the market have a large carbon footprint and they need to travel at least 60,000km to break even with a normal car. Even with large subsidies, up to \$US10,000, less than 1% of the cars sold last year are electric. At present, 81% of the worlds energy consumption is from fossil fuels and is estimated to drop to 74% by 2040. If you use an electric car in a country that supplies electricity from fossil fuels, electric cars will never win. However there is a good health benefit in large cities in having non polluting cars, in that it's better for the health of the locals.

He was recommending that people should be demanding that their leaders should be looking for energy alternatives that do not require fossil fuel. Germany reacted to the nuclear reactor failure in Japan after the tidal wave, by stating they would close all their reactors over the next decade. Result, they have closed two thirds of them, resulting in mining more fossil fuels (coal) and their electric power prices have been raising alarmingly, so they are having second thoughts, stopping the closures and even considering commissioning modern new reactors.

We hear that Greta will not use aircraft to cross the Atlantic because it creates lots of carbon emissions. Aviation is estimated to create about 3% of total annual carbon emissions. But what about the internet? It has been estimated that it creates about a similar percentage of emissions as aviation. How? The big cloud providers like Google have big electric data storage bases in areas where electric power is cheap and lots of water for cooling (Google has one on a very large barge in San Francisco harbour), and they are mega users of electricity. Much of the power used is generated from fossil fuel. It's easy to target low hanging fruit (aviation) while challenging data bank use is more difficult (do we have to go back to letter writing?)

You may have noticed that the weather has been cooler of late. With all the smoke being put into the stratosphere this will be having a cooling effect due to the ash cloud blocking some of the sun's rays reaching earth. When Pinatubo volcano erupted some years ago it cooled the northern hemisphere weather for about five years. The Aussie fires are caused partly by global warming, but also introduced burn in a different way and much hotter (there was a report of an Aboriginal elder guarding river gums now surrounded by introduced grass cover around them). Also more people have decided to live in the bush compounding the problem. If you observe gum trees growing, they have long bark leaders hanging down to encourage fire to burn high in the forest. Exotic trees don't do this.

Footnote:- Napier City Council are debating banning washing your car on the street or sealed driveway but instead do it on the lawn. The chemicals etc used and grime off the cars drain into storm water system discharging without treatment into the sea or streams. The reaction was that they were interfering with a Kiwi right to do this. It's the council's problem to solve. They forget that they will be paying for any treatment through increased rates.

Trying to change people's attitudes to reduce climate change is difficult. What are you doing?

Services for February & March 2020

February 2020

2nd Feb 8.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Ashhurst
9th Feb 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
16th Feb 10.00 am Ashhurst
23rd Feb 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
26th Feb 7.00 pm Ashhurst (Ash Wednesday)

March 2020

1st March 8.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Ashhurst
8th March 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
15th March 10.00 am Ashhurst
 * **AGM follows the 10.00am Ashhurst service**
22nd March 10.00 am Ashhurst, 10.00 am Komako
 * **Bishop Ellie leading Ashhurst service**
29th March 10.00 am Ashhurst—Café Church

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:

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.

Dates for your Diary

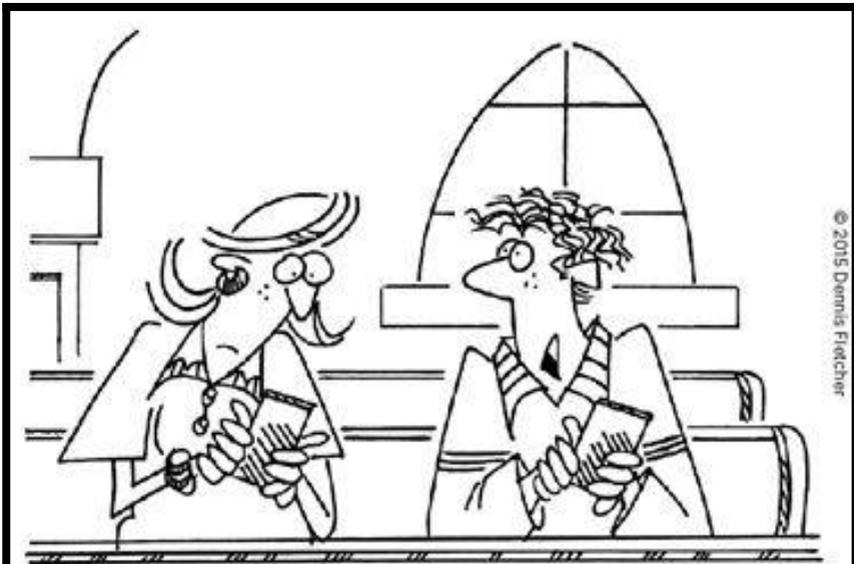
6th Feb	Thurs	Waitangi Day
19th Feb	Wed	Vestry Meeting, 7.15pm
24th Feb	Mon	1st Lent Study, 7.30pm Hall
25th Feb	Tues	Shrove Tuesday
26th Feb	Wed	Ash Wednesday, service 7.00pm
29th Feb	Sat	Parish Vestry/Leaders Planning/Training Day. 9.30am-1.00pm, Hall
2nd Mar	Mon	2nd Lent Study, 7.30pm Hall
9th Mar	Mon	3rd Lent Study, 7.30pm Hall
14th Mar	Sat	Diocesan Team Training Day, Wellington. Car pooling: let Lyn or Helen know if wanting to go.
15th Mar	Sun	AGM Meeting in hall after 10am service. Pot luck morning tea. Please bring plate to share.
16th Mar	Mon	4th Lent Study, 7.30pm Hall
18th Mar	Wed	Vestry Meeting, 7.15pm
22nd Mar	Sun	Bishop Eleanor Visit, 10.00am Ashhurst Service
23rd Mar	Mon	5th Lent Study, 7.30pm Hall
29th Mar	Sun	Café Church, 10.00am Ashhurst
30th Mar	Mon	6th (and last) Lent Study, 7.30pm Hall
8th Apr	Wed	Chrism Service, St John's Feilding, 7.30pm
10th Apr	Fri	Good Friday Service, 10.00am Ashhurst
12th Apr	Sun	Easter Sunday Service, 10.00am Ashhurst
15th Apr	Wed	Vestry Meeting, 7.15pm
19th Apr	Sun	Diocesan Ministry Family Camp, Forest Lakes, 4pm, and over 3 days of school holidays
25th Apr	Sat	Anzac Day

Parish AGM 2020

This will be held on Sunday 15th March
after the 10am service
at St Mary Magdalene's

The meeting will be followed with a pot
luck lunch / finger foods.

Please bring a plate to share.



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FLETCHER

"The Pastor keeps referring to
'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

