



# The Herald

**November 2019**

We all have routines in our lives, with a degree of predictability to them.

And then suddenly, we can find ourselves on a rollercoaster, where we struggle to keep on top of life. It's been like that for me recently. Significant highs and awful lows – and yet God is still there, journeying with us, turning us to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

A high: In July, we were suddenly faced with a huge need that Amlaku unexpectedly had. We approached a few donors and within 15 days we had the money we needed to enable him to start his tourism business. Glory to God.

A low: My 95-year-old mother's health has deteriorated significantly, and she now needs much more support and care.

A really big low: On October 3, my good friend Sura, in India, known to many people here, was hit by a car while on his morning prayer walk, dying instantly.

Where is God in all this? We can't have it both ways – rejoicing at His goodness on one hand while raging at Him on the other.

Our faith is built on the Word of God, which sustains us even in the hardest of times.

Ric Foxley

## **Moving with the Holy Spirit of God in this land: Bishops' News October 2019**

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau a te Karaiti, dear family in Christ: We extend to you all the bonds of fellowship and commitment that were woven together during our three days of Ministry Leaders' Family Camp: our deep relationships with our Tikanga partners, our ancient beginnings and fresh partnership with NZCMS and Anglican Missions, our deep bonds of belonging to each other as family together here in this land at this time and our identity as a church movement called to be bearers of good news to, for and with Tāngata Whenua. This was a significant moment in our journey together.

In responding to Jay Ruka and Cindy Raukera's encouragement and challenge to us, I (Justin) made it clear that we invited them to bring a wero (challenge) to us at this point in time. We did this because we recognise that there is a move of God's Holy Spirit right now in renewal with the people of this land and I (Justin) did not want a Bishop of this Diocese to have to give an apology in 50 years' time that we had missed this move of God. Jay so powerfully spoke to us of his own sense of this moment, that usually he speaks about history, but in these days, he believed he was speaking into a moment in history. The stories he was sharing were our stories, they were ours to own, ours to reclaim, ours to proclaim.

Both of us, as your Bishops, are deeply aware that the Holy Spirit of God works faithfully to bring healing to the parts of ourselves, our world and our church that the enemy has sought to steal and destroy. Our time together was shaped by the whakataukī: ka mua, ka muri; we walk backwards into the future. Our constant invitation from God is to participate in that healing work, personally and collectively. I (Eleanor) spoke of the goodness of the great works of God in creation and redemption and how both of those good gifts have a history in this land of them being stolen through the work of shame.

We want to say really clearly to all of us that God gives good gifts and that the invitation to be part of Christ's great work of new creation, a creation fully reconciled to God, is wide open. What a privilege it was to celebrate our final Eucharist with the ordination of Reverend Rosie Fyfe, the new National Director of CMS, and the power that there is when we proclaim that our lives are totally given over to the mission of God in this world.

We echo the words of the Apostle Paul: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed" (Romans 1:16-17)

Let us intentionally walk backwards into the future, with the twin footsteps of repentance and belief, so that we increasingly come to live in the reality that the Kingdom of God is here.

"The time has come," Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)

**Bishop Eleanor - Parish of Pohangina visit  
15 December 2019**

Regretfully Bishop Eleanor will no longer be able to do this parish visit as she will be on a break for health reasons from 24 November until New Wine in January 2020.

Our parish has been put as high priority on the visit list for 2020, and we will be contacted with an offer of a date in due course.

## **Environment: by Russell Lyon**

### Liquid containers

There has been a lot of debate as to what is the most environmentally best container to use. After doing my research for this article I was surprised by the outcome. Will you agree?

There are three commonly used products seen on our supermarket shelves containing things like milk, beer, shampoo etc. They are either made from glass, aluminium or plastic. From information gleaned on the web from Earth911.com and reading an article in the AirNZ in-flight magazine, this is what I found.

**Glass.** Made from readily available raw materials, needing the least amount of heat to produce, even less when recycled. About 40% get recycled, but it's the heaviest and bulkiest of all the containers and requires more energy to transport. One side effect of the reduction in the use of glass bottles has been the reduction of lacerations requiring hospital treatment.

**Aluminium.** Made from ore mined in large opencast mines in Australia, in our case, then using large amounts of electrical energy to refine. However it is the best container to store many liquids as its impervious to light, the cause of many drinks like beer and milk spoiling earlier. It is lighter to transport being lighter and less bulky than glass. Therefore from production to end user, it is as carbon neutral as glass but if recycled aluminium is used, is more neutral. (Recycle rates are about double that of glass in NZ).

Plastic. The most polluting of all the packaging materials. As it's an oil based product we are all aware of the publicity about this. Its best attribute is its light weight and its versatility, but does this outweigh its pollution causes. An Auckland manufacturer has taken to recycling old milk containers into fence posts. These posts are replacing tanalised posts that have been treated with copper/arsenic. They are highly polluting and difficult to dispose of.

One drawback of plastic posts, are that you can staple electric fence wires direct onto the post not using insulators, making it difficult to spot which wire is going to give you a wake up call.

So my choice is to buy as many liquids as I can in recycled aluminium cans.

What is your choice?

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Finally, regarding my last article, I note that the Government is discussing a proposal to remove old cars off the road to replace them with more modern safer, more efficient models.

(another gem from Russell Lyon...)

From 1908

I wonder how long our Bishop would have been away.

No air travel in those days.

The donation of 12 pound would equate to what today?

\$1 equivalent in 1908 now has the purchasing power of \$27.29

In 1908 the inflation rate was -2.13% today its 2.44

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### PAN-ANGLICAN CONGRESS.

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Last month we referred to the Lambeth Conference of Bishops from all parts of the Church, this month we would refer to another gathering in London. This is known as the Pan-Anglican Congress. It is to be a gathering of delegates from every Diocese of the Church of England throughout the world, and subjects are to be discussed effecting the various problems the Church has to face in the different spheres of her work. At the same time a great thank-offering gathered from all parts of the world (the amount sent from this parish was about £12) is to be presented on the altar of S. Paul's Cathedral in London, and will then be devoted to mission work. There are, in all, 249 Dioceses throughout the world in communion with the Church of England, and nearly all these will be represented. It will be a great gathering, and one which should inspire us with a great sense of thankfulness for the enormous work our Church has been allowed to do, and of humble prayer in view of the immense responsibilities resting upon the church as a whole, and each separate part thereof.

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**Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart**



**and lean not on  
your own  
understanding;  
in all your ways  
submit to him,  
and he will  
make your  
paths straight.**

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## Pay it Forward - Russell Lyon

Recently I was in The Warehouse to purchase a cheap pair of gardening shoes, cost \$12. When I reached the checkout, I was behind a middle-aged lady with a few items in her hand and she said I could go first. Being a gentleman in no hurry, I declined allowing her to proceed. Unbeknown to me the two youths pushing a laden trolley behind me also belonged to her.

I still let her proceed and we chatted as the goods went through and when the checkout operator had completed the sale, she said that would be \$210. The lady then said to me to put my shoes through and she would pay. I declined but when she insisted and gave me "that look", (don't argue with this lady), I conceded defeat and had the shoes checked through.

Needless to say, I thanked her very much.

*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**

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

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

November 2nd, Saturday: Noeline  
December 7th, Saturday: Barbara & Michael  
February 1st, 2020, Saturday: Penny & Ric

## **Dates for your Diary**

20th Sept to 11th Nov: Lyn O'Fee away on leave (Neil O'Fee too)  
13th November, Wednesday: Church Fair meeting, 7.30pm  
2nd December, Monday: Starlight packing, time to be announced  
14th December, Saturday: Church Fair

## **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

