



Anglican Parish of Kapiti

From Henry ...

The astonishing message of the empty tomb – He is not here. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

When was the last time you tried to explain the death and resurrection of Jesus? To answer someone's skepticism or their disbelief? How can a person die and return to life? That is naïve, impossible, indeed nonsense! Empty words! Tragic escapism!

But we also need to be astonished; we need to experience the same feelings as those who thought the news was nonsense, outrageous, impossible! Otherwise we risk taking Jesus' resurrection for granted. The first witnesses were the women, who went to the tomb early in the morning and running back came with an astonishing report. So astonishing that everyone who heard it thought their report

was nonsense.

In first century Jewish culture women were considered marginal witnesses. So marginal in fact that they were not given credibility in a court of law; their testimony was not considered reliable. The names of Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and Salome are recorded. Mary Magdalene, perhaps the most marginal of any of Jesus early followers, is the chief resurrection witness and the only person to appear in all 4 gospel accounts! Peter by the way, was just as stumped by what he was dealing with as were the women. He went away wondering to himself what had happened.

Saint Paul in his first letter to the church in Corinth proclaimed; ***"We preach Christ crucified. If Christ is not raised then our faith is***

in vain". That truth was a stumbling block to some, foolishness to others; but to those who are called Christians; it is the power and wisdom of God.

Death remains about the one certain fact in the lives of each of us, and there will be suffering, sorrow and sadness next week as there was last week. We can usually identify with the cross and know despair and heartbreak, but we are asked to move beyond the cross to find the real message. It is the message of the empty tomb.

Because now everything is different and whatever the future holds in store, we have this great gift of Easter Hope. That inward peace and inward joy; that confidence in God; in his ultimate triumph and in his goodness and love; which absolutely nothing can shake.

***"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?"***

May this Easter season be an astonishing time of blessing.

Henry



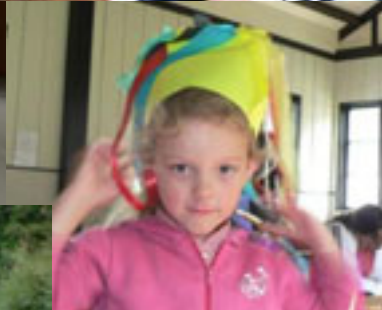
Parish Camp



Storm warnings, rising rivers, electricity outage for seven hours, 22 children, doesn't seem the most expected place to be blessed by God, but to the amazement of all 43 who attended this year's parish camp we were indeed rewarded in God's blessings. As you

know God is a God of surprises and in fact I believe these conditions lead to a greater closeness of community living, as we ate by candlelight, played and laughed our way through an unforgettable weekend, punctuated by a few short moments of weather breaks to experience the

kayaks, flying fox and Burma Bridge. With a room for the energy rich young, and a room for a contemplative few, we celebrated together as a multicultural body of Christ, with families from Africa, Romania, Australia, Fiji, UK and Kiwi's alike. Thanks be to God!



Hidden Ministry

In parishes there are many ministries that are not visible. These ministries involve parishioners out in the community, beyond the church walls. We answer the call to go to people everywhere and when older people cannot come to us we must go to them. One of our hidden ministries is taking the sacrament to Rest Homes and Retirement Village Complexes. Our ministry to these people is the largest in Wellington Diocese and is the equivalent or more, of at least one maybe two more congregations. Our Rest Home / Retirement Village congregations consist of the following average attendances:

Coastal Villas – fortnightly; 25 people
Summerset – monthly; 25 people
Eldon Lodge – 3 services a month; 30 people
Sevenoaks – monthly; 40 people
Sevenoaks Apartments – monthly; 8 people
Kena Kena – fortnightly; 12 people
Rose Cottage – monthly; 16 people
Kapiti Rest Home – monthly; 4 people
That's a monthly average of around 257 people which averages 64 a week. As well as these services, Lay Ministers take Communion to people in their own homes, around another 14 people every month. Please pray for our hidden congregations, and if you would like to become involved in this important ministry, please talk to **Maureen, phone 905 9424**
Deacon - Pastoral Ministry

Shrove Tuesday



CRITICAL THAT MORE LEADERSHIP SUPPORT IS FOUND for ICONZ4girls

ICONZ4girls has been running since May 2010 on Wednesday evenings during term time, from 6pm to 7:30pm. Val Roberts and Sonia Dolan have now stepped up to the leadership role and with Val's giftings in crafts and leading devotionals and Sonia's experience with outdoor and other activities there is the basis of a strong future leadership.

However, it is critical for the successful continuation of ICONZ4Girls that there is at least a third leader

and preferably a fourth, to complement the team. Val and Sonia cannot both be there every week and there needs to be a minimum of two adults at each session to share the running and planning of sessions. They are looking for someone with enthusiasm and a heart for working with girls between the ages of 5 and 16 years. Training and materials are all provided. This programme is a most important part of the church's engagement with the community. They also wel-

come anyone in the community with skills to teach the girls and are looking forward to a year of fun and learning, where the Christian faith and values can be encouraged and lived out in each girl's life.

Interested or want to know more? Please contact Henry at the church 904 7300, Val (298 7955) or Sonia (297 3423)



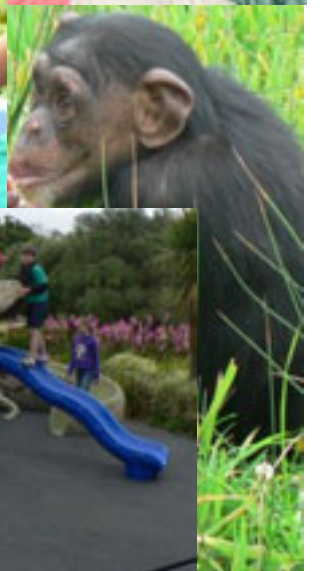
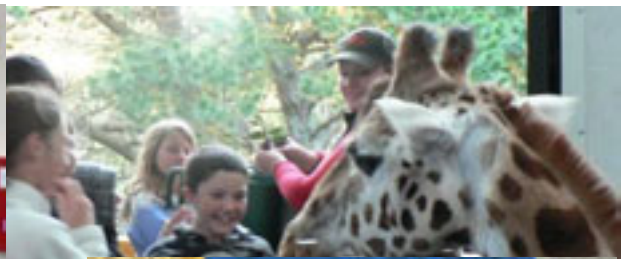
Children and Families



Our community is full of families and busyness, families having fun, dreaming and planning, struggling, hurting, grieving and hoping. Over the past months our children's ministry has been there with them. We have laughed and shared tears at our playgroups, nurtured and loved God's creatures at the zoo sleep over, walked with children dealing with the loss of their teacher, prayed with them and celebrated Christ at special services.

And then there is Sunday, a growing number of younger people seeking a place to worship in. We have welcomed several little ones through baptism into God's family and encouraged the participation of children and other young people in our services. Their involvement through music, reading, writing and the presentation of the drama at our Christmas Eve family service was significant.





Counselling @ St Paul's



Ann Ritchie

Counselling @ St Paul's began as an "outreach" in 2002 for the Kapiti Community, initiated by the then Vicar Bernard Faull, Revd Sally Perris and myself.

From its small beginnings it has expanded to be a very valuable gift for those in need of its services. The counselling is available for people of any circumstance and any age.

As we are pleased to work voluntarily for the bulk of our clients, your Parish supports a range of our expenses, such as some training, travel, supervision. With this and your Vicar's support our team has grown. I feel humbled to be part of this gift, this church, this team.



Warwick Beauchamp, MNZAC, has been counselling for seven years. After a career of tutoring farming

at The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand he eventually studied counselling at Weltec after realising he had a strong love for people. *"The idea of working with people to help them find solutions to issues in their lives has always been appealing. It is so rewarding to see men find a new confidence or young people with depression gradually emerge to a new hope. Working with couples is special but can be very frustrating if they don't front for help soon enough. I believe it would be good if couples came for a regular relationship check-up – a sort of W.O.F. for their marriage or relationship, to get the best out of it and avoid more serious issues later."* Warwick also works with blended families to help them adjust to a changed home environment and split parenting by separated parents. Don't suffer needlessly. We can always find a way to make counselling possible.



Sarah Mitchell

I have recently graduated from Weltec with a Bachelor of Counselling and am looking forward to joining the team at Counselling @ St Paul's.

I have lived, with my husband Rob, on the Kapiti Coast for seven years. Before that we brought up our three daughters in Auckland, the eldest still there with her husband and daughter, the middle one in Vietnam and the youngest in Sydney.

I have nearly 40 years' experience working as a nurse, mainly in the community. This has included Family Planning, Practice nursing and several years as a Fieldworker working alongside families with what was then known as the Schizophrenia Fellowship. I have witnessed time and time again, the courage and resilience people display when faced with difficulties in their lives.

Stress, grief, trauma can cause us to lose sight of what our values and beliefs are – what is important to us. Counselling can assist us to become more aware of what it is we need to enable us to feel more in charge of our own lives, by providing a safe environment in which we can share problems.

Over the last two years, I have had placements with Compass Health in Kapiti, and at Paraparaumu College, both of which I enjoyed. At this stage I am not specialising in any particular area but look forward to continuing my learning as I work with each individual who brings their own life story.





The annual pilgrimage to the Parachute Christian Music Festival held at Mystery Creek near Hamilton was made at the end of January by a group of 10 people from the Parish (half of them Youth Group members).

We were fortunate to be able to spend a night with Barbara and Peter Archer in their new home in Putaruru before venturing into the throng of fellow "Parachuters" - about 20 000+ people aged from the very young to the very old. The long weekend was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen one's faith through music, keynote speakers and worship on a scale that is not normally seen at any church in New Zealand. We left for home with our batteries re-charged and ready to face the year ahead with enthusiasm for God's World!



Holy Week and Easter Services

St Mark's - Raumati

Mon	2 April	7pm	Holy week service
Tues	3 April	7pm	Holy week service
Wed	4 April	7pm	Holy week service
Thurs	5 April	7pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri	6 April	9.30am	Good Friday service
Sun	8 April	9.30am	Easter Celebration with Eucharist

St Paul's - Paraparaumu

Mon 2 Apr - Thurs 5 April	9am	Daily Eucharist
Fri 6 April	10am	Good Friday Service
	Noon - 3pm	3 Hour Reflective Service
Sun 8 April	5.30am	The Empty Tomb
	8am	Easter Celebration with Eucharist
	9.30am	Easter Celebration with Eucharist
	11am	Easter Celebration with Eucharist

St Peter's - Paekakariki

Fri 6 April	10am	Good Friday Service
Sun 8 April	10am	Easter Celebration with Eucharist



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