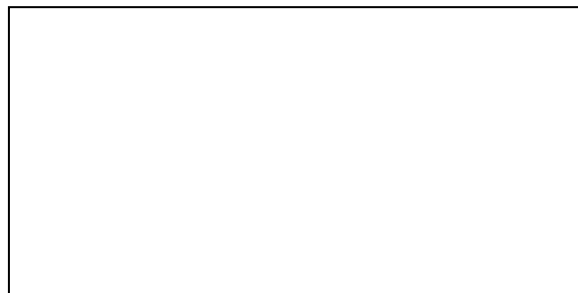


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Vicar's Corner

How well do we know our community? Here are some descriptions of community

- A group of people living in a particular locality. *Neighbourhood*
- A group of people bonded together by a common nationality, occupation or religion. *Church, work etc.*
- A group of people with a common philosophy living together. *Family, commune etc.*
- A quality or fact being shared in common. *A community of interest, clubs, Neighbourhood Support etc.*

Recently at our monthly Sensational Sunday we were reflecting on getting to know each other and how we go about it. It raised questions for me. I *know* lots and lots of people to say hello to and have a conversation with. I *really know* a much smaller group of people with whom I have had the privilege of being part of their lives. My *friends* are a comparatively small group of people, who may also be family, that know me warts and all, and would lay down their life for me.

Some of the questions for me are:

- How hard do I try to get to know people, and what gets in the way of me making the effort?
- Do I want to really know a lot of people? If I don't, then why not?
- What difference will it make in my life or others to really know more people?
- Do I want more friends and, if so, will they select me or will I select them?

I will be pondering these questions for a long time but one of the obvious answers for me is about making time to *really know* members of the communities I belong to: time to attend weekly events; time to stay for the social part of the event; time to have a meaningful conversation with people.

In 2008 Jimmy and I were away from home in Fiji for 3 months. When we left Papamoa we already knew the neighbours living on either side of us. When we returned, nothing seemed to have changed. One month later I was out in the garden and heard young children playing next door. I popped over to find a very lonely mum from another country with 2 children and a husband who worked long hours. They had been in the house for 2 months! We chatted, arranged drinks at our place, and invited other young people

and neighbours to come. Everyone that was invited attended and many of the longer term residents met each other for the first time. The evening was a great success. It wasn't hard. All the neighbours now at least say hello and some socialise occasionally.

Back to our Sensational Sunday. In the service I had the opportunity to get to know someone a whole lot better. I learned something of her family and background because I had the time and opportunity! It wasn't hard! The fact is I still don't *really know* her and that will take more time and effort.

The point of all of this is that we often belong, or say we belong, to communities like the church, golf club, and our neighbourhood, yet we do nothing to get to really know or befriend other members. Communities are made up of people who will celebrate and journey with us in the good times and the bad; people who will at least say hello and smile when they see us, just like the old days when neighbours were aware (without being nosy) of what was happening to each other, and looked out for each other. Relationships are a two way thing that require time and effort from each of us!

There are lots of benefits to getting to know the communities we belong to. What I have found out is that people actually care about me and are interested in what is happening in my life. I can see clearly where I need to do some more work to improve my relationships with people. I'm working on making more time for family and friends. I'm getting to know my new neighbours and the wider community, and will really make it happen when we start a Neighbourhood Support Group in our area. I am really getting to know some people on the Arataki Community Centre Advisory Group. I have lots of work to do on my golf, and enjoying the friendship of this interested and caring group of women that I rarely get to play with!

I think this is why I have decided to retire from my role as Vicar of this great faith community in December 2010. It's about discerning what is really important in our lives at any moment and knowing when your work is done.

Marie



Decisions. Decisions.

By Jim Dearlove



Marie has recently announced her decision to retire at the end of 2010. Marie and Jimmy also recently made the decision to move into their retirement home so that Jimmy can get stuck into some projects at the property.

204 Dickson Rd is the chosen site based on a number of criteria –

not too far from the shops, reasonably close to the sea, easy maintenance, a shed for Jimmy to work in and room for a boat to name a few.

I visited Jimmy and was shown over the property. The house has a spacious open plan lounge/dining room opening out onto an extensive deck, a modern kitchen and three bedrooms. It has a nice homely feel about it. I was shown all the features and had all the proposed alterations pointed out. Decisions, decisions again! What size, where, what colour, do you like it like that? Shall we shift that wall, that door, should the front door be put around the side?

The grounds are really nice, planted with mature trees and shrubs giving nice views from all the windows. There is a very convenient shed in which Jimmy has all his man stuff – tools, marine gear and other essentials including the beer fridge.

More decisions – where will the boat be parked, will there be a carport, a new gate, rearrange the paving, alter the lawn? Jimmy and Marie, we hope you will be very happy at 204 Dickson Rd.

P.S. The vicarage at 115 Tuihana has been rented to a retired couple who Vestry expects will remain in the house until a new Vicar is appointed. The appointment process does not begin until after the current vicar has left.



News from Dreketi

January 2010



Hi Marie and Jimmy,
It is really a joy to hear from you again and yes we cannot forget all the help you people have done for us. I was just talking to Claude this morning on my cell phone and he said that you were on skype talking. It's good to know that Jimmy is well and that

you feeling much better with your new medication. You are so blessed with good doctors there.

I have a lot on my plate at the moment as I have been chosen by Bishop Api to be our missionary here and also I had a meeting with our Archbishop and he has appointed me to be Coordinator for mission and evangelism which he will be issuing my licence on January...I have been visiting parishes in our area and for next year visit parishes in Suva, Lautoka and then to the other islands in the Pacific, Tonga and Samoa.

I have John Nivoi who has just graduated and he is here working under me doing his practical which is a great help as you know our area here is quite difficult geographically. The last parish I visited we had to push the bus up the hill and I almost didn't reach home the day I left. Well this is the Cross we have to carry and the challenges are different everywhere we go.

We have three new families join and one of them the church helped build a little house for them to live and also nurtured them to get them married. Some have left because of work obligations and further education. Well that's what a church in the country faces because people seem to leave for the towns and cities for work and

better education. But God has been always good to us and people like you always have been a great help.

It is very dry at the moment which is strange for this season and some of people are finding it hard with water. Last week when I visited our people at Nasarawaqa they were really suffering as their main source has dried out. Are you still looking into helping with tanks because they could be very useful to our people for good drinking water?

We helped clean their well at Matakitu family and they have good enough water now at the moment. We continue to pray for you and yes I will give everyone your love. We are at the church at the moment and its Wednesday and we cleaning the church compound.



Give our love to all the wonderful people there and we wish you all a joyful new year.
Many blessings,
Henry



Volunteers are needed to work with small groups of children coping with loss and grief. **Interested?**

Learn more about the *Seasons* Programme and the free training involved by contacting the coordinators.

Anne 552 6649 or Naudeen 544 9300

Band of Sisters



Cherie Hughes, previously Manager of St Mary's Tahatai Pre-School, has taken up the role of Early Childhood Practice Manager in our area. This role became available when Shirley Shilling retired in December 09.

Having completed the last two years of my Diploma of Teaching in Early Childhood Education while working at St Mary's Family Centre, I moved into a full time teaching role at St Mary's Tahatai in 2005. Over a period of five years I fulfilled the roles of teacher, supervisor, and then centre manager.

My new role as Early Childhood Practice Manager involves supporting the Centre Managers and Coordinators in all of the early childhood settings and two playgroups in the Bay of Plenty. I also play a part in the governance & management of these services, through Management Committee meetings & ensuring compliance with regard to the Ministry of Education, Education Review Office, & of course Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board (WASSTB). There is a very special feel as I travel around the Diocese that suggests enormous strength & courage within all those involved, and I sense I will gain an even greater level of knowledge & skills as I carry out this new role.

My role as Manager at Tahatai prepared me for this new position by giving me a deeper insight into the aspects of operation we are required to adhere to under government legislation, and for our own organization. When you are a member of a very competent team, it becomes easy to overlook or take for granted all the background work that goes on, in order to guide the relative success of a service. Being in a leadership role meant I also had opportunities to develop my own skills in team building & communication. I consider this a vital component of leadership.

I've had many great mentors as well. Shirley Shilling has had the greatest influence. Shirley's strong commitment to her faith & her consistently calm approach, while always advocating for those in need, has certainly generated much for me to aspire to.

I do miss teaching, and the warm, reciprocal relationships one develops with children. I find myself thinking on a different level now, and I often reflect on how various roles do actually prepare us for future progress. I'm

certainly not used to all the sitting this role brings, compared to my previous teaching & managing roles, but it's a good incentive to do regular walks along the beach & get out amongst our beautiful environment.

As I move around the various early childhood services, I see mainly a number of similarities but also differences that are specific to the demographic of the community in which the services are located. All of our centres have strong, committed teams with highly competent managers who lead in a way that affirms the values so embedded in our wider social service philosophy. I sense that every team member feels appreciated and in turn can readily contribute to the success of their respective centre. The two centres that have Parent Support and Development aspects within their programme are unique in that the integration of families/whanau into their service occurs so naturally, and this is a highlight for me. The staff who work specifically with the families deserve special mention.

If I had to identify two key values that I hope to encourage within the centres they would be integrity and acceptance. Integrity, as I view it, means being true to yourself and everything you believe in. Acceptance of one another, and of ourselves, is integral to the overall success of a team and plays a huge role in the dynamics of each team member's daily routine. We bring different strengths to our roles, and recognizing these and accepting differences can considerably influence the interactions we have with our colleagues on a daily basis.

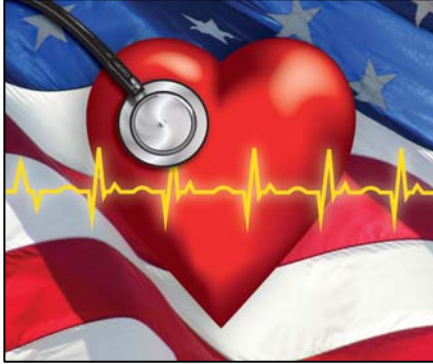
Being a member of the Senior Team now feels great! I am excited and inspired as I gain the opportunity to learn alongside so many like-minded and dedicated individuals. I must mention Liz Andrews, our CEO. I am in awe of her level of energy and the enthusiasm she exudes in her role. She is truly an amazing role model and yet still so in touch with everyone from grassroots level up. Working within the Senior Team has already given me a deeper insight into the diversity of work that my colleagues deliver, and again a stronger appreciation of the breadth of communities being assisted by our extremely essential work. As Liz reminds me, I have lots of big sisters now, and as I have only a younger biological brother, I will embrace the support, guidance and wisdom that older female siblings bring, with very open arms!

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When Hearts are Hardened

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Words can not begin to express how much I miss all of you and how I yearn to come back home! While here though, I am learning a great deal. Not all of it is good.



As many of you know, the USA, the richest nation in the world, is engaged in a fierce debate about whether or not to grant people the right to health care. The rich folks here have always had it. The middle class have access so long as they have a good job, and the poor have nothing. The number of people who go

bankrupt each year trying to pay health care bills is shocking. The numbers who die for lack of access to care is even more so.

You would think that there would be little to debate with so much at stake. Sadly, you would be wrong. A growing number of people here are demanding that progress be stopped and that the government leave the system alone. Even with huge numbers of people out of work and therefore with no healthcare, the clamor is to keep the status quo.

How can people care so little about their brothers and sisters? There are a huge number of churches who have also come out against the plans to change the healthcare system. “Why should those of us who work hard, have to pay for those who don't?”

Does this argument sound familiar? I did hear it a few times back in God's own country. Yet this argument falls flat for anyone who professes to be a Christian. It neglects to acknowledge that we do not prosper and benefit from the system by our own merits, but for the grace of God. “All that we have comes from thee oh Lord!”

The expression “there but for the grace of God go I” seems like one that has been forgotten. Those with degrees, those with great jobs, money to spare, in short, all of the blessings so many now seem to take for granted, would do well to remember as has been shown here in the USA, that it is but fleeting. Many former executives now find themselves at food banks and still the message has not set in. If God is good to me, how much more so should I be good to others?

God does not give me his bounty so that I can hoard it, but so that I can use it to his glory. Those who see me prosper should not marvel at my car, my house, or my latest holiday, but that my God loves me so much. If they can not see this in the bounty I possess, then I am doing something wrong. We are but stewards, not owners and as Christians, we risk more than our prosperity if we forget this.

God bless you all.

Gerard Flynn

Gerard is a non-stipendiary priest who earns a living as a school teacher. He is a member of our parish community but since the beginning of 2008 he has



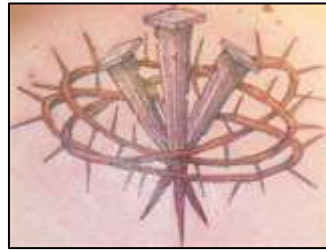
been living in his home country, partly to care for his mother. He still hopes to return to the Mount.

Born to Die
by Laura J. Marcin

On the evening that it all began
Knelt the Son of God, in the form of a man.
Pouring out his heart to the One above,
Humanly fearful, but strengthened by love.
His closest friends were exhausted from grief,
and slept through the vigil He asked them to keep.

Then over the hill came a priest of high,
and this God-man knew the time was nigh.
Men armed with swords to escort Him to death
Demanded the capture of Jesus of Nazareth.
Answering His captors with quiet dignity,
the Son of Man said, "I am He".

Bound by a vow to see Scripture fulfilled,
the Son of God was soon to be killed.
Killed to redeem a sinful nation,
to whom His death was a celebration.
As they flogged and mocked the King of
the Jews,
did He think to himself, "I do this for you?"



With a cap of thorns piercing into His head,
He carried His cross to what lay ahead....
Long, sharp nails through bone and flesh,
salty sweat burning in wounds so fresh.....
He watched them gamble for sport and fun,
Sneering "Save yourself now, God's only Son!"
His breath was coming in a choking gasp,
Yet "Father, forgive them" He managed to rasp.

Darkness was falling all across the land
As the Son completed the Father's plan.
With a cry loud enough for all to hear it,
He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.
The curtain split with an echoing sound,
And everyone near felt the shaking ground.
The people looked on, wide-eyed with fear,
And said "Who was the One we crucified here?"

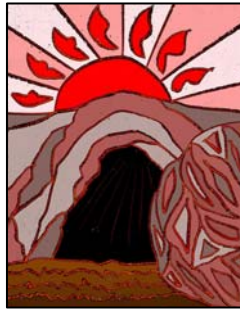
I wonder, too, if it began to rain
Tears of a Father for His only boy's pain....

His body was lain in a borrowed tomb
While His Father prepared the Upper Room.

For three days later, He would be called to rise,
To make men worthy before God's holy eyes.

And rise He did, on day number three,
Forever maintaining His legacy.

His greatest purpose while on this earth,
Was to carry our sin from the time of His birth.
For all of us, our souls to save,
God sent Jesus to beat the grave.



O Christmas Tree
O Christmas Tree
How richly God has decked thee



Our Christmas tree exhibition in December transformed St Mary's Hall into a grove of beauty and creativity.

Eleven groups responded to the invitation to decorate a tree.

The groups were

Arataki School

Girl Guides

Growing Through Grief

St John Midland Region

St Mary's Family Centre

Stroke Foundation

Papamoa Community Support
Centre

Neighbourhood Support

Tauranga Environment Centre

Camp Quality

Beachaven

Arataki School involved every child in the school in making a decoration and we offered them three trees to decorate in the end.

580 visitors came through the grove of trees during the 5 days it was open and \$416.35 was donated. We hope to extend that open time to two weeks this year. Many people visited more than once, and often brought friends with them the second time, so that they could also feel the magic of the scene.

The winning tree, based on the amount of money donated, was the Stroke Foundation.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time and also to those who provided shortbread for visitors.

Comments we received:

- The talent that is around is wonderful, all portraying the joy of Christmas.
- The paintings make a superb background for the trees.
- Such a lovely backdrop, it helps to bring the trees alive.
- I love the themes, all different, and all representing their special interest so well. Some very talented people about.
- We particularly liked seeing what the children had done, I would think this would stay in their minds forever.
- It should have been better advertised. I am sure there are many more people who would have come to see it if they had known



Note from the organizers re advertising: We had 50 full colour posters displayed in shop windows and businesses around the Mount and Papamoa community; there were three articles with photos in the local paper; it was advertised on the community radio; it was listed in the community diary of both local papers; all the local schools had items in their school newsletters; invitations were sent to 3 rest homes, 11 child care centres and 4 schools and it was on our street sign for two weeks. We think we did a pretty good job on the advertising front!

Recycled Teenagers

Every Tuesday morning a group of seniors gather at St Mary's to exercise their minds and bodies. Bearing the inspiring name of *Recycled Teenagers* they are lead by Jennifer Butler, who has a lifelong interest in exercise and health.



Jennifer says, "I am at a point in my life where I am able to put something back into the community and I can see that this class is beneficial to the people who come."

Along with the class at St Mary's, Jennifer runs two in Tauranga and one at Fernland Spa. With a background of 21 years classical ballet and training in sports science Jennifer also keeps up to date with ongoing training through the Heart Foundation where she gets new information about how people can exercise smarter.

The classes are suitable for arthritics, stroke and cardiac patients and people who are overweight. Another important aspect of each lesson is time to work the brain. Using a range of puzzles and word games Jennifer aims to help memory retrieval and keep the grey matter working well. A guest speaker attends once a month to talk about specific health and safety issues. Coming up will be someone from Age Concern about the new Road Rules. Recently they heard from a physio therapist about walking aids and how to make best use of them.



There are plenty of spaces for new people at St Mary's Tuesday 9am. The first class is free and ongoing costs are \$3 to \$4 each lesson. Contact Jennifer 571 1411.

New on the Block

Joining the parish and the staff is Martin Collins, the new Youth Worker. The position has come about through the generosity of the St Mary's Bayfair and Tahatai Child Care Centres donating enough to cover a half time salary for the next few years at least. Martin's role is to work alongside the young people within the parish and also to connect with the community.



Martin is currently working as an Early Childhood Teacher for St Mary's Pre School while completing his Bachelor of Teaching and will continue to do this part time. He is a qualified Chef and has worked in the food industry for 7 years in Australia and New Zealand so we are looking forward to some great food events.

Martin also has a Diploma in Sport and Recreation from Southland Institute of Technology and is particularly keen on football. He has worked as a football coach and a personal trainer.

Married to Leisa for nearly two years, the couple is expecting their first child later in the year. Martin has a great sense of humour and is always looking for new ways to challenge himself.

He will be running a weekly youth programme for junior and senior age groups on Sundays. He also has some time built into his schedule to work on a community-based youth project, which may be coaching a sports team or working alongside the new Arataki Community Centre.

Contact Martin on 027 575 9945 or stmarys.youth@yahoo.com
Bonnie has handed over all the youth activities to Martin and will focus on primary age children and young families.

Belonging and Well Being

Hi. My name is Trish Parkes and I am the new manager at St Mary's Tahatai Preschool, although previously I taught for eleven years at St Mary's Family Centre.

My greatest pleasure working in Early Childhood is watching children grow and blossom under my leadership and my team's care and teaching, ready to move onto the next big challenge – School or BIG School, according to the nearly 5 year old!

I enjoy working for St Mary's centres as they are very professionally and efficiently operated by an excellent management team. One of the biggest challenges in stepping up to Manager is having no one to pass the problem on to. I have to sort it out myself! That is very challenging sometimes.

As much as St Mary's Bayfair and St Mary's Tahatai are only 4 kilometres apart they are very different in the types of families they cater for. St Mary's Bayfair draws working families from a very wide area eventually feeding several different schools. St Mary's Tahatai families are much more localized – children nearly all moving on to Tahatai School.

St Mary's Tahatai Preschool has a wide variety of equipment and resources. The children and staff are very fortunate.



A long term project I envisage for our centre is to rethink and redevelop our outside environment. I want to continue helping and encouraging staff in their work with children and families, building on our principles of belonging and well-being.

The Lost Art of Evensong

By Chalium Poppy

When studying at the Royal School of Church Music we were often reminded, quite prejudicially and unapologetically, that choral evensong is the crown jewel of all Anglican worship. While I wouldn't necessarily go as far, I am forced to admit that there is something quite special and unique about it.

In today's world of modern and experimental liturgy and as churches are battling the criticism of being out-of-touch, it would appear that most churches just don't quite know how to respond to the evensong question. Is it just a relic of traditional Anglicanism and of little relevance to modern worship which relies so heavily on involvement and participation? Indeed, I have heard it argued passionately by some clergy that evensong isn't really a "true" form of worship anyway as the congregation is simply expected to sit there quietly and listen to the choir.

Upon my arrival at Christ Church Cathedral in Canada, I was surprised to learn that choral evensong was sung by a completely different set of singers altogether than those in the chancel choir. They were known as the St. Christopher Singers because choral evensong was sung not in the cathedral proper but in one of the side chapels dedicated to the saint. They set aside one afternoon a week from their already hectic lives to come and sing evensong at the cathedral.

What was perhaps more interesting was that this group of singers (many of whom were professional musicians and expert sight-singers) were organised through the efforts of an extremely enthusiastic gentleman of the choir endearingly known to all as "Captain Evensong". Captain Evensong even programmed and scheduled the music for each and every evensong – faithfully and without fail. There was, therefore, very little preparation required on my part (the dream of any organist) but to show up promptly for rehearsal an hour and a half before the service began.

The music, however, was always sung at an extremely high standard considering such a brief and last-minute rehearsal each week. Whereas a regular Sunday morning Eucharist service would attract a congregation of several hundred, choral evensong at the cathedral seemed to never attract more than a very small and select band of a few faithful worshippers. This of course raises the question why one would go to all this bother and effort to produce a service requiring this level of involvement and expertise. The answer is simple, yet profound – we’re not doing it for ourselves! We do it in service to the Lord, to honour, glorify and magnify His name. Scripturally, we are instructed to do so. Psalm 150 implores us repeatedly to “Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

As much as God delights in all of our efforts to make as much noise as possible with loud instruments and music, the instrument God longs for most is the one that is unique in all of creation – the sound of the human voice lifted in song.

Why? Firstly, singing (with lyrics) is unique to human beings, who alone are made in the image of God. Secondly, singing is a universal form of music. Every one of us has a voice, yet not everyone is gifted with the skill or ability to play an instrument. Thirdly, this voice was given to us, by God, specifically to glorify Him. And fourthly, the very basis of our salvation is implemented a) by believing in the heart and b) by confessing that truth with the mouth. Therefore, singing is the most powerful and precious means of praise and worship given to humankind.

In November 2009, a truly remarkable service of choral evensong took place at St. Peter’s. The choir was comprised of members of numerous Tauranga Anglican parishes as well as singers from other denominations – an ecumenical effort. The choir slaved painstakingly over the course of 8 weeks learning the music, refining their choral sound, and just familiarising themselves with the order of service itself which was foreign to some.

My expectations of attendance were admittedly, and rather embarrassingly, not terribly high given the downturn in the attendance at such services in recent years throughout the Anglican Communion. I was therefore shocked to enter the church and see it straining to contain a capacity of well over 200 souls. Having printed only 50 copies of the order of service, the greeters at the door had long since run out. The service itself was stunningly beautiful, rounded out appropriately with evening hymns for congregational involvement as well as some uplifting and inspiring passages from Scripture.

Praise and accolades for the choir and music lasted for weeks following the service culminating in an open letter from the Vicar to the members of the choir stating that she was "...overwhelmed by their commitment, gift and generosity; which enabled people from our city to hear beautiful professional music, sung exquisitely..." Many people were reminded of Anglican worship they had either experienced while visiting cathedrals in England or larger cities or from their childhoods when evensong was a regular service.

Through the incredible and unforeseen response to this service, certain things become evident. It is clear that there is not only a love of traditional choral music within Mt. Maunganui and the broader community, but there is also a considerable outreach and need for this style of worship to continue to be provided.

I am delighted, therefore, to be in preparation for another service of choral evensong to be held at St. Peter's shortly after Easter. The music for this service is new, and so also are a few faces within the choir as interest in traditional Anglican music continues to grow and spread.

<p style="text-align: center;">Evensong Sunday 18th April 7pm St Peter's Please extend an invitation to your friends across the city</p>
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A Man of Many Talents

Val Ready talks to People's Warden Stan Trotter

Born in Auckland, Stan served his apprenticeship and worked for fifteen years in the Railway Workshops in Otahuhu and Hutt, later moving into the world of commerce when he ran a machine shop at Penrose. When he got the sack and moved to Taumaranui, he was followed 12 months later by his ex-boss, with fervent apologies and a cheque for compensation.

Twenty years ago Stan bought a worm farm which became a real passion. He had always enjoyed gardening and sharing surplus vegetables with his neighbours, and now he could also share the worms and help the environment.

Then 12 years ago he transferred his previous work in Railways to another hobby - building model railways in his garage. His grandchildren also share this love!

Around this time Stan developed heart problems requiring an operation involving six by-pass procedures. Thanks to God, he made a good recovery and maintains his health with lots of walking and two cardiac exercise sessions per week.

He became a Lay Officiant in the Waikato Diocese even after the Bishop granted him a year's extension to his two year training because of the time required in his involvement with soccer in the



Taumaranui Club and Association as a Manager, Coach, Referee and Administrator.

When his wife of 43years, Heather, became ill with cancer, they made the decision to move to the Mount. Their house was

advertised on Trade Me and sold in a week! The Vicar at the Mount remembered Stan from his lay ministry training days at Hamilton. Sadly, Heather was only to have four months at the Mount, before she died.

Stan found comfort in God, and the fellowship of the church, gradually assuming more responsibilities. One of his great sorrows is that Heather did not have time to experience the special caring love of the Mount Parishioners, and they did not get to know her.

Stan is now the Mission Motivator in the Parish. His interest in missions was inspired by Heather's parents who worked in Fiji for several years, her mother being the Girl Guide Commissioner, June Barnes.

Moa Park children know him as Stan-the-Man, and are very fond of him, as are all who know him and his special attributes, which are often seen at the Craft Market if you are looking in the background!



Waiapu Cathedral Choir Visit

We will be hosting the Waiapu Cathedral Choir on

Sunday May 2nd

as part of their visit to Tauranga and Te Puke.

There will be one service in the Parish

10am at St Peter's.

There will be no service at St Mary's on this day.

Top Parish

Rotorua 12-14 March



260 people from all over the Diocese had fun in the sun at the annual Diocesan Top Parish. Photos clockwise from top left: Tess leading Nathan through the obstacle course; Rebekah helping Sammy at the same game; Michael and the Havatars from Havelock North with the cow made by Robin Jones; Martin and James taking a photo of Bonnie taking a photo.



The Way of the Cross

Travel with us through Lent and Holy Week

Palm Sunday	March 28	Communion	8am St Peter's
		Passion Drama	10am St Mary's
Holy Week			
Tuesday	March 30	Reconciliation Service	7pm St Peter's
Wednesday	March 31	Communion	10am St Peter's
Thursday	April 1	Passover Meal	7pm St Mary's
Good Friday	April 2	Family Service	10am St Mary's
		The Final Hour	2pm St Peter's
		Service of Shadows	7pm St Mary's
			
Easter Sunday	April 4	Communion	8am St Peter's
		Family Communion and Baptisms	10am St Mary's

You are welcome at any of these services. If you would like to be part of the Passover Meal please contact the Parish Office or sign in on the lists at church for catering.

Catch-up Time with Old Friends

Our intrepid Quest team got on the phone and email to bring you news of parishioners who have recently moved away.

Betty and Walter Lee-Westworth, Bridport, November 09

Thank you for your letter and the Quest, we really enjoy hearing news from the Mount. Normally at this time we would be packing for our journey to the Land of the Long White Cloud. Alas this will no longer be possible with my diet of fluids only. But we have wonderful memories of the fellowship enjoyed in our times down under.

We are very happy at St. James Park, Bridport. It is a small Retirement Community with 26 units. A flourishing Mothers' Union at our church is within walking distance. We join in many events - except those involving social eating!

My consultant feels the cancer has gone and I am just left with the disabilities from three operations, and prolonged radio therapy. How wonderful is the power of prayer - the Lord obviously still has plans for my future.

Thank you all for your prayers and love.

Yours in Christ,

Betty and Walter

Rencie Slocombe - now 102 years.

It was so good to catch up again with Rencie, in the Arcadia Rest Home on Edgecumbe Road.

She enjoys the life there: the 24 hour care which she agrees she needs, her very nice bed-sitting room, attentive caring staff, and plenty of room to safely take her regular walks.

There are lots of interesting people to chat with, and her loving family is close enough to visit as often as they want, and take her out for concerts and special treats.

She was pleased to see me, and I was delighted to see her so fit and well. She was interested in news of her friends at the Mount, and sends best wishes and love to all.

Dennis and Ruby Clarke

Dennis and Ruby moved to Auckland in June 2009 to be nearer their family. They are enjoying life at Vision Dannemora Retirement home. Ruby reports that Dennis is quite bright despite being hospitalized several times recently. Due to failing eyesight he is now registered with the foundation for the Blind. Ruby continues to be busy and has joined a walking group and participates in aquarobics. She also enjoys the weekly outings to different shopping malls. Ruby attends All Saints Anglican Church at Howick where she has been made very welcome together with a nice Chinese couple from the Village. Ruby and Dennis send their regards to everyone at St Mary's.

Brian and Dawn Houston

Brian and Dawn left Mt Maunganui for Auckland last winter. They moved to Acacia Cove Village, Wattle Downs. Unfortunately Dawn had a fall during their first week and spent four weeks in hospital. For the first few months they lived in an apartment while they waited for a villa which finally became available just before Christmas. They overlook Manakau Harbour and have a walkway passing their door. They are both very happy, in good health and enjoying the village. Dawn is back playing nine holes of golf, while Brian is busy with three days of golf and two days of bowls each week. They have met up with Ivan and Betty Beacom, ex St Mary's parishioners who live close by at Wattle Downs. Dawn and Brian love being near their family. They recently attended the wedding of a niece in Sydney and are returning for a grandson's wedding in April. Dawn was so pleased to hear from someone in the parish and wishes everyone well.

<p>The Quest Team for this issue was Val Ready, Jim and Dorothy Dearlove and Bonnie Heberton. If you would like to join the team for the next issue please contact one of us.</p>

On a Mission

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With this issue of Quest you will receive a copy of the Partners in Prayer 2010 booklet. This won't cost you any money but we do ask you to spend some time reading the first 7 pages and also take time daily to pray for those people and items mentioned on each day of the month. Then on the first day of the next month just go back to the beginning and start again on Day One. This should help to make us all more knowledgeable about just what is happening on our behalf in the mission field.

If you would like to know more about specific mission projects please let me know and I will endeavour to obtain more details.

Stamps

Used stamps are always in demand. Please keep them coming in to the boxes at both churches. This year, 2010, it has been decided to use stamp income to purchase an outboard motor for use in Fiji. As at 9th February almost \$1000 of the required \$5000 had been raised. Keep your eye on the posters in the back of each church to see progress on this project.

Mission Boxes

Most of us remember those blue mission boxes which seemed to be in every Anglican home in our childhood. They are still available and you are welcome to take one from the back of either church and use them to put your small change into. We expect to have a special Mission Box day at church in 3-4 months time. If you have any questions or suggestions about Missions, please contact me.

Stan Trotter
Mission Motivator
572 3200



From the Registers

Weddings

Valerie Joan Brazier and David
George Potter 30th December 2009

Maree Ann Bell and Roger Wilson
Child 27th February 2010

Baptisms

Lucy-Star Rose Hands, daughter of
Matthew and Cindy Hands 3rd January 2010

Xavier Luke Hands, son of Eric and
Claire Hands 3rd January 2010

Zoe Rueegg Coughlan, daughter of
Stefan Rueegg and Jane Coughlan 24th January 2010

Funerals

Ailsa Jean Jordan 27th August 2009

Nigel Ian Robertson 17th November 2009

Brian Leicester Gracie 24th November 2009

Molly (Audrey) Dyer 17th December 2009

Ruth Warren Middleton 15th February 2010

Marjorie Christina Mary Leask 25th February 2010

Joyce May Rogers 1st March 2010

Joan Elizabeth Watson 4th March 2010

Bruce Trevor Blanshard 6th March 2010

Regular Weekly Events

Monday

- 1.00pm Indoor Bowls St. Mary's Hall
6.15pm Girl Guides St Mary's Hall

Tuesday

- 9.00am Recycled Teenagers Exercise Class St Mary's Hall
3.30pm Moa Park Kids Club Scout Hall Valley Rd
3.00pm Rhythm Kids St Mary's Hall
5.15pm Brownies St Mary's Hall
7.00pm Rangers St Mary's Hall
7.00pm AA Meeting St Peter's Hall

Wednesday

- 10.00am Holy Communion St. Peter's with morning tea
10.00am Care and Craft St Mary's Hall
4.00pm Pippins St Mary's Hall

Thursday

- 9.00am Art Group St Peter's Hall
9.30am St. Mary's Pre-school Service and
St. Mary's Tahatai Pre-school Service
10.00am Jive Bunnies Pre-school Music St Mary's Hall
4.00pm Growing Through Grief St Mary's Hall
5.15pm Music Group Practice St Mary's Church

Friday

- 9am Silver Tones music rehearsal St Mary's Hall
1pm U3A Sequence Dancing St Mary's Hall

Regular Monthly Events

1st Monday	10.30am Malyon House Communion Service
3rd Monday	7.00pm Vestry Meeting St Mary's
2 nd or 3 rd Monday	6.00pm Tripe and Onions Club St Peter's
1st Tuesday	1.30pm Bernadette Home Service
4th Tuesday	3.30pm Bayswater Village Service
1st Wednesday	3.00pm Somervale Lodge Service
2nd Wednesday	1.30pm A.A.W. Meeting St Mary's
2nd Thursday	3.00pm Somervale Villas Service
3rd Thursday	11.00am Malyon House Service
Last Friday	7.00pm Family Movie Night St Mary's
2nd Saturday	9.00am Arataki Market St Mary's
1st Sunday	10.00am St Mary's Interactive Worship

Use our Space

The facilities at St Mary's and St Peter's are available for hire by community groups. There are currently no spaces at St Mary's but plenty at St Peter's.

The hire rate is \$20/hour + GST for commercial groups and \$10/hour + GST for community groups. Contact the Parish Administrator 575 9945 or adminang@vodafone.co.nz for bookings.

Parish Directory

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	Rev Jan Crabb	575 7100
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		027 575 9199
Youth Worker	Martin Collins	027 575 9945
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Pastoral Care	Rev Peter Coughlan	572 2288
People's Warden	Stan Trotter	572 3200
Vicar's Warden	Shirley Shilling	575 9662
St Mary's Drop Inn	June Barker Manager	575 0576
St Mary's Family Centre	Jackie Collins Manager	575 9915
St Mary's Tahatai Centre	Trish Parkes Manager	572 5016
Arataki Market	Claire Peake Bookings	575 3238
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	Anne Shilston	552 6649
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