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Cover Photo: Bishop David (the tall one!) and a group of walkers from the parish complete an early morning walk around Mauao.

One Giant Birthday Celebration

Waiapu Diocese is 150 years old this year. You're invited to celebrate this amazing milestone by coming to dinner on Saturday August 1st.

It will be a dinner for hundreds – but not all in our hall. Every parish in the Diocese is invited to have a party on the same night in their own setting.

After dinner, all around the Bay of Plenty, Eastland and Hawke's Bay, parishes will turn on their TV screens and simultaneously watch a DVD prepared by the Bishop and the 150th Celebrations Team.

Details about the meal will come closer to the time but for now mark your diary and plan to be there. This would be a great opportunity to invite someone who has been involved in the Diocese in the past but is no longer connected.



150th Birthday Dinner
Saturday 1st August
6pm

**Dinner, DVD, Dessert and Discussion
Don't miss it!**

Vicar's Corner

As we approach our AGM I have been reflecting on our core business as a community of faith.

Our Parish Mission is
Working in partnership with Jesus
Our Parish Vision is
Serving Christ in the community.

We are talking here about connection! Connection with Christ leading to connection with the community.

At our last Sensational Sunday Service on 3rd May we considered all the God spoken 'I Am' statements. In the process of exploring the scriptures we got to know the author of our faith story better.

This week's 'I Am' statement is from John 15:1-6. "I am the true vine, and my father is the vine grower", and "I am the vine and you are the branches".

This alerts us to who we connect with, who we draw strength from and who is in charge!

Vines and trees that are left unpruned

- get straggly
- grow in on themselves
- produce poor quality fruit and flowers
- prevent light getting in for growth



Pruning vines and trees

- cuts out the parts of the plant growing in on themselves
- stops wasting their energy
- stops them being unproductive
- encourages shoots to grow towards the light
- focuses plant energy on bearing good fruit.



As we look forward to extending and growing our ministry in the coming year it is important that we all think about the pruning that needs to happen in our faith community. I want to encourage the gifts and generosity of you all so that you can continue walking in the light, focusing on bearing good

fruit, looking outwards, letting go of what is no longer relevant and using your energy positively.

This is all about connecting daily with and drawing strength from the vine, placing our lives in the hands of the vine grower, and connecting in a life giving way with our community.

Marie

Marie and Jimmy will be on leave from June 22 until the end of July visiting their family in Switzerland.



Where the Wild Things Are

If you're lucky enough to be free on a Wednesday in the school holidays you may have had the chance to come with the children on a Wild Wednesday adventure around the city and environs. Heather Glover came on both days with her grandchildren in the April holidays and discovered the joys of Roydon Downs and McLaren Falls Park – neither place she had been to before, despite living in the Mount for decades.

The children who come adventuring in the holidays are from our regular church families plus the children of staff at the Child Care centres, both visiting and local grandchildren of our parishioners and some other children who connect with the parish only on these wild days.

In the 5 years that Wild Wednesdays have been running we have

- walked to the giant kauri in the Kaimais
- travelled to Roydon Downs at least once a year
- walked most of the board walks in Tauranga
- had a bead day at Uncle Black Beetle's Bead Shop
- made creative construction days in the hall
- cooked three different courses for a lunch meal at Krusty Krab's Kafe
- created wire sculpture at the Historic Village Art Centre
- caught the hopper buses either to get places or to find things
- enjoyed a summer picnic with kayaks at Rotary Park
- taken our cameras on photography days around the Mount and at McLaren Falls



Come join us in the next holidays.

Photo taken by children at
McLaren Falls April 09

Retirement is not in my Vocabulary

When you give a man in his 70s two new hips, it's like giving him a new lease of life. Ted Barker is a testament to the active lifestyle that is possible when health is good and the attitude is positive.

Ted and June sold their Mount home and moved into Bayswater Village in 2008 partly to be nearer to St Mary's, which is the



focus of much of their activity. June is the Drop Inn Manager and Ted is the man-on-the-spot for many jobs at the church. "Bayswater is regarded as a retirement village but that word does not come into our vocabulary", says Ted. "We've gained many new friends in the village and the Drop Inn has benefited from donations of goods on quite a few occasions through church people living there."

Ted has recently picked up two new roles in the parish. He has been licensed by the Bishop to take communion to Rest Homes and private homes. "I am humbled to be considered worthy enough to have this privilege," he said, "but there is no job at the church that I regard as being insignificant. My other new appointment is putting out the rubbish and recycling on Monday mornings. The paper work can sometimes be overwhelming!"

With two new hips also comes the opportunity to get back into sport and Ted is a very competitive member of the Mount Maunganui Bowling Club. In fact, if you can't hear his pan pipes playing the Lord's Prayer on a Sunday morning then you can reasonably assume he is whistling up a win on the bowling green somewhere.

"I'm just an ordinary person who enjoys helping people," says Ted, "and the Drop Inn is a really great place to do that, not only in the shop but being able to go the extra mile such as delivering things when people have no transport."

When the Bishop Came to Town



Morning tea with AAW and their President Jackie Eustace

Bishop David spent a day and a half in the parish in March. He visited as many groups as he could and enjoyed Wednesday worship and a parish dinner.



Licensing Elaine Fraser MacKenzie



Ted Lewis and Bishop David at Wednesday communion



Parish Staff



Chatting at Bayswater

Sharing a moment with Blair Dickie and Patricia Roper



Bishop visits Moa Park Kids Club bringing his mitre and staff to show the children

Kids Who Worry Too Much

Being the parents of an anxious child can be a rollercoaster. Whilst children who struggle with anxiety are often thoughtful and caring, they can also be frustrating and place extra demands on parents in terms of time and emotion. An anxious child often seems to be scared of something and can miss out on many enjoyable aspects of life.



Anxiety is a normal emotion that helps us perform to the best of our abilities and protects us in dangerous situations. But sometimes fears and worries can become so intense they may interfere with things a child wants or needs to do such as going to school, playing with friends or even attending a Seasons

programme.

There are different factors that can cause anxiety, including genes, parent reactions or modelling, and stressors such as separation or death of parents and trauma. Anxiety becomes a problem if it is adversely affecting a child's life and stopping them doing what they want to do.

Successful management works best with a multimodal approach often involving the family, school, therapist and GP. This teaches children to manage their anxiety and also gives parents new ways to respond to anxious behaviour. Children learn new skills such as thinking realistically, relaxation techniques, facing up to fears and social skills which help to manage anxiety.

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) is especially effective. CBT examines the relationship between events, thoughts and feelings. People can have different thoughts in the same situation. Children

Anxiety is an emotion we all experience. The aim is to manage it not get rid of it.

learn to use a worry scale to rate the intensity of anxious feelings. It is the gradual reduction in avoidance which creates change.

I remember a seven year old girl who was very reluctant and worried about coming to Seasons. With the help of empathetic Companions, mother and other children she managed to attend every session and in the end came running in with a smile...she faced her worries and benefited greatly from the process. Many children who struggle with anxiety and learn to manage it will grow and mature into confident outgoing adults. Because anxiety is an emotion we all experience, the aim is to manage it rather than get rid of it.

Anne Shilston Growing Through Grief Coordinator

Mum is home late from work. One brother thinks she may have stopped for coffee with a friend. The other brother assumes she has had a car accident.



Growing Through Grief delivers two peer support programmes, one of which is the nine week Seasons™ programme for children and young people who are experiencing loss, grief or major family change. An adult group is often available too.

The other programme is called Life Threatening Illness. GTG has recently trained more volunteers in order to make the Life Threatening Illness programme more widely available.

This programme spans four weeks and is for children and young people who have a family member diagnosed with a life threatening illness.

Journey Through Time

We are standing with a group of people in the shade of the karaka trees behind the Hot Pools at the foot of Mauao. We are looking at the view – what’s so strange about that you may ask? Well we are considering something that happened over 100 years ago and that was the first church service in English at the Mount.



The parish pilgrimage in April celebrated the first 100 years and revisited the sites that have made up the history of the Anglican Parish of

Mt Maunganui. We gathered at St Peter’s Church at 9am for a time of prayer and recollection. Val Ready gave an enthralling account of the years 1908 to 1965. This was followed by a shared communion service and morning tea at Holy Trinity Tauranga. Holy Trinity was closely involved in the establishment of the Mount Parish both spiritually and financially. They sent the first preachers and priests over to the Mount to begin a new work.

After returning to St Peter’s we boarded a bus and were driven around points of interest in the history of the parish. Rae King shared the story of her years in the parish after lunch. This was a day that everyone enjoyed. I felt humbled when we considered all those who had gone before. *Jim Dearlove*

The Pilgrimage helped those of us who are new to the Mount to know more about the history of the parish and the old boundary. The

highlight for me was the story of the early Christian services that were held at the Mount and visiting the karaka tree at the base of Mauao where the first service was held was very special. Val's research and stories made the history come alive. *Anne Le'ota*

The second pilgrimage took place on Palm Sunday. After the first liturgy of the Word at St Mary's Geoff Crawshaw told interesting stories of how the church grew and developed from 1965 to 1992. A bus trip tracing the story followed. Driving past the Kauri Centre in Evans Rd we visited St Mary's Tahatai child care where Cherie Hughes, Manager was waiting to show us around. The trip continued to Bree Court where Papamoa Missioner Arthur Bruce and Adrienne greeted the group. We took the opportunity to look through the Mission House and look at the labyrinth in the back yard.

The final stop was at Beachaven Community House at the very far end of Papamoa Beach Rd then we drove past the Papamoa Mission Vicarage, The Dovecote and the Papamoa Community Support Centre on the corner of Dickson Rd and Papamoa Beach Rd.

After lunch at St Mary's Shirley Shilling picked up the story recalling the development of the parish from 1993 to 2009. St Mary's Family Centre was open for viewing then our enjoyable day concluded with the 2nd half of the liturgy and we shared holy communion together. *Dorothy Dearlove*



Happy Birthday Arataki Market

Two years with not one rainy day – who is in charge here? At the Market in May we celebrated our 2nd birthday with flashy hats, a birthday cake and another sunny morning enjoyed by all.



Reef Sellars celebrated his own birthday on Market Day in May and helped Duncan Richardson, winner of the fancy hat competition, cut the cake. Reef's mum is a regular plant seller at the Market.

The market is a happy, social place to be on the second Saturday of each month. We, the stallholders, do appreciate the opportunity to sell our handmade creative work. It takes hours of leisure time spent learning and practicing before we can bring something to the public to sell.

As well as craft and art you will also find fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, cakes, relish jams and flowers. Devonshire teas and bacon and egg sandwiches from the BBQ are also very popular.



Nina Chaplin, Rae King and Mary Haynes prepare delicious Devonshire Teas

Some mornings the market is also lucky enough to have the talents of live musicians who fill the air with sweet music.

The Drop In is always busy on Market Day and this month took a record \$640 in just 3 ½ hours.

Call in next month for a while and support the big team from the parish as well as the stall holders from our local community who all contribute to making Arataki Market a very happy place to be.

Noeline Sealey



Dennis Sealey and Rona Murdoch perform at the Market in April



Cheers from Maureen Hawley (left) and Bonnie Heberton in their fancy hats. Maureen sells smoked cheeses and Bonnie manages the BBQ



Go Girls



The Mt. Coastal Girl Guiding District has been using St. Mary's Hall for their unit meeting for over 10 years. We have Pippin, Brownie, Guide and Ranger units who hold their meetings each week. The facilities are fabulous and are a great asset to not only to the church but to community groups like ourselves.



The kitchen is well used with the girls loving everything about food.

Most of the girls that attend unit meetings at St Mary's live between Tay Street, Mt. Maunganui and Sandhurst, Papamoa.

The leaders find the hall very central. We can walk to the beach, visit the Pool, walk to Bayfair and visit the rest home for concerts. We have appreciated having an area to store our resources that are needed each week to run the programmes.

As you can see from the photos the girls have fun times at Girl Guides and Brownies and look forward to many more years of holding our unit meetings at the St. Mary's Hall.

Janet Reekie
Co-ordinator

Mayor Stuart
Crosby works
with the
Brownies on an
environmental
evening.



Dreketi in Mission Mode

Vicar Henry Bull writes about new developments in Dreketi.



New
Agricultural
Project
which
involves
helping our
neighbours

This is a project with the aim of bringing the people together and also to show that we are here to help one another. Instead of gathering at the Church on Wednesdays for bible study and prayers which was what was usually happening, we have decided to meet at the home of the family or individual we plan to help in planting something for them. As you know people in our culture depend mostly on food planted.

There are other things that we do while there with the family, especially in the area they may be struggling with. First we begin with a prayer then I share a few words of encouragement and when all is over we gather for a prayer of thanksgiving.

The results have been very encouraging. We are seeing people drawn closer and more coming to help. I said to them that we have learned a lot about how to love one another and carry each others burdens from the Bible and now we must give out what we learned. A pond that takes in must give out to stay clean and healthy and where it flows it

gives life. This project has also created close fellowship and some people have been drawn to this type of fellowship.

Our Church family also helped a family who were vacated and asked to leave the land they were in. The church family stepped in to help which resulted in two Hindu ladies joining the Christian faith as they saw the love showed to them. They have been regularly coming to church. Even their husbands who have yet to put their faith in Christ have given themselves to help in any church functions like cooking and preparation.



We had a camp for the Sunday School children on the weekend of Palm Sunday and a youth camp which led to youth taking part in the Sunday service. We have also had six confirmations.

We have helped the Methodist Church in their outreach lately by allowing them to use our sound system. Next Sunday we are inviting the Methodist pastor to preach and some of their members will attend for a combined service. Youth are planning to help the Indian primary school by cleaning their compound.

Wedding of
Maraia, the
girl we
brought up
and Alex,
Tora and
Cabe's eldest
son.



On the Up and Up

The builders are putting the finishing touches to the new rooms at St Mary's Family Centre.

There are often 20 staff on duty in a day so they are looking forward to a new and larger staffroom. This is the main upstairs room with a shower and toilet. Downstairs the staff has a separate computer working area. Due to the growing professionalism of the staff there is a lot more paper work to do and a quiet workspace will help with this. Some of the paperwork is updating the individual learning profiles for the children which are a Ministry of Education requirement.

There is also a meeting room downstairs which will be available for parish groups such as Growing Through Grief committee meetings, Child Care management meetings, Vestry etc.

The building project was originally started 13 months ago but it took 11 months to get the building consent through the Council. This proved to be a long and expensive process. The actual building has only taken 2 months from start to finish. The new building has been paid in full by the Child Care Centre.

You should all be proud to offer such quality early childhood care to the community.



Jackie Collins,
Centre Manager,
putting together
furniture for the
new staffroom



Get Your Thinking Cap On
Growing Through Grief Annual Quiz Night

Friday 26th June

7pm at St Mary's

\$10 adults

\$5 students

Make up a team of 6

or just come long and we'll arrange a team for you

Supper provided and liquid refreshments for sale

All donations of items suitable for prizes gratefully received

Enquiries to Ted Barker 575 6552

The evening is a fun event to raise funds for the Seasons Programme
Everyone welcome – old and young

Mixing it with the Methodists

On behalf of the Mt Maunganui Methodist Church I would like to say a big thank you to all at St Mary's Anglican Church for the welcome and fellowship which you have extended to us when we have joined you in worship. We came for a Sunday in January and then again at the end of April.

None of us will forget the inspiring Passover meal which we shared with you all in April. It was wonderful food for thought and a very spiritual occasion. It was good to have our new Minister Michael Dymond involved as well.

On April 26th Liz Dooley and I joined your team of Hospital Chapel wheelchair/bed pushers while other members of the congregation shared in a baptism service at your place.

We are looking forward to the signing of a new Covenant between the Anglican and Methodist Churches of New Zealand which will take place on May 24th with major celebrations in Auckland. This will strengthen the relationship between our two churches at a national level just as our local relationship is growing stronger.

The next joint project between our two churches is a Taizé Service.*

Mavis Walters

Parish Steward, Mt Maunganui Methodist Church

*Taizé is a village in the south of France. It is home to a religious community which has developed a style of worship that has become well loved all around the world. Taizé music is a series of short chants sung repetitively. The chants are designed as prayer and the repetition helps us to sing from the heart without worrying about looking at the words and finding the next verse. The service style is quiet and contemplative with candles and other visual images to help us focus.

Singing Our Own Songs

Look to the mountains
Look to the sea
Look in the eyes of a tiny baby
See the sun rising
Watch it go down
Glittering stars in the sky all around

Awesome God (4x)

Seagulls are dancing
Hovering high
Sailboats are leaning
When winds give a sigh
Waves that are calling
Beckoning near
Ours is a haven for all who come here

Awesome God (4x)

Beauty surrounds us
We give thanks to you
Almighty Creator
Makes each day anew
May we be thankful
For your design
Blessed are you Lord
The cross is our sign

Awesome God (4x)

Look to the oceans
See the waves roll
See the whales spouting
The dolphins take flight
Watch the tide ebbing
Watch it come in
Throwing the seaweed high
up on the sand

Awesome God (4x)



Chris Skinner SM, a Catholic Priest from Wellington, wrote this song but provided words for one verse only. We are enjoying singing it so Ted Barker and Gillian Camping have written some extra verses.



Clean It Up

Moa Park Kids Club took to the streets on a sunny Tuesday in May to clean the place up. Walking from the Scout Hall in Valley Road they picked up rubbish right through to Central Parade shops. At the shops the children asked each of the shop owners if they did any recycling and got very positive responses.

The theme at Kids Club for the first half of Term 2 is caring for our environment. We have planted a garden of herbs and flowers, done some detective work to identify all the different trees at Moa Park, made art out of recyclable materials and will finish off with a visit to two recycling centres at the Mount.

Moa Park Kids Club runs every Tuesday afternoon at the Scout Hall on the edge of Moa Park for children aged 5-8 years. We would love to have some more children join the club.

The kids say

- We get to do heaps of cool stuff
- Everyone has a smile and that makes me happy
- I love playing fun games with my friends especially playing with the basketball hoop
- We do fun stuff and we have afternoon tea and it's yum.

And the parents say

- My son can't wait to come. Every morning he gets up and asks if it's Kids Club today.
- The kids love it – it's great!



Francesca Wiggins has been at Kids Club since it started in 2008.

From the Registers

Baptism

Connor Daniel Dell Rowan
son of Anthony Rowan and
Alana Dell Rowan 11th March 2009

Gibson John Innes
and Izzy Jane Wendy Innes
children of Damon and Annette Innes 26th April 2009

Weddings

Virginia Louise Milne and
Timothy Patrick Cooper 28th February, 2009

Kelly Marie Armer and
Michael Andrew Fraser 28th March, 2009

Funerals

Joyce Ruby Teaz 21st February, 2009

Barry James McAuliffe 7th April, 2009

Frederick Evan Richard Coley 15th April, 2009

William Robert Neville Healey 20th April, 2009

Winkie Woodcraft 6th May, 2009

<p>N.B. The Parish Office has changed over to Vodafone for all phone and internet services. Please use the new email addresses in the Parish Directory on the back page of Quest.</p>

Regular Weekly Events

Monday

- 1.00pm Indoor Bowls St. Mary's
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
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
6.30pm Latin Dance for Children St Mary's Hall

Thursday

- 9.00am Art Group St Peter's
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

Sunday

- 8am Holy Communion St Peter's
10am Holy Communion St Mary's

Regular Monthly Events

1st Monday	10.30am Malyon House Communion Service
3rd Monday	7.30pm 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
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 just a few free 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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St Mary's Family Centre	Jackie Collins Manager	575 9915
St Mary's Tahatai Centre	Cherie Hughes Manager	572 5016
Arataki Market	Claire Peake Bookings	575 3238
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