



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
MT MAUNGANUI**



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Anglican Parish of Mount Maunganui  
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## Editor's Note

Welcome to the final edition of the Quest for 2013. Hard to believe another year has flown by! In this magazine, you can read about some new and new-ish people in our parish, learn what our child care centres are up to, find out how our catering and fundraising teams work to keep the wider community fed and our parish in the black, as well as learn more about the structure of Mount Anglican and how you can get connected via our new website and Facebook page. As always, we welcome your feedback. My prayer for all of us is for a peaceful, not too hectic holiday season filled with family, fun, food and love.

-Dawn Picken



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## Vicar's Blog

Happy New Year!

Advent is the beginning of our Church Year, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. For many, this time is filled with preparation for Christmas, planning holidays, negotiating family events and shopping. For some, Christmas is a time of sadness as people may be grieving, experience mixed emotions for various reasons or may feel alone. It is a time when we can be one, a time to ensure those who would like to be part of a family are welcomed to share what Christ has to offer at Christmas – love and hospitality.

Our Christmas events list is in the Quest with opportunities for us to come together and share our lives. It is the perfect time to invite people to our church, for we have plenty to offer for a variety of tastes.

As we prepare for Christmas, we are also gearing up for the parish office upgrade. The planning has taken longer than we thought, but we're anticipating building beginning March 2014. Good things take time, and we're grateful the Information Technology upgrade for our Child Care Centres and the Parish Office will occur at the same time.

Looking further ahead, with the resignation of Bishop David Rice, our Diocese has begun the process of calling a new Diocesan Bishop. Please see the short note regarding this later in the Quest.

I am also greatly encouraged by those who have put up their hand to help lead worship, to read and perform many other duties in the parish. Spreading the load ensures we do not burn out and also makes people feel part of the place when they have a role to play. So thank you to all who volunteer and make this place what it is.

Elizabeth, the boys and I will be on holiday over January, and I hope you all are able to find time to relax and enjoy the summer weather. Resting in preparation is part of our church calendar for good reasons; it gives us time to reenergize, time to reflect on what has been and dream dreams for the future.

Christmas Blessings,

Richard



Richard welcoming our latest Black Dove Tui McLeod.

## Calling a New Bishop

Bishop David has announced he will resign as our Bishop, effective February, 2014. With the ailing health of Tracey's parents there is a real need to be closer to family, so David has accepted the position of Provisional Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin, in East California. Our prayers and thoughts are very much with David and Tracey over the next few months as they go through this time of sorrow and grief but also joy and the trepidation change brings.

From February, an *interregnum*, a time between Bishops will occur. During this time Standing Committee continues to lead the diocese and Archbishop Philip Richardson will provide Episcopal oversight to the Diocese working closely with the Vicar General Reverend Brian Hamilton.

The process of selecting a new Bishop sits with Standing Committee and they are adamant the process should not be rushed and not begin until after David's departure.

It is too early to consider dates for an electoral college, but Standing Committee has agreed to appoint Bishop Victoria Matthews as the Archbishop's Commissary for that role.



The Reverend Jason Rhodes, Vicar of Takapuna, has also been appointed Communications advisor during this transition time. Jason has had enormous experience in broadcasting and communications and will work with Standing Committee when required.

Otherwise, it is business and church as usual for the Diocese. Please keep David and Tracey in your prayers along with our Diocese and whoever may feel a calling to the post as we prepare for an electoral college next year.

-Rev. Richard Vialoux



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## Christmas at Mount Anglican Parish 2013

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7pm	Advent Procession	St Peter's
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Family Centre Pageant	St Mary's
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Family Centre Pageant	St Mary's
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Tahatai Pageant	St Mary's
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Children's Pageant	St Mary's
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	St Peters
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Wednesday Christmas	St Peters
<i>Last Wed Service for 2013</i>			
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	4pm	Carols, Readings, Wine	St Mary's
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6pm	Following the Star to Bethlehem	
<i>Meet at Salisbruy Wharf as we 'follow that Star' to St Peter's. Contact the office for more details.</i>			
Christmas Eve	8pm	Combined Churches Service	
<i>Papamoa Baptist Church 188 Dickson Rd Papamoa</i>			
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Service	St Peter's
Christmas Day	8am	Christmas Service	St Peters
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Service	St Mary's



## Children and Families Corner

As we prepare for Christmas, we reflect on the past year and our goals for 2014. This year saw the re-launch of Sunday school as Kids' Zone, with its weekly format and crew of new volunteers (Elizabeth Vialoux, Jo Watson, Gil Buckley, Janet Copsey, Marcia Sayers and Shirley Shilling – thank you so much and forgive me, anyone, if I've omitted your name from this list!). We couldn't continue to provide our children with such a regular programme without you.

Another big thank you to Ted Barker, who sets up tables, chairs, mats and audio equipment for our preschool music programme at St Mary's. Parents and kids may never witness his hard work behind the scenes, but we at Mount Anglican Parish do, and we're plenty grateful.

2014 will see a slightly new format for our preschool music programmes; we're changing the name of the sessions from Jive Bunnies and Starfish to Saintly Shakers (St Mary's and St Peter's) to better reflect our Christian mission. We'll teach kids, parents and caregivers simple, sung prayers and be more intentional in the way we reach out to families, offering them a time to connect with Mount Anglican outside our regular sessions so we can get to know them better and vice versa.

Our annual Saints and Angels evening (October 31st) saw hundreds of happy, lolly-chomping kids at St Mary's car park. Blustery weather kept crowds lighter



than last year, but those who attended said they enjoyed themselves, riding the fire truck, bouncing in the bouncy castle and playing all the games staffed

by volunteers. Another big thank you to everyone who helped with S&A: it's a giant party requiring lots of hands to lighten the load.

Our family pizza night at the vicarage in September was well-attended, bringing together families from St Peter's and St Mary's, some of whom met for the first time. The same day, we had a blast playing Laser Tag with the Black Doves. Our Pet Sunday in September saw a Noah's ark of creatures including a cat, a dog, goldfish and even snails.

We'll have another family night, this time in Pilot Bay, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The following week is our Christmas pageant, for which we're experimenting with a video story. Catch the world premiere at St Mary's December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Finally, we'll try something new for our family Christmas service this year, 'Follow that Star' in downtown Mount. The programme happens Sunday the December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm and culminates with a short service and light dinner at St Peter's.

We pack a lot into a few weeks. Enjoy the Christmas time sunshine and the spirit of the season. Peace.

-Dawn Picken



Ice Cream Fun at the Family Dinner held at the vicarage

## St Mary's Family Centre and Tahatai Preschool Staff Retreat at Ohope Christian Camp



At the Family Centre and Tahatai Preschool, staff are always so busy with the children we barely have time to exchange information about them and their progress let alone get to get to know and understand one another...

..so one weekend in October, 25 staff went to a retreat .

We arrived at Ohope Christian Camp late Friday afternoon to brilliant sunshine. The Camp overlooked the beach with stunning views to complement the weather. Camp facilities included a large hall and sunny grounds. We spent most of our days outdoors. The van was well utilised to help with travel and it also ferried us to the Ohope Chartered Club for a wonderful dinner on Friday night. All staff received thank you boxes full of goodies to enjoy.

Saturday, we ate breakfast in the sun and after a thought-provoking prayer, began a relaxed morning trying out new crafts or finishing tasks previously begun. After a picnic lunch, we shared our teaching resources and strategies to extend our repertoire of Bible stories. We have many talented staff and the

Tahatai team finished with an up-to-date version of Samuel [vicar Trish decked out in Richard's gear] visiting Jessie [a kiwi farmer with a wayward family.]

Everyone relaxed over a Chinese smorgasbord dinner. Then, the games began with lots of laughter before our serious item of the night; a wine tasting seminar presented by a teacher who used to work in the industry. She provided an extremely professional and informative presentation, but we were laughing again before long and finished the wine evening with an assortment of cheese and biscuits. We were all still socialising into the early hours.

Sunday brought sun again and we were led on a beautiful walk along Ohope beach over the cliffs down to the secluded Otewaiawere Bay. Staff had such a great time (on a shoestring budget) that many of us are talking about returning next year. As one of the organisers, I can truly say I felt I had been on an enjoyable, restful and worthwhile retreat too, and I

was even at work by 7.30 the next morning.



-Jackie Collins

Manager, St. Mary's  
Family Centre

## St Mary's Tahatai Preschool Update



What a busy year 2013 has been for St Mary's Tahatai Preschool! It started with the Education Review Office visiting in April and everything needed to be Tip-Top...our staff, our centre and even our children.

Our annual birthday party was a success with children, staff as well as parents dressing up. We had live entertainment with one of our Great Granddads and the best cake you have ever seen.

Winter ended and we celebrated with our annual 'Blossom Day.'

Now we are heading towards Christmas; the 'Inn Keeper' will be as grumpy as ever, but there will be a twist this year!

Trish Parkes  
Manager



## Mount Anglican People

### Meet Nicola Dodd

So we can get to know our neighbours in the pews better, we'll introduce you to one or three of them in each issue of the Quest.



Nicola Dodd moved to the Mount with her family from Kenya about a year ago. Nicola was born in Zimbabwe, but lived in Kenya after university. She explains why she and her husband, Lance, decided to immigrate to New Zealand. Nicola says, "All our family had moved here, so it was feeling more and more like home."

Nicola married Lance at St Peter's on a visit to Aotearoa in 2004 because it's her parents' church.

"When our parents moved here, we struggled to make friends, and going to St Peter's helped. It's nice to have a network of other families."

Nicola and Lance live at the Mount with their two children, Matthew (aged two and-a-half) and Hayley (aged five and-a-half).

## Meet Peter

### *Learning the Ropes at the Mount*



Peter has three more years of training in Auckland at St John the Evangelist Theological College and Otago University before receiving his Bachelor of Theology degree.

The 40-year-old says he's enjoying the slower pace of life here. He says, "Shanghai is a very busy city. The population is 23.7 million. Life here is much quieter and peaceful; much cleaner and greener."

Peter worked full-time in Shanghai for many years before deciding to have a one-year break. He came to New Zealand to practise his English. He joined a lay Catholic community in Takapuna in 2007 to learn more about the Catholic faith and became Catholic in Shanghai in 2004.

He says church life in Aotearoa varies from denomination to denomination, but, “...Basically in New Zealand, people have freedom to worship. Although in Shanghai, we Chinese still can practise our faith to some degree. Also, like most of the Western world, Christianity is becoming less and less popular. The world is becoming very secular and individualism is everywhere.”

Peter says he’s enjoyed great hospitality from Catholics and Anglicans and especially appreciates Richard’s coaching. “I do believe I will learn heaps from the congregations of St Peter’s and St Mary’s.”



**Peter with Fiancée Wei Geo**

## Mount Anglican People

### Janet Copsey



Janet has been attending St Mary's since October, 2012. She and her husband, Maurice, had moved to the Bay of Plenty from England (Witham, in Essex) the previous June.

“We came here to be with our son and two grandsons,” said Janet. “St Mary's was the nearest Anglican church, and I was raised to attend church.” Janet is thrilled her husband, Maurice, has started coming to church, as well.

Janet volunteers in several capacities at St Mary's, including Jive Bunnies, the Op Shop and as a Sunday greeter and lesson reader. She's also about to help with the Mount Anglican ladies' group.

## Another Facet of our Vicar's Work

Nigel and I were thrilled when our daughter Deborah told us she was getting married and would like the service in our parish at St Peters. Many of you will remember her in her teenage years as a server at St Mary's and that she was also confirmed here too. She has known her now husband Andrew for over ten years and they live in Brisbane with their little boy Henry who is two years old.

The marriage service was relaxed, with Richard leading in a way that focused on the Bridal Couple. His management and the ideas he imparted at the rehearsal were really helpful and made their exchange of vows extremely special, not just for Deborah and Andrew but for all who were present. It was a warm and caring manner that he portrayed and was open and accepting of the couples and families ideas and desires; a true blessing from God.

We served drinks and had nibbles outside the church before we all departed for the reception and once again Richard chatted and helped and even lent his formal cloak to my mother who was shivering with cold! Thank you Richard for making the wedding service and the reception of our families into the church so memorable. Numerous comments from both families and friends ensued about the beautiful service and "Vicar Richard's friendly and welcoming attitude."

-Jackie Collins

## Two New Cyber Homes for Mount Anglican Parish

After months in the making, our new website is finally online. [mountanglican.org.nz](http://mountanglican.org.nz) replaces our old cyber home. The new site has a clean, modern look with lots of photos and information about events at our parish. You'll find archived publications (such as the Quest and the Angle) and even a blog. Read about our music programme, parishioners, staff, child care centres and the many community activities we host at our parish. The site includes a contact form, too, so do drop by and give us your feedback about the new site. We hope it'll become a frequent landing page for not only our members but for those seeking a church home. We're also on Facebook, posting updates and photos. Find and 'like' us at Mount Anglican.



[www.facebook.com/mountanglicanparish](http://www.facebook.com/mountanglicanparish)

## New Advertising Policy for the Quest

You have a chance to support Mount Anglican Parish and your business or organisation by advertising in the Quest. Vestry recently approved a policy allowing the placement of ads. For just \$45, your business card-sized advertisement will appear in this magazine. We'll use the revenue to subsidise the high cost of printing the Quest in colour. Vestry has authority to accept or reject advertising for any reason. For more information, or to place an ad, call the parish office on 575 9945 or contact Dawn:

[dawn@mountanglican.org.nz](mailto:dawn@mountanglican.org.nz).



## Catering Team Feeds the Masses

Some months ago, Vicar Richard asked me if I would like to do catering for funerals for St Peter's and St Mary's Anglican churches. I gasped, then thought I could do with the challenge, so said 'Yes.'

I approached a couple friends from my St Peter's Wednesday Communion group to see if they were keen to help me with this challenge, which, thankfully, they were.

When we are notified of a funeral, I phone the Team to book them in for the day, then phone some ladies that often help to make sandwiches and another woman who's happy to make asparagus rolls. The savouries are ordered from a local bakery and the incidental shopping is done from the supermarket.

The day of the funeral, our Team of five set up the hall with tables, tablecloths, nice crockery, napkins, a cold drink stand, and cups for teas and coffee. We start about two hours before the funeral. That gives us time to collect savouries, set out sandwiches, asparagus rolls, and slices. If we are fortunate to have a lovely sunny day and the funeral is at St Peter's Hall, we set seating outside so people can relax and mingle among family members and friends they may not have seen for some time.

We have been asked to also cater for the Bishop's luncheon at St Mary's, plus a luncheon for the Regional Hui which was also catered for at St Mary's.

We have enjoyed wonderful feedback from all the functions we have catered so far. To make us look more professional, we dress in black and wear our Catering Team name badges.



The charge for funeral catering is \$9.20 per person, inclusive, and other functions have a fee decided by the Vicar at the time, depending on numbers.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge that Vicar Richard offered me, and with the help of my Team I believe it is working well. Recently I was away on holiday, so passed all the information to one of the Team members who carried it through wonderfully while catering a funeral.

I don't think we're up to out-catering yet, but are certainly happy to cater church functions. Our next event is the welcoming of new parishioners at St Peter's Hall, which should be a wonderful evening.

-Gloria Elmiger

## Mission News

Christianity first came to New Zealand in 1814, with Samuel Marsden's Christmas Day sermon. The Anglican Missions Board started in 1922 after members of the settler church in Aotearoa NZ realised it was no longer a mission church. Therefore, the Anglican Church could again turn its attention to other parts of the world.

So developed a unique system of support in the Anglican Communion where funds are collected from the whole church and distributed to partner societies and partner churches overseas.

Our parish supports the Anglican Missions Board in a number of ways: through our assessment each month; mission boxes; and collecting used postage stamps.

### Mission Boxes

Those little blue boxes (though in short supply) are still available and are collected two or three times a year. Proceeds go towards a special overseas mission project.



The parish has budgeted \$1200 from mission boxes for this financial year. Ideally, each household would have one, depositing loose change, then bringing boxes to church on a special Sunday.

## **Used Stamps**

More than \$11,300 has been raised throughout all of New Zealand so far this year by selling used postage stamps. Regular, current stamps are trimmed, sorted and sold by weight to stamp dealers. All stamps are inspected by experts who encourage you to gift any collections gathering dust in your home. You'll find new blue collection containers at the back of both churches.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

-Stan Trotter

Editor's Note: For more information about Anglican Missions, visit <http://www.angmissions.org.nz/>

## Mount Anglican Parish – How Things Work

Vestry over the past few years has been working towards creating teams of people that ensure our parish can provide and grow our ministries. Many of these are sub-groups of vestry that have been given authority to do certain tasks. They have budgets and guidelines to work within; they report to or seek guidance from vestry when needed. Without these teams, much of the church's work would not happen and we are very grateful for the work they do.

Alongside the guidelines, vestry also writes parish policies that help us focus, guiding us through a maze of requirements under church statutes. Policies written recently have included: advertising in the parish; use of the parish van; children and youth safety; Drop in Centre public safety and the Vestry membership policy approved at our AGM last year. These are essential, so everyone is aware of who can do what and what can be done within our church just like any other organisation.

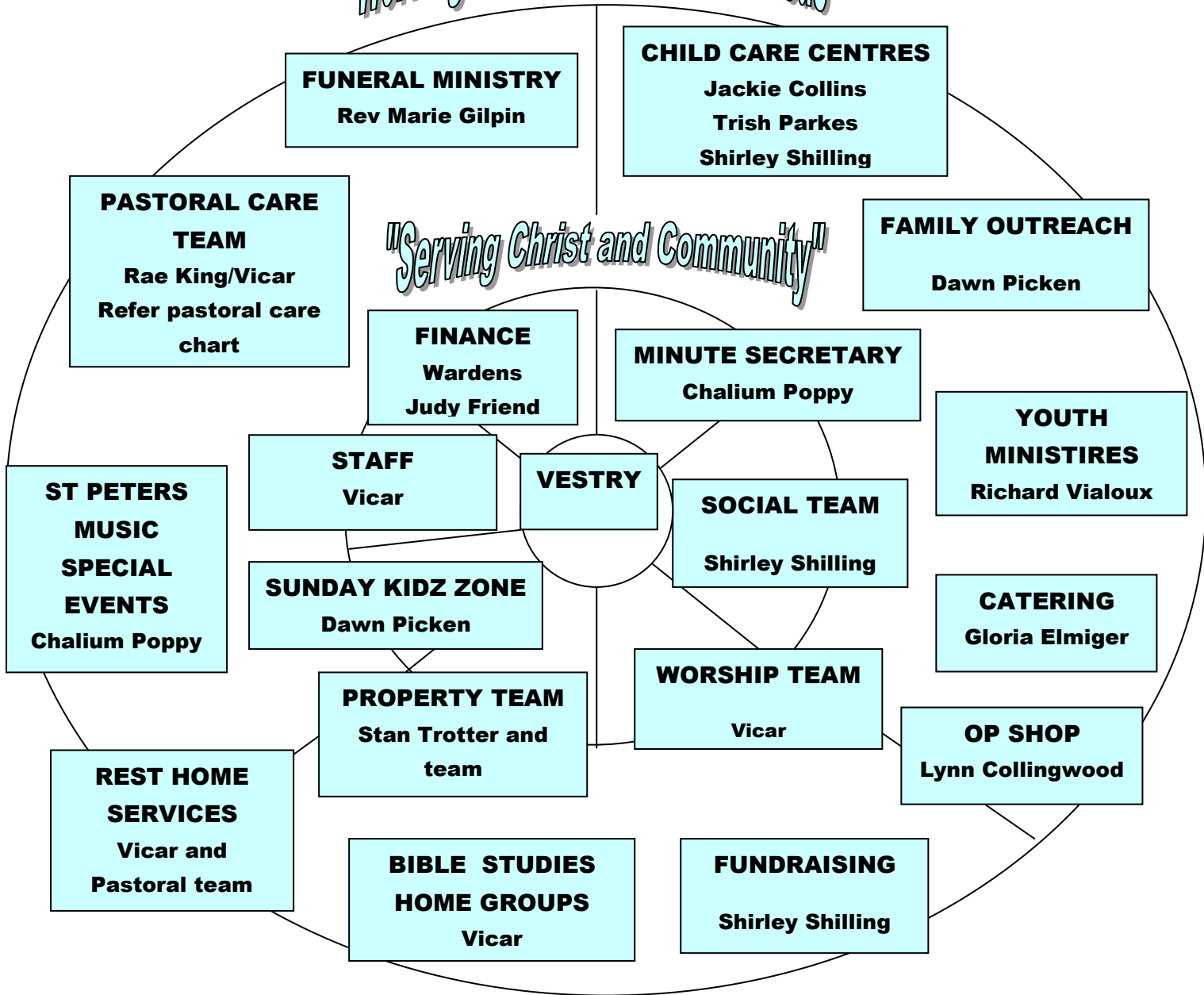
If you would like to read any of these guidelines or policies please contact the office. A file containing these is available for loan on request.



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# ANGLICAN PARISH OF MOUNT MAUNGANUI Organisation Chart

*"Working in partnership with Jesus"*



## Fundraising

You help keep our parish strong and vibrant each time you volunteer for, or participate in a fundraiser.



“Fundraising is very, very important, especially for the extras we want or need for the parish,” said Shirley Shilling, Mount Anglican Warden.

Shirley helps organise events such as garage sales, which have brought in nearly \$3,000 so far this fiscal year (as of 30<sup>th</sup> September).

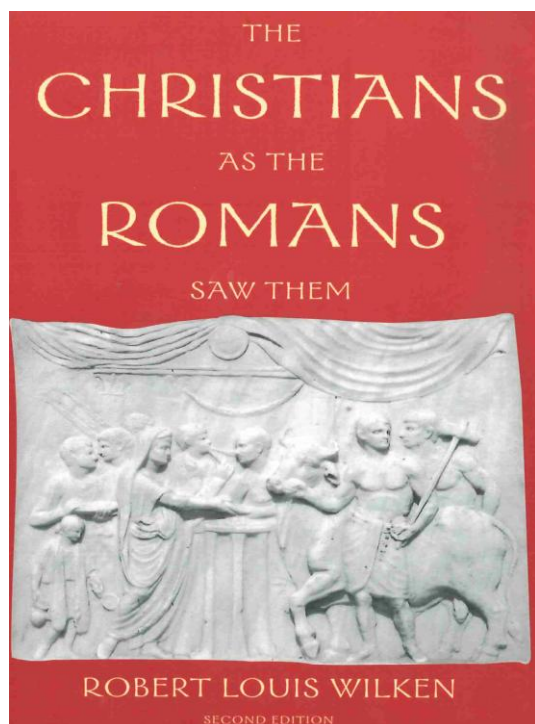
Catering for services such as funerals has raised nearly \$2,400 during the same time period.

Weddings, funerals, baptisms and blessings have raised nearly \$2,400.

The Drop-In Centre and Op Shop have contributed almost \$26,000 to parish coffers.

Regardless of how much money we earn, Shirley says you can't put a dollar value on having our congregation pulling together. “How much was raised is not really important,” said Shirley. “It's the time and effort people put in that is the important part.”

**Book Review – *The Christians as the Romans saw them*: Robert Louis Wilken, Yale University Press 1984.**



I saw this little gem on Amazon as it popped up next to books I might be interested in. And always wondering what other people think of us as churchgoers I thought it would make an interesting read.

During the early first centuries, Roman society was based heavily around 'benefit societies' (associations similar to Lions today). Belonging to these was seen as beneficial to your work and status in the community. They were heavily regulated by the Roman Empire to ensure no group was espousing anything anti the ruling authority. Their aims were simple and they did much to foster common good, caring for members when needed, ensuring they were taken care of at death and supporting community events. In fact, it was expected these groups would attend civil ceremonies that supported Rome.

As Christianity grew, it was perceived in the same light as the associations; a group that gathered for mutual benefit and support. Little notice was taken of Christians in the beginning. But Christian groups grew in number and their beliefs started affecting their ability to be involved in society as the Romans wished. That's when Pagan observers started questioning Christian teachings. Some people said Christians believed in more than one God, that they followed Jesus as deity rather than the one true God Rome followed.

*The Christians as the Romans saw them* is an interesting read into the minds of early philosophers and writers as they tried to understand this growing cult. It also serves as a reminder that we need to be real in all we do, to be open and honest and continue taking part of the world in which we live.

This book is a great step back in time and can be borrowed from Richard's Library.

## **From the Register**

### **Baptisms**

Owen Stewart Rodgers	21.07.2013
Hayley Rose Dodd	28.07.2013
Matthew McKenzie Dodd	28.07.2013

### **Weddings**

Deborah Collins	28.09.2013
Andrew Foulkes	

### **Funerals**

Elva Abel	31.08.2013
Dorothy Creane	24.09.2013
Yvonne Sykes	29.10.2013



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