

Outlook

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A Caring Community

Keep in step with the Spirit

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

- Galatians 5: 22-25

What does it mean to keep in step with the spirit? Part of what it means is we become more like Christ, we grow in his nature and character. Paul writing to the Galatians says to do this we are to become more loving, joyful and peaceful. We are to develop forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It should not really come as a surprise, that these fruit don't just start to grow in us by wishful thinking and good luck. The fruit grows in us, as we find ourselves in situations where we need to show this nature or character. Today at work I showed kindness to someone that was in need... today I did not eat a whole pack of chocolate biscuits...today I was in a stressful meeting and remembered God's peace.

Paul starts this list with Love, a people filled with love for God, and for each other. There are different types of love in the Bible. The Greek language in which the New Testament was written uses several words translated love. Agape is the divine love of God toward His Son, and human beings.

¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

- John:15:13

Jesus Himself demonstrated this kind of love throughout His life, continually giving of Himself and his time and energies to serve others and ultimately offering up His life as a sacrifice for all of humanity. This is the kind of love God wants each of us to live out, to grow into. Agape love is "I will give, requiring nothing in return." it might be the closest word we have to understand the meaning of Grace.

Phileo is the natural, human type of love and affection that we have for a friend and is often defined as brotherly love. This type of love says "What I am getting out of this?" We might call this a bromance or womanance or our besty.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

- John 21:15

Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him with the agape type of love. Peter responded that he had the normal human phileo type of love for Him. What we're talking about here is Agape love.

Love as a fruit of the Spirit is a verb. It's not a feeling, and much like faith, if only expressed in words it's essentially meaningless. Though we like to hear the words "I love you" they mean nothing if not accompanied by loving action, Paul says you can have every other spiritual gift our fruit, but are without love they are nothing and we gain nothing. Without love it is all nonsense.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Paul wrote a list of things that love is. We know this passage well because it is often used at weddings, but it also speaks about God's love for us.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

This love enables us to have and grow in the other fruits. This is the way God loves us.

The Nelson Anglican church Leadership Conference was up at the lake last week, with guest speaker Howard Webb. Howard & Lynette Webb founded *Love Your Neighbour* in 2005 and the team has worked with churches across the denominational spectrum helping them discover and live out their mission in their community. Howard is co-leader of a church plant in Pt Chevalier called church@onetwosix and has recently published a book entitled *Redemptive Family: How church as a family, rooted in a place, lies at the heart of God's mission*.

Howard's talks focused around the primary purpose of the church to make disciples; and how they are forged through mission. Being clear about our purpose shapes our practice of church, gives life to our members and hope to our community. Together we explore the implications of embracing the understanding of church as a redemptive family for discipleship, mission and church growth.

He writes in his book: 'If our people are to become disciples who walk in the power of the Spirit, and demonstrate the transformational power of the gospel in their lives, they need a model of church that supports and encourages them to become part of God's redemptive story. They need a church that meets their deep need for community, while providing opportunity to find their own purpose within the bigger purpose of the church family. Most importantly, they need a church that models discipleship and expects them to participate and grow spiritually. It turns out that this alternative model of church already has an impressive track record. It is the picture of church that we find throughout the New Testament - a church that is not primarily a ritual-keeping institution, but a family on a mission together.'

I was speaking to someone the other day and the question came up, "What do you do?" I replied "I work for a church". "Why would you do that?" was their response. When people ask me why I am a Christian, there are many things I could say. The one thing I try and get across (and it's not always easy) is because God loves me. I try to tell them, that despite myself, God loves me. I am a Christian because God is love. And I want you to know that love and grow in that love. So, since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Yours in Christ
Phil

Philip Greenwood // Vicar



August 2021



Sunday 1 August

8.30am Prayer
9.00am Breakfast
10.00am Combined Communion Service
Theme Unity in the Family
Readings Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg.1139) // Mark 2:18-22 (pg.970)
Preacher Philip Greenwood



Sunday 8 August

8.30am Healing
10.00am Contemporary Worship
Theme Habitat - A Place to live
Readings TBA
Preacher Nick Clarke



Sunday 15 August

8.30am NZ Prayer Book
10.00am Contemporary Communion
Theme Head out on the Highway
Readings Galatians 3:23-29 (pg.1132) // Luke 15:1-7 (pg.1014)
Preacher Al Ferguson



Sunday 22 August

8.30am Morning Worship & Holy Communion
10.00am Contemporary Worship
Theme Children of Light
Readings Ephesians 4:17-32, 5:1-2 (pg.1139) // Mark 2:22-28 (pg.970)
Preacher Philip Greenwood



Sunday 29 August

8.30am Choral Communion
10.00am Contemporary Worship
Theme Living Wisely
Readings Ephesians 5:1-21 (pg.1139) // Mark 3:1-16 (pg.970)
Preacher Josh Munro



Quiz Night

7.00pm Saturday 28 August

\$100 table of 8
 Dress up as a Noah's Ark Character or Animal
 Costume prizes, Multi-draw raffle,
 Darts and Prize table
 Nibbles & Supper Provided - BYO Wine & Cash
 Info & Bookings Ph. 547 5631
St Barnabas Church Fundraiser

8.30AM CONGREGATION CARE

Phil Greenwood our Vicar, has recently given me the pastoral oversight of the 8.30 am congregation after Margaret Hackston has retired . Big shoes to fill indeed! Thank you Margaret for all the love and care you have given us for so many years. I cannot do this entirely on my own so am relying on you all to love and care for each other.

We are perceived and experienced by newcomers as a warm friendly congregation and long may that continue. So let us make sure we welcome newcomers, making an effort to gather them in for coffee and make ourselves known. If you know of anyone who is sick or needs a visit at home or hospital please let me know (my numbers are in the Parish Directory). Thank you also to all those who are offering rides for those who can no longer drive. It is all part of the caring and kindnesses that go on among the Body of Christ.

Recently I read this piece by Richard Rohr " When we have an understanding of the great themes of Scripture, the whole book from Genesis to Revelation, we see it as communicating a divine pattern to humanity. One basic message is finally communicated to all Spirit-filled people who enter this faith dialogue with the Scriptures.



Pastoral Care

The message of *Good News* is this: You are loved. You are unique. You are free. You are on the way. You are going somewhere. Your life has meaning. That is all grounded in the experience and the knowledge and the reality of the unconditional love of God. This is what we mean by being "saved."

When we truly know we are loved we can then so easily love others, so thank you for being such a loving congregation. Keep up the good work!

Joy Bradley // Assisting Clergy



The Book Club

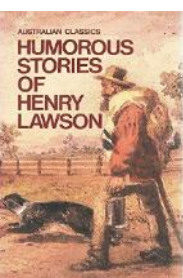
At a recent meeting the members discussed books associated with Australia. They include:



The Ways of the Bushwalker - on foot in Australia - Melissa Harper.

Australians have always loved to step out in nature, whether off-track or along a marked route. Bushwalking – an organised long-distance walk in rugged terrain that requires maps and camping equipment, or a family day out – is one of their most popular pastimes. Published in

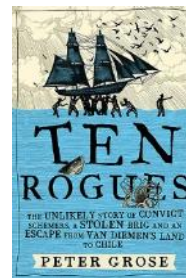
2007, this book tells the history of bushwalking from the earliest days of European settlement to modern day luxury huts and National Parks. A well written and enlightening book although quite wordy.



Humorous stories of Henry Lawson -Henry Lawson.

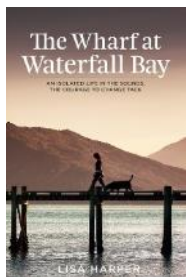
The author is a famous poet and raconteur of Australian life. These stories were written at the turn of the Century from 1867 to 1922 and reflect Australian life and humour as it was then. Along with his contemporary Banjo Paterson, Lawson is among the best

known Australian poets and fiction writers of the colonial period and is often called Australia's "greatest short story writer" The stories appear quite dated now.



Ten Rogues - Peter Grose.

This novel based on factual accounts is the story of Jimmy Porter and a band of convicts who escape the living hell of the Tasmanian Penal Colony at Sarah Island by stealing a leaky untested brig and sailing to Chile. Their subsequent lives are a roller coaster tale that shines a light onto the dark and ill-treated lives of convicts in 19th century Australia. An enlightening read.



The Wharf at Waterfall Bay - Lisa Harper.

Descended from grandparents who immigrated to Australia after World War 2 and then to the Marlborough sounds, this is an inspiring and entertaining story. Three generations of this family lived in this isolated farm and granddaughter Lisa Harper tells the story of turning this unproductive farm into a successful business of homestays and a cheese industry. Written in 2013. Well worth a read.

The Book Club will meet at Elizabeth Olliver's home at 10.00am Thursday 26 August Topic: *Soil regeneration and growth*. Info: Margaret Hackston Ph. 547 6643

The Book Club



2021 so far...

The first half of this year has been a lot of fun for St B's Youth. Term 1 was filled with Summer adventures, swimming, walking, BBQ's, and messages on caring for God's creation. Term 1 was a great time of stepping up for our leadership team as well, as I challenged each of them to take a turn 'programming' for an evening; teaching them skills in planning, thinking of safety hazards, timekeeping and so forth.

We also attended Eastercamp which was a real highlight for everyone who attended! It was very inspiring to see our youth worshipping with 2000 other Kiwi teens, experiencing God's power and love, seeing healings, and growing in zeal for their faith. On the way home from Eastercamp, at a rest stop, the St B's youth crew gathered around an elderly man who had fallen over whilst walking his dog. He complained of a bad back and seemed in shock. After helping the man up, one of our teens said "This is really random, but we've just come from a Christian camp. I was wondering whether we could pray for you?" The man consented, and our youth gathered round and prayed for the man's healing. Once

finished, the man thanked them and they went back to the bus. Just prior to our departure, I walked up to the man, who was sitting down recovering. I asked if he was okay and he nodded. I then asked "How is your back feeling?" He paused, and then replied "It's pretty good!" This was an incredible moment for me as a youth pastor, seeing the way our youth are stepping up in their faith, even having the boldness to pray for strangers. We may never know what this moment will lead to for this man, but I know I saw a shift in our youth, and for that I praise God!

Term 2 has been a great time of consolidating discipleship, deepening our learning through intensive teaching, and leadership development in running games. Each of the leaders (and even some of our youth – Aine and Laura!) have taken a turn planning and running the games for a full evening. Some of them (Stella F and Rachel C) have also been running beautiful times of worship for us where the Holy Spirit has been stilling our hearts and bringing peace, connecting with us in a gentle yet powerful way. They have all done so well stepping up and I have been so proud of, and thankful for their amazing efforts to disciple our young people.

Term 2 has also been a time of deep teaching as I have used what I have learnt in my Bachelor of Theology to create an 'Apologetics' series (Defending the Faith). We looked in depth at the following topics: Why bother talking about Jesus to others? Is there a God? Why Jesus and not the other religions? Is the Bible reliable? Is Jesus a fictional character? Is Jesus' resurrection a fairy-tale? How can God be all-loving if there is evil in the world? We looked at evidence from archaeology, the historical records, biblical and extra-biblical sources, philosophy, scientific reasoning, and more to confirm that belief in Christianity is not only powerful for our lives, but is based heavily on evidence and logic. This has helped our youth to feel more confident in their beliefs and help them to start thinking about how they can be shining God's light to their non-Christian friends.

Thank you so much for sowing seeds into God's kingdom through your continual prayers and support.

Many blessings, Georgia.

StB's Youth August...

7.00pm Friday 6 August
Blackout



7.00pm Friday 13 August
Encounter Night



7.00pm Saturday 14 August
Quiz Night



Georgia Allen // Youth Leader

Seasons

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” - Ecclesiastes 3:1

Life is full of seasons, of beginnings and endings and one season has to end for another to begin. My season on the St Barnabas’ staff team has come to an end. I gave up my clergy license as a non-stipendiary assistant at Stoke on 30 June. I now have a “permission to officiate” which still enables me to take communion services. At St Barnabas along with not being part of staff team I am also no longer responsible for the 8:30 rosters, please contact David in the office. I have also reduced my 8:30 pastoral care contribution, largely carried out by Margaret Hackston in the past and now taken up by Rev Joy Bradley.

It has been a big decision for me to step away from the Diocesan Clergy team and lay down my role on the Diocesan Finance Team but as Ecclesiastes says, there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens; “a time to sow and a time to reap; a time to tear down and a time to build up”. Right now family and health issues need my attention.

All of us need to prayerfully consider what God is calling us to do. God sees the big picture, he know where he is leading us both individually and as a parish and as a Diocese. To make room for new thing there always needs to be change and transformation. What is God calling you to lay down or to pick up? What new challenge do we need to make room for?

With every blessing
Yvonne McLean



Missions Giving for 2021...

- Our total received for Overseas Missions to the end of June was \$6918.40
- This is 48% of our target of 14,400 for 2021.

Financial Update

Overview of St Barnabas Parish Accounts to 30 June 2021

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Parish Giving	\$75,526.00	\$87,000.00	-\$11,474.00
Total Income	\$136,872.00	\$140,358.00	-\$3,666.00
Total Expenses	\$160,023.00	\$149,977.00	
Surplus / Deficit	-\$23,151.00	-\$9,439.00	
Non Operating Income	\$1,749.00 (From Trusts/Bequests)		
Final Surplus / Deficit	-\$21,402.00		

Kevin Currie // St Barnabas Finance Chair



What's on in August

Sunday
8.30am
9.00am
10.00am

Monday
6.00pm

Tuesday
10.00am

Wednesday
10.30am

Friday
7.00pm

1 August
Prayer
Breakfast
Combined Communion

2 August
The House - *Young Adults*

3 August
Melody Makers

4 August
NZPB Service

6 August
Youth - *Blackout*

Sunday
8.30am
10.00am

Monday
6.00pm

Tuesday
10.00am

Wednesday
10.30am

Friday
7.00pm

8 August
Healing
Contemporary Worship

9 August
The House - *Young Adults*

10 August
Melody Makers

11 August
NZPB Service

13 August
Youth - *Encounter Night*

Sunday
8.30am
10.00am

15 August
NZPB
Contemporary Communion

Monday
6.00pm

Tuesday
10.00am

Wednesday
10.30am

Saturday
9.30am

16 August
The House - *Young Adults*

17 August
Melody Makers

18 August
NZPB Service

21 August
Walking Group - *Airport to Monaco*

Sunday
8.30am
10.00am

Monday
6.00pm

Tuesday
10.00am

Wednesday
10.30am

Thursday
10.00am

Saturday
7.00pm

22 August
Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Contemporary Worship

23 August
The House - *Young Adults*

24 August
Melody Makers

25 August
NZPB Service

26 August
The Book Club

28 August
Quiz Night Fundraiser

Sunday
8.30am
10.00am

Monday
6.00pm

Tuesday
10.00am

29 August
Choral Communion
Contemporary Worship

30 August
The House - *Young Adults*

31 August
Melody Makers



Giving to support the work of St Barnabas

If you choose to give by online banking or direct credit our account details are:
St Barnabas Church // 03 1709 0041226 00 // Westpac Richmond

St Barnabas Walking Group Saturday 21 August

Airport to Monaco & Honest Lawyer Lunch
Easy Walk

Contact person Kevin Nilsen 548 0964



The Book Club

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Thursday 26 August
Topic: Soil regeneration and growth
Info: Margaret Hackston 547 6643

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, the St Barnabas Prayer Chain will be more than happy to pray for you.

Please call Pam 547 7978



STILLPOINT Meditation & Contemplation

No Stillpoint Meeting this month
Next Meeting 1.30pm 7 September
Parish Lounge (Next to Parish Office)
All Welcome for an hour of quiet Meditation

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