

# *Outlook*

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## *Unity*

Loving God, His People, His World



# THE YEAR WAS 2022 AND THE LORD DID GREAT THINGS...

One of the many things my gran used to say when she was trying something new like a new meal or a new food that she was not that keen on was "Oh that is interesting..." Not wanting to be rude or mean about the new thing, she would simply say "Interesting!".

I don't know what you might be thinking about the last couple of years but they have been Interesting... and 2022 looks like it might be interesting too. With so many things that have happened over the last two years that we thought of as normal parts of life, being changed or challenged or taken away, or put on hold, or mandated, it has been hard to get a sense of what normal is.

As frustrating as all this change and challenge is, and as much as we might want things to go back to normal, it might be a chance for us to see things in a new way, to see the changes as a chance to do new things. A chance to see new opportunities to grow in our faith and to explore new ways to share our faith. An opportunity to find new ways to show the love of God which we have received and built our lives on - our anchor in the storm. What might we need to do if we are to take up some of these new challenges?

The first challenge in these times is to keep the unity of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul writes this:

<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- Ephesians 4:1-4

Over the last couple of months it seems every conversation ends up talking about mandates, vaccines or discussing what will happen next. I have found that these conversations can easily lead to us strongly expressing different opinions and have led to disunity.

Paul makes it very clear in his letter to the Ephesians that we are to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. This means we will have to lay down some of our ideologies, being open to hearing what other think or are feeling, to be completely humble and gentle and be patient with each other in love. There will be times when we are to keep our mouths closed. We might even have to say "That is interesting..."

In John's gospel we read that Jesus prays for his disciples, and then he prays for you and me:

<sup>20</sup> "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

- John 17:20-23

Jesus' prayer for you and me is that we will be one, that we might be brought to complete unity, " So that the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." Unity in the Father, Jesus says, (just as you are in me and I am in you) is how the world may come to believe.

Unity in the father does not mean uniformity. We are all very different and have different gifts, different ways of thinking and working , but as we put our faith in Jesus we become united in our faith through Jesus. Through his love for us, we become family, we become one. This is a huge challenge for us in these times as we experience individual freedoms impacted by mandates. Unity is hard.

As we start this New Year with all the challenges that will come, please pray for unity in our church and the body of Christ. Can I ask that when the opportunity comes, that we chose unity in love? Can I ask that when we need to we say, "That is Interesting..."

Secondly... Push into prayer and worship

<sup>5</sup>...**The Lord is near.** <sup>6</sup> **Do not be anxious about anything**, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- *Philippians 4:5-7*

One of the things I missed while on holiday was the times of gathering in worship - the family coming together in unity reminding ourselves who God is and who we are in him. Through Prayer and worship we experience Gods peace as He draws close to us.

In times of uncertainty push into prayer and worship with thanksgiving. Reach out to him, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. He will shape our hearts and minds. When our anxiousness stops us from encountering him, we need to spend time in the presence of Jesus to be shaped through his Holy Spirit to get our thinking right, to see things in the light of his truths. The Lord is near, do not be anxious...

What a great God we serve!

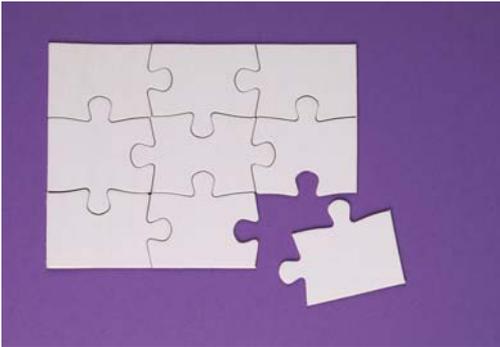
A big thank you to Barbara, Eric, Joy, Yvonne and all the others that help take the services over the holidays. I am very grateful to you all.

Yours in Christ  
Phil

Philip Greenwood // Vicar



# February 2022



## Sunday 6 February 9.30am NZPB Combined Service

**Theme** Unity in the Church  
*-God yearns for the unity of his people. On the night he was arrested Jesus prayed for unity amongst the people of God. With so much division in society and in the church today, how do we reach out to other believers with humility, gentleness, patience, and love?*

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (pg. 1114) // John 17:20-23 (pg. 1050)  
**Preacher** Eric Sears



## Sunday 13 February 8.30am Healing // 10.00am Contemporary Worship

**Theme** Water Welling up to Eternal Life... Worship  
*-With so much noise in the world fighting for our attention worship is a place we can come to centre ourselves on who we are in Christ, a place to be restored and find peace. Yet so often we can go through the motions and we miss the freedom and richness of drawing near to God. How do we worship in spirit and truth?.*

**Readings** Revelation 4: 1-11 (pg.1204) // John 4: 1-26 (pg. 1032)  
**Preacher** Philip Greenwood



## Sunday 20 February 8.30am NZPB // 10.00am Contemporary Communion

**Theme** When Two Worlds Collide Part 1 ... Practices and Power  
*-There has been a re-awaking of late, of the practise of the spiritual disciplines (Richard Foster - Celebration of Discipline ) and the practices that help us to draw close to God. There has been a quietening of the power gifts (John Wimber - Power Healing). What happens when these two world collide?*

**Readings** John 14: 1-14 (pg. 1047) // 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 (pg. 1117)  
**Preacher** Philip Greenwood



## Sunday 27 February 8.30am MW & HC // 10.00am Contemporary Worship

**Theme** When Two Worlds Collide Part 2 ... Gifts in Action  
*-But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. What is your role in the body of Christ?*

**Readings** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (pg.1116) // John14: 15-31 (pg. 1047)  
**Preacher** Philip Greenwood

# NELSON DIOCESE COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK

The factors that Government uses for considering a shift between Red, Orange and Green levels are: vaccination coverage //capacity of the health & disability system // testing // contact tracing and case management capacity //and the transmission of COVID-19 within the community - including its impact on key populations.

**Localised lockdowns:** These will be used as part of the public health response in the new framework across all levels, and there may still be a need to use wider lockdowns (*similar to the measures in Alert Level 3 or 4*).

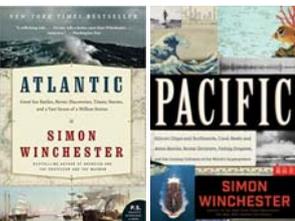
**Vaccine Pass or open services / gatherings:** Parish leadership can chose either, or both, provided a risk assessment is carried out and appropriate measures are in place to keep people safe.

**Current Setting:** New Zealand is in the COVID-19 Protection Framework, (also known as the traffic lights) Red setting. The chart below applies to all church services /gatherings /small groups under the **RED** setting.

RED	Operating under Vaccine Passport	Operating without Vaccine Passport
<p>Action needed to protect health system – system facing unsustainable number of hospitalisations.</p> <p>Action needed to protect at-risk populations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit calculation is: 1 person per m2 of the space or 100 people (whichever is less).</li> <li>• Physical distancing encouraged</li> <li>• Scanning/Recording &amp; Vaccine Certificate check required</li> <li>• Face coverings required for all rostered face to face roles and strongly encouraged for all</li> <li>• Food &amp; drink permitted (Seated &amp; served if an event)</li> <li>• 100% of eligible participants must be vaccinated</li> <li>• Children’s programmes can operate</li> <li>• Communion - No common cup / intinction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit calculation is: 1 person per m2 of the space or 25 people (whichever is less). But 25 people permitted in a home.</li> <li>• Physical distancing encouraged</li> <li>• Record keeping/scanning required</li> <li>• Face coverings required for all rostered face to face roles and strongly encouraged for all</li> <li>• Food &amp; drink permitted</li> <li>• Children’s programmes can operate</li> <li>• Communion - No common cup / intinction</li> <li>• No ‘events’ are permitted</li> </ul>

## THE BOOK CLUB

At the last meeting for 2021 members discussed books relating to *Oceans*. They Included:



**Atlantic // Pacific**  
- *Simon Winchester*  
Two books, one describing the Atlantic - a vast ocean of a million stories and the other the Pacific. Both give details of the geography, history and peoples of these oceans, blended with interesting anecdotes.



**The Rime of the Ancient Mariner**  
- *Samuel Taylor Coleridge*  
Parts of this well-known poem were read. It's the longest major poem Coleridge, written in 1797–98 and published in 1798. It relates the events experienced by a mariner who has returned from a long sea voyage. The Mariner stops a man on his way to a wedding ceremony and begins to narrate a story...



**Oceans** - *Gray Leon*  
Part of the Amazing Habitats series. This children’s book looks at the world’s oceans and how animals and plants have adapted to life in, on, and around salty water. A children’s book is well illustrated and informative and also looks at the future of oceans. Suitable for 7- 8 years.



**The Last of the Sail Whalers**  
- *Captain Bill McKillop (1865 - 1838)*  
The life and times of the Sea Captain taken from his own account of dangers and hardships faced as he sailed and captured whales off the Tasmania Coast and southern New Zealand. A good read.

**Next meeting:** 10.00am Thursday 24 February at Elizabeth Ollivers home. Topic: *Holiday Reading*. All welcome. Info: Margaret Hackston 547 6643

# ST BARNABAS YOUNG PEOPLE

... HEADING BACK TO  
SCHOOL!

Let's pray for our young people as they return to school, choose a name to pray for and bless.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Psalm 139:14

...Amy, James S, Lucy, Emma, Anouk, Liam, Noah, Laura S, Finn, Alice, Hugh, James M, Ruth,

...Aine, Benjamin, Elle, Adam, Laura B, Reuben, Clay, Lewis, Amelia, Lydia, Joel,



## A PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE...

Loving God, may you bless our children and young people as they begin another year at kindy, school, or learning at home.

May they always know that they are your beloved children, that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by the creator of the world, and that you have good plans for their lives.

May they know they are loved by their church family and friends, that we are cheering them on as they learn and play. Help them as they journey through this year at home, school and church to discover their part in your big story.

May they be kind, creative and adaptive learners, who show kindness to their classmates and teachers each day. Help them to see people around them as you see them. Help them to be strong and courageous, to stand up for those who are lonely and left out.

We pray for parents and caregivers, as they seek to raise their children in a busy and complicated world. Help them to reflect your love and grace, and pass on a living faith to their children.

We pray for our teachers, school principals, teaching assistants, school staff, youth workers, mentors and coaches. May they know your guidance wisdom and courage as they lead with compassion, creativity, adaptability and Courage.

May 2022 for you (*insert child's name*), be a year of growth as you learn to be strong and courageous because God is with you.

So as you go with God into the world, may you know God's love, peace and voice in your life. AMEN.



Greta Greenwood // Diocese CFM Enabler



## St B'S + TRIBE YOUTH 2022

Kia ora and happy new year St B's whanau!

2022 Is the beginning of a new season for St B's Youth and myself as a youth worker, with countless changes such as the merging of St B's Youth with Tribe Youth (of St Stephens Tahunanui parish), not to mention the ever updating covid regulations. I see this as a fresh start, a God-given opportunity to do youth ministry in a totally new way.

St B's Youth and Tribe Youth have a very strong culture of inclusion, welcome and belonging. We want to be a place where all people of any ethnicity, background, belief and medical status can come and experience the love of God. This culture is something that I want to keep as a core part of our youth group. So I have decided that anyone attending St B's/Tribe will not be required to have a vaccine passport. Our youth group will remain

open to all, and so we will strive to maintain excellent hygiene practices and operate only when it is safe to do so.

Our youth groups will continue to run within the framework of restrictions for unvaccinated groups based on the traffic light system, including adhering to the limit of 25 people.

With the merging of our youth groups, we are likely to be over this limit, so we will be splitting into 2 youth groups based on age:

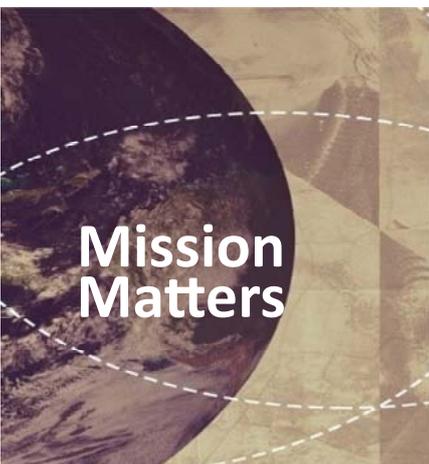
- Youth in grades 8-10 will have youth group on Fridays at 5:30pm-7pm in the Hall.
- Youth in grades 11-13 will have youth group at 7:30pm-9pm in the church.

The leadership team will be divided between the two groups based on their availabilities, strengths and connections.

As you can imagine, this amazing opportunity for intentionality and discipleship creates many challenges for my planning; especially as the restrictions from the government continue to be modified. Please remember us in your prayers this week. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Georgia

Georgia Allen // Youth Leader



### MISSIONS GIVING FOR 2021...

- Our total received for Overseas Missions to the end of December was \$9371.20
- This is 65% of our target of 14,400 for 2021 - a shortfall of \$5028.80

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Overview of St Barnabas Parish Accounts to 31 December 2021

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Parish Giving	\$144,274.00	\$174,000.00	-\$29,727
Total Income	\$290,340.00	\$277,100.00	\$13,240.00
Total Expenses	\$308,160.00	\$291,920.00	
Surplus / Deficit	-\$17,820.00	-\$14,820.00	
Non Operating Income	\$53,878.00 (From Trusts/Bequests)		
Final Surplus / Deficit	\$36,058.00		

Kevin Currie // St Barnabas Finance Chair



# What's on in February

<b>Wednesday</b> 10.30am	<b>2 February</b> NZPB Service
<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>6 February</b> NZPB Combined Service
<b>Monday</b> 6.00pm	<b>7 February</b> ( <i>Waitangi Day Holiday</i> ) The House - <i>Young Adults</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.00am	<b>8 February</b> Melody Makers
<b>Wednesday</b> 10.30am	<b>9 February</b> NZPB Service
<b>Friday</b> 7.00pm	<b>11 February</b> Youth
<b>Saturday</b> 8.00am	<b>12 February</b> Walking Group - <i>Roding River &amp; Smelter</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30am	<b>13 February</b> Healing
10.00am	Contemporary Worship
<b>Monday</b> 6.00pm	<b>14 February</b> The House - <i>Young Adults</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.00am	<b>15 February</b> Melody Makers
<b>Wednesday</b> 10.30am	<b>16 November</b> NZPB Service

<b>Friday</b> 7.00pm	<b>18 February</b> Youth
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30am	<b>20 February</b> NZPB
10.00am	Contemporary Worship
<b>Monday</b> 6.00pm	<b>21 February</b> The House - <i>Young Adults</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.00am	<b>22 February</b> Melody Makers
<b>Wednesday</b> 10.30am	<b>23 February</b> NZPB Service
<b>Thursday</b> 10.00am	<b>24 February</b> The Book Club - <i>Holiday Reading</i>
7.00pm	Vestry Meeting
<b>Friday</b> 7.00pm	<b>25 February</b> Youth
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30am	<b>27 February</b> Morning Worship & Holy Communion
10.00am	Contemporary Worship

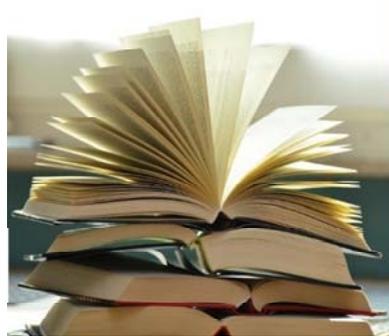


## Giving to support the work of St Barnabas

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 13 February  
Roding River & Copper Smelter  
Leaving St Barnabas Church at 8.00am  
\$5.00 to Driver

Easy Walk // Lots of shade // 2x River Crossings  
Contact David Featherstone 547 6747



## The Book Club

The Book Club will meet at Elizabeth Olliver's home at 10.00am  
Thursday 24 February  
Topic: Holiday Reading

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



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