

Outlook

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Prayer

Loving God, His People, His World



TEACH US TO PRAY...

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people –
² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
³ This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,
⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore I want the people everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-8

If we are honest, for most of us, prayer is a weak point in our discipleship to Jesus. Most of us don't really enjoy prayer or feel we are not very good at it. We can feel bad, even guilty, about how little we pray. When we finally do make time to pray, we often don't know what to say. Or we're so distracted we can't focus for more than a minute or two.

Yet for Jesus, prayer was central to his relationship with God. Most people define prayer as simply, "Talking with God." That's why prayer was such a huge part of Jesus' life. We read how Jesus, "often withdrew into lonely places and prayed." (Luke 5:16) And for Jesus, prayer wasn't a drag or a duty. He seems to genuinely enjoy his Father's company. I think that's why the disciples asked Jesus, "Teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1) Jesus' answer was The Lord's Prayer, which wasn't a liturgy to recite, as much as a template to follow when we pray.

When I was growing up I had two types of prayers I prayed. There was one I would say every night before I would go to bed. "Dear God, please look after mummy..." (I always started with mum first), then dad, family - brothers and sister, friends, then any one I could think of. I would say help me to have a good sleep and keep me safe, and help me to be good. Amen. It became such a habit that I could not sleep until I had said my prayers.

The second prayer was what you might call a sort of 'emergency crisis' prayer. If all else failed, try prayer, good for when you are in trouble. This prayer got a lot of use when I was at school having to do exams.

So I had these two prayers growing up, praying to a God like he was a Genie in a bottle, there to do what I asked when I needed it.

Pete Greig who was part of the senior leadership team at HTB in London for seven years, produced *The Prayer Course* video series. He said "When we pray we re-centre our selves on Jesus, we take time to sit with Jesus and out of the centeredness we go about our lives - a life centred in and out of Jesus".

This is the big question. What does it look like when Prayer is the starting point for all our thinking and actions? How do we get there?

How we pray depends on who it is we think we are praying to. How we view God will shape how we pray to him. Our Father... Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father in Heaven". He taught us to address God with an Aramaic word that is untranslatable, so it's left in the original: Abba. Abba is close to being Daddy. But it's really an adult word, it's the most intimate way that you can address your father.

When Hugh my youngest son was three years old (and for the most part very cute), he came up to me when I was in the garden and said "Daddy I can't believe that you grow amazing vegetables. You are amazing, amazing water melons, I can't believe it. You are amazing, and you grow amazing beans, I can't believe it..." and so on "You are amazing!" I said to him "It's amazing isn't it how it all grows and works". And I gave him a little hug and off he went. We had experienced a little father son intimate moment. In the same way we can know God with the same intimacy. He is right here, he is our father. He loves us more than we can know or understand, and he longs to put his arms around us and hold us close and to tell us he loves us and thinks we are amazing.

In the words "in Heaven" we have what theologians describe as the 'transcendence and the immanence' of God. In Heaven... God is transcendent: he is far beyond, he's above. He's beyond human experience. He is the creator of the entire universe, he is in heaven. In the Old Testament even the name of God was far too holy or high to be spoken. God told Moses, "You cannot see my face, for no one may see my face and live". (Exodus 33:20). To see the fullness of the glory of God would be too much for any human. Sometimes in the Old Testament God pulls back the curtain and you get a glimpses of his glory and it is overwhelming. God is transcendent, he is far beyond, and he's above.

When we take the transcendence of the all-powerful, mighty God and the immanence of God the father as God right here, loving us, and we hold these things together we can start to understand who it is we are praying to, and this will change the way we pray.

If we think God is in heaven sitting there drinking cups of tea, not really caring about what we are up to down here on earth, we will probably after some time give up on praying. If we think that God is just waiting for us to get it something wrong so he can punish us or send a plague down to wipe us out, we will probably not be bothered about wanting to spend time praying to a God like that.

When we get the right picture of who we are praying to, it will change the way we pray. Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father in Heaven". The God of the universe, maker of heaven and earth is right here and loves us more than we can comprehend.

In the lead up to Easter we will be following a preaching series on prayer, a opportunity for as to re-connect ourselves with Jesus, to take time to sit with Jesus and draw closer to our father in heaven.

Yours in Christ
Phil

Philip Greenwood // Vicar



March 2022



Sunday 6 March

8.30am NZPB // 10.00am Contemporary Communion

Theme Pray as you can, when you can
As a community of faith what is our starting point for all that is going on in our lives?

Readings Philippians 4:5-7 (pg. 1145) // Mark 6:30-44 (pg. 975)
Preacher Philip Greenwood



Sunday 13 March

8.30am Healing // 10.00am Contemporary Worship

Theme Be Still and Know
Does prayer start with speaking or stillness? How long should we pray? Are some prayers more powerful than others? Where do I start?

Readings Psalm 46 (pg. 550) // Luke 5:12-16 (pg. 998)
Preacher Philip Greenwood



Sunday 20 March

8.30am NZPB // 10.00am Contemporary Communion

Theme *Hallowed Be Your Name (Adoration)*
Jesus teaches that the first words we speak in prayer should be adoration. This, then, is how you should pray "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Readings Acts 4:23-31 (pg. 1060) // Matthew 6:9-13 (pg. 939)
Preacher Simon Martin



Sunday 27 March

8.30am MW & HC // 10.00am Contemporary Worship

Theme *On Earth as It Is in Heaven (Intercession)*
Can prayer change the world? "Intercession is the truly universal work for the Christian. No place is closed to intercessory prayer: no continent, no nation, no city, no organization, no office. No power on earth can keep intercession out." - Richard Halverson

Readings Galatians 6:1-10 (pg. 1134) // Matthew 6:9-13 (pg. 939)
Preacher Brad Wood



2021 Annual General Meeting 7.00pm Thursday 24 March 2022

Our AGM will be held in the Church at 7.00pm Thursday 24 March. Vaccination status for those attending the meeting is to be advised.

Parish Roll:

The Parish Roll is in the Foyer for checking. Please check your details and make any amendments on the line below your name. Please tick (✓) The Directory Column if you want to be listed in the 2022 Parish Directory.

AGM forms: Nomination for Vestry // Nomination for People's Warden // Nomination for Lay Synod Rep

All Nominations close Monday 13 March at 5.00pm

Declaration Form - If your name is *not* currently on the roll and you want to be able to speak and vote at the AGM, stand for office, or be appointed as the Vicar's or People's Churchwarden, please complete a Blue *Declaration Form*. Declarations Close 12.00pm Monday 21 March 2022.

AGM Question Form - Questions close 12.00pm Monday 21 March 2022.

The AGM reports and financial information will be available in the foyer on Sunday 20 March.

Please contact the office if you need any further information.



MEET OUR INTERNS

Josh Munro

Greetings, my name is Josh. I am excited to intern here at St Barnabas. My face may be familiar to some people as I've been a member of the church since a young lad. I am interning through the Bishopdale Theology College (BTC). Through the internship, I aspire to grow deeper with the Lord and develop leadership qualities and skills. I have recently picked up the role to lead the young adult group named "The House" every Monday. "The House" is a great way to outreach and connect to Young adults who want to grow deeper with God, and to those who are beginning their faith journey.



Rachel Cooper

Hello, everyone! My name is Rachel, and I'm really excited to be the children's ministry intern this year!! A little about myself... I am a person that enjoys meeting new people, so if you see me around, don't hesitate to say hello. My family was part of a charismatic church in Christchurch (from the movement of Newfrontiers) before moving to Nelson when I was 11 to plant a church up here (so I'm a PK from the beginning). I graduated from high school last year and am looking forward to starting my studies at BTC this year. I'm doing BTC because I want to challenge myself while strengthening my faith and relationship with God. I'm looking forwards to working with Greta this year on Sunday Club and other projects, while also helping out at Youth on a Friday night.



MISSION – NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

Whether way back when or more recently, missionaries face many varied challenges. References to so-called “one-way missionaries” abound in historical records on mission. Aware of the dangers on the field, these people booked one-way tickets to their location. Expecting to die overseas they sensibly and practically packed their belongings in coffins in anticipation of needing them one day.

While I can't be sure that the earliest NZCMS missionaries actually did travel with a coffin, I do know that over the years many have faced significant challenges. Take, for instance, Miss Della Hunter-Brown, the second missionary to be sent out by us who, along with Marie Pasley, went to Japan. Della went first to Nagasaki and later to Kagoshima, where she taught English. This work provided much scope for evangelism and it is recorded that “four bank clerks, who really came to learn English, were so moved by the story of Christ's life as recorded in the Japanese Bible, that they dropped English in order to learn more of Him. Of the four, two definitely became Christians.” (N.Z.C.M.A. Annual Report, 1896).

“The Devil seems to have resented this, for both these missionaries were shipwrecked on a small Philippine Island on their return from furlough in 1900 but were rescued after a week” (Stretching out Continually: a history of the New Zealand Church Missionary Society 1892-1972” by Kenneth Gregory).

A search of the spreadsheet of archival information I have worked on over the last few months, reveals other challenges faced by Mission Partners, of which the following is merely a small selected sample:

- Rev. C. Godden was murdered in Norfolk Island by a tribal person in 1906.
- Violet Latham worked in India in 1918 against heavy odds of plague, cholera and famine.
- Margaret North was interned from China to Hong Kong by the Japanese in 1942.
- Jocelyn Broughton was sent home from Pakistan due to malaria in 1955.
- Dr Ian Hulme-Moir died of an infection contracted performing surgery on a patient in 1980.
- Pilot Paul Summerfield was killed in a plane crash in Papua New Guinea in 1985.
- Murray Ruddenklau died from injuries sustained in a fall in Cairo in 2006.
- Health events took the lives of Jane Morrison while in Tanzania in 2000, and Allan Coussell in an undisclosed location in 2017.

Many Mission Partners suffered ill health on the field, possibly the least of these being temporary ailments such as diarrhoea, variously “Delhi belly” or the “Murree Hurries” and undoubtedly other colloquialisms depending on the location. Tropical complaints such as giardia, malaria and dengue fever were also common.

Engage any returned Mission Partner and they will no doubt recount various challenges ranging from humorous incidents to real dramas. Whether in 1900, 2021 or any time in between, these challenges were all par for the course for Mission Partners while still always being under the watchful eye of a sovereign God.

Anne McCormick - NZCMS Archivist

For more about NZCMS partners visit: <https://www.nzcms.org.nz>

WHAREAMA REST HOME CLOSES



On Thursday 10 February 2022 a closing of the doors de-commissioning Service was held at Whareama. Led by Bishop Steve Maina, the service included sharing about Whareama from Brenda Vandersar, Raye Wilkes and Margaret Hackston. Angela Galbraith read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”*

The blessing of the Harkeke (flax) by Archdeacon Harvey Ruru. A waiata was sung to conclude the blessing. The de-commissioning ceremony began with Bishop Steve giving the final knock on the doors of Whareama Rest Home with a stone from the garden. Groups of visitors led by Bishop Steve, Archdeacon Harvey, Rev Philip Greenwood, Rev Steve Gully and Angela Galbraith went to each wing of the home, saying a prayer, closing the doors and a strand of flax was tied around the door handles.



At the conclusion of the closing of the doors the prayer of St Francis of Assisi was said together then *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow...”* was sung, followed by the Benediction by Bishop Steve.

Excerpt from the Nelson Narrative book on the opening:

‘The Bishop of Nelson (The Rt Rev. F Hulme-Moir), referred to the meaning of the word ‘Whareama’. ‘Whare’ meant a home, and ‘ama’ was the name given to a box which carried precious possessions between a canoe and an outrigger when heavy seas or an open ocean had to be negotiated. ‘Whareama’ therefore referred to ‘a place where the priceless possessions could be sheltered against the storms of life’



The old Neale Homestead purchased by the Nelson Diocese in 1956 along with surrounding land for Whareama.

The Foundation stone for the new building was laid on March 24th 1957 and Whareama was opened December 1957.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Interim Results - St Barnabas Parish Accounts to 31 January 2021

	Actual YTD
Parish Giving	\$11,062
Total Income	\$20,294
Total Expenses	\$17,280
Surplus / Deficit	\$ 3,014
Non Operating Income	\$ TBA (From Trusts/Bequests)
Final Surplus / Deficit	\$ 3,014

Kevin Currie // St Barnabas Finance Chair



What's on in March

Tuesday 10.00am **1 March**
Melody Makers
Wednesday 10.30am **2 March (Ash Wednesday)**
Ash Wednesday Service
Friday 7.00pm **4 March**
Youth

Sunday 8.30am **6 March**
NZPB
10.00am Contemporary Communion
Monday 6.00pm **7 March**
The House - *Young Adults*
Tuesday 10.00am **8 March**
Melody Makers
Wednesday 10.30am **9 March**
NZPB Service
Friday 7.00pm **11 March**
Youth

Sunday 8.30am **13 March**
Healing
10.00am Contemporary Worship
Monday 6.00pm **14 March**
The House - *Young Adults*
Tuesday 10.00am **15 March**
Melody Makers

Wednesday 10.30am **16 March**
NZPB Service
Friday 7.00pm **18 March**
Youth
Saturday 8.30am **19 March**
Walking Group - *Blue Rock*

Sunday 8.30am **20 March**
NZPB
10.00am Contemporary Communion
Monday 6.00pm **21 March**
The House - *Young Adults*
Tuesday 10.00am **22 March**
Melody Makers
Wednesday 10.30am **23 March**
NZPB Service
Thursday 10.00am **24 March**
The Book Club
7.00pm AGM
Friday 7.00pm **25 March**
Youth

Sunday 8.30am **27 March**
Morning Worship & Holy Communion
10.00am Contemporary Worship
Monday 6.00pm **28 March**
The House - *Young Adults*
Tuesday 10.00am **29 March**
Melody Makers
Wednesday 10.30am **30 March**
NZPB Service



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 19 March
Blue Rock // Wattie's Barn // Dart Splash-Rubies
Leaving St Barnabas Church at 8.30am
\$10.00 to Driver
BLUE ROCK
Contact David Featherstone 547 6747



The Book Club

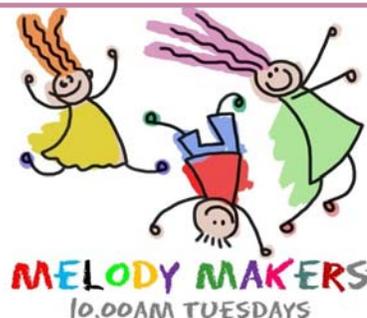
The Book Club will meet at Elizabeth Olliver's home at 10.00am Thursday 24 March

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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