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Parish AGM

Sunday 14 February 2010

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Motions to AGM

Vestry has agreed to put the following motions before the meeting:

1. That this parish of Onslow Anglicans agrees in principle to base our activities at one site.
2. That Vestry be requested to prepare and distribute the necessary information to help the Parish decide which site this should be.
3. That a Special General Meeting of parishioners be called in the middle of 2010 to consider the way forward.

Parish News

Khandallah/Ngaio Anglican Community

December 2009 - January 2010

BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

To be healthy, whole, balanced people we know we need to care for all the factors that affect our well-being. We know that a healthy exercise regime is vital for our bodies – “use it or lose it.” We know that we need to keep our minds stimulated, that learning new things never ceases, and that constant interaction with different people is good for our mental health. And as Christians we should know that without attention to our relationship with God and an understanding of our deepest desires we can easily spiral through boredom into depression.

The church as an institution is facing a crisis of confidence in the West. There is a growing loss of faith and disenchantment with institutionalised religion. How and if Christians adapt to these changing circumstances remains an open question. Church historians have noted that Christians have faced major upheavals every 500 years or so and it is our turn now. However, the predictions are that at every level of human society the local community will become more important than the national, that there is a growing desire for strong local communities. If local churches can adapt and make the right calls they should be well placed for another 500 years.

While the leadership of our churches at a national and local level, both clergy and lay people must wrestle with these issues and lead the changing face of the church, some basic principles are clear. The reason for our existence is to worship God, to grow in our discipleship of Jesus, and to serve the communities in which we are set. None of this will happen without deliberate and systematic effort. We have been working on these matters for the past few years, by encouraging lay leadership, developing a discipleship programme, reaching out to our neighbourhood in service, revitalising our worship and renewing our pastoral care.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we have said our farewells to two former Vestry members of the Parish.
 Max Burton and Tia Barrett both served on our Vestry at the same time. Our condolences go to their families and our thanks for their faithful ministry.



BISHOP'S LETTER

ON YOUR KNEES

Two experiences recently have reminded me how place, space and attitude can profoundly affect us in what might be described as a holy moment.

The first was while attending the recent consecration of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane which formed the centre of that Diocese's Sesqui celebrations. In the service itself there were several quotes on the Cathedral or matters relating to it. The quote that caught me was this was:

'Asked what was the mark of a good church [the person] replied: "the question to ask oneself on entering a church is not, is this admirable?, is this beautiful? But: does it send you to your knees?'"

A rather traditional, even old fashioned, way of praying and given the setting, far removed from contemporary worship in 'warehouses' that have sprung up in recent years. It said to me something profound – that if we can get the space right it can indeed be holy and can enable us to feel we can come into an awareness of the presence of God.

Of course one doesn't have to travel to Brisbane to be 'sent to our knees'. I am reminded of the wealth of holy places, big and small in our Diocese. We are blessed with such special churches and holy places, the most recent of which is the chapel at Ramsey House, home of the Anglican Chaplaincy at Victoria University and which I dedicated on 4 November.

Ornate it is not, big it is not, comfortable chairs it has not, but simple yes, with benches to sit on yes and the most amazing Smithers painting hanging behind the altar and glowing radiantly towards those who enter. It had the same impact as bringing me to my knees – it stopped me in my tracks, drew me aside from the busy world beyond and allowed me to again be aware of the Holy One's presence.

The place helps if the space is right, but we also need to be open to the possibility of being moved – to be 'sent to our knees'.

We may have little say about the design of a place of worship but we can work on how we come into that space. The prayer I offer before going into worship includes the words, '... go in with reverence, joy and thanksgiving in our hearts'.

Tom
+ Bishop of Wellington



FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGES:

Aaron John Avery to Rebecca Marie James
William John Tomlinson to Lucy Nell Porteous

22 October 2009
28 November 2009

BAPTISMS:

Lucy Jane Prince
Fergus Jensen Prince

8 November 2009
8 November 2009

DEATHS:

Maxwell Noel Burton

12 October 2009

Our pastoral care group, under the leadership of Maryalyce Jenkins has been focused on developing our pastoral care ministry. Earlier this year we commissioned some parish visitors who are maintaining contact and care with some of our older and more vulnerable parishioners. The pastoral care team has contacted those who are in Malvina Major Resthorne, providing afternoon tea in conjunction with an Anglican Eucharist each month, and getting to know those residents. Ministry to the elderly will become a growing part of our pastoral care programme as the age of the population grows. Hilary Black our parish nurse continues to be very active especially among our elderly patients and the sick, providing professional advice and access to health care entitlements, and running an exercise class for women. Hilary will increase her hours from 8 to 16 hours per week from next year and will continue to develop this ministry.



We have been without a Family Worker for the past 18 months, but are now pleased to announce that Celia Falchi will work in the parish on a part-time, voluntary basis developing this role in a new direction. Celia is currently working on her PhD, in psychology specialising in the area of family dynamics and is an accredited leader of the Positive Parenting Programme, which she has been running in the parish throughout the year. Her work has received very positive feedback both from the parents who have been involved and the agencies who have sent participants to her courses. Celia expects this work to grow, and we are looking at assisting her to offer related programmes. Not only will Celia be offering a new pastoral service within the parish but will be reaching out to the wider community.

In the midst of looking to the wider issues impacting our congregation we are very aware of the need to provide good care and support for our faithful people. We encourage all of our church members to be involved in supporting and caring for each other, and believe that this works best in small group ministry, but it is good to know that we have people with particular skills who can provide extra assistance when required.

As Christians we are concerned about the health of the whole person, body, mind and spirit. No one person can meet all our needs, but a community contains those who have different gifts, and by sharing our gifts and our time we can all become healthy, whole people, and so witness to our faith in Jesus the Son of God, no matter what spiritual upheavals are happening all around us.

Monty Black

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Combined Advent Services

6 December Ngaio Carol Service – 7 pm, Ngaio Town Hall

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve 11pm Carols – All Saints Ngaio

Christmas Day 11.30 pm – Eucharist – All Saints Ngaio

8.00 am – Traditional Eucharist – St Barnabas, Khandallah

10.00 am – Children's Eucharist – St Barnabas, Khandallah

After Christmas and in January

Sunday 27 Dec 10.00 am – Eucharist – St Barnabas

January 2010 8.00 am and 10.00 am Services at St Barnabas

No Services in January at Ngaio.