

St Bartholomew's

**People, Places and Happenings in  
The Anglican Churches of  
Kaiapoi, Ohoka, Clarkville and Eyreton**

# CONTACT

May 2017

***A New Vicar has been appointed!***

*As from the 1st of June,  
Rev Sandy Constable will be our new vicar*

*We will formally welcome Sandy to our parish  
at an Induction Service with details to be announced soon*

*Come along to our* **Book Fair**

**On 26th & 27th May, 10am – 2pm**

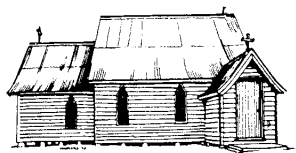
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## Glenda Writes...

### **On life, death and resurrection**

Last Friday I attended the funeral of Rev'd Andrew Starky, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels parish, Christchurch, and Deputy Vicar General (stand in for Bishop in her absence). Andrew died suddenly on Easter Saturday, and I hope you will join in prayer for his wife and son, and St Michael's people.

Coming as it did in the week following Good Friday and Easter Day, the gathering in St Michael's Church was a moving and powerful mixture of sorrow and hope, of worship and celebration. One of the parts that left an impression on me was in the midst of Bishop Victoria's homily. Talking about life beyond our earthly existence, she quoted from John Donne's sermon on the vision of glory:

*"God gave me the light of nature when I quickened in my mother's womb by receiving a reasonable (rational) soul. And God gave me the light of faith when I quickened in my second mother's womb, the church, by receiving my baptism. But in my third day, when my mortality shall put on immortality, he shall give me the light of glory, by which I shall see himself. . . And if I cannot tell what to call this light by which I shall see it, what shall I call **that which I shall see by it**, the essence of God himself? And yet there is something else than this **sight** of God intended in that which remains. I shall not only 'see God face to face,' but I shall 'know' him, (which, as you have seen all the way, is above sight) and 'know him, even as also I am known.'" <sup>1</sup>* (You might recognise in the last sentence a quote from the end of 1 Corinthians 13 – St Paul's great chapter on love).

What struck me in this most relevant context was how Donne makes it very clear that 'Heaven' is about moving towards the fulfilment of our faith journey, a journey which in this life is – or should be – about growing in our knowledge of God. "Now we can only know in part", all the while as we are fully known by the One who loves more than we can begin to imagine. It's so easy, when attending even Christian funerals, to get the impression that Heaven is all about 'us' (and those who have gone before us). But this is a timely reminder in this Easter season that Christ died in order that humanity might be reconciled to our Creator. You know, *"God so loved the world that he gave..."*

Can I encourage us all, as this Easter season unfolds, to devote time to growing in our relationship with our God, made known to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Commit to spending time in prayer, stillness, reading of Scripture

(particularly the Gospels and Acts), in worship, fellowship and partaking together in Holy Communion.

That is what the early disciples devoted themselves to as they waited for the promised 'power from on high' in the form of the Holy Spirit. As you await the start of Rev'd Sandy's ministry in your midst, and the eagerly awaited return to your restored church building in Kaiapoi, is there any better way to prepare? And I wonder if anyone has noticed that Sandy's first Sunday in the parish will be the feast of Pentecost??

In the risen Christ, *Glenda*

[1. *Love's Redeeming Work*, p.144. Rowell, Stevenson & Williams.]

## *Dates for the Diary*

### **April**

30 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

**30 Annual General Meeting**

### **May**

01 Term two begins

01 Cursillo

02 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon

03 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall

03 BATA, 7:30pm

04 Life Group, 7:30pm

07 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

07 **11am** Family Service at St Bartholomew's

09 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon

09 Afternoon Study Group - 2:30pm, parish lounge

10 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's

10 Vestry, 7:30pm

11 AAW, 1:30pm

11 Life Group, 7:30pm

13 Men's Breakfast, **8:30am**

14 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

14 **11am** St Alban's Ohoka

14 **5pm** St Augustine's Clarkville

16 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon

17 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall

18 Life Group, 7:30pm

**21 10am, Combined Service** St Bart's

23 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon

23 Afternoon Study Group - 2:30pm, parish lounge

24 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall

25 Life Group, 7:30pm

25 Book Fair Set up—1pm

**26-27 Book Fair**—10am-2pm at St Bart's Hall

28 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

28 **11:15am** St Thomas' Eyreton (*with Baptism*)

30 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon

31 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall

### **June**

**01 Rev Sandy Constable starts as Vicar**



"The Contact" is published monthly. Items for the next issue need to be to the Parish Office by Tuesday 23 May. The June Issue will be ready to be delivered Sunday 28 May.

## News from the Vestry

- ♦ It was reported to Vestry that St Bartholomew's repairs completion date has been pushed to the beginning of June.
- ♦ Vestry thanked Frances Young and Chris Sundstrum for their service to vestry.
- ♦ The cost for our NZCMS Child Sponsorship has increased.

## mainly music & Children's Bibles

Our church mainly music team are going to be giving children who have been attending mainly music for several years (2-3 years) and are leaving to go to school, a children's bible.



**The mainly music team would like to invite parishioners to sponsor a bible (\$25) for these children.** If you are interested in doing so please contact Emily at the church office (327 7084) or Margaret Maw (327 6404).

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**Saturday, 6 May 7.30 pm @ Riccarton Community Church- 44 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton. \$15 per person.**

For tickets go to "Events – for Families" on the mainly music website '[mainlymusic.org](http://mainlymusic.org)'

## Planned Giving

With the beginning of a new tax year for many of us and following a recent enquiry about payroll giving, I thought that this would be an appropriate time to write something on this topic.

The principal income stream for the Parish is from **Planned Giving**, whether it be in the form of the offerings made at Sunday services, (both cash and envelopes), direct credit donations or payroll giving, plus Day of Giving and General donations.

### Planned Giving Options

1. **Envelopes** Parishioners who choose this method receive a supply of envelopes each year, the number depending on the frequency they wish to make donations. Each person has a unique number printed on their envelopes and when received by the parish, the amount is recorded and a receipt for the total received during a tax year (1 April – 31 March) is issued. As the parish is a registered charity a 33.33% tax credit can then be claimed. *Please contact the office if you want to join this system.*
2. **Direct credit** Parishioners set up direct credit payments into the parish's bank account, with donation in the reference field. A receipt for the total is given at the end of the year as for envelope giving. *If you wish to use direct credit giving the bank account is below under payroll giving. Please let either the office or treasurer know.*
3. **Payroll Giving**, where offered by your employer, gives you the opportunity to donate to approved

donee organisations direct from your pay and receive immediate tax credits that reduce your PAYE payable. You don't need to wait until the end of the year to claim your tax credit.

If your employer offers a payroll giving scheme and you want to join, you need to give your employer the following:

- ⇒ name of the donee organisation **Parish of Kaiapoi**
- ⇒ amount of the donation you want to make
- ⇒ pay period, or periods, you want the donation to be made
- ⇒ The Parish's bank account which is **03 1585 0030882 00** (Westpac Kaiapoi)
- ⇒ The Charities Commission number if required is **CC52536**.

*If you join this scheme, please advise the office or treasurer. If you have joined this scheme please let me know and also check that you nominated "Parish of Kaiapoi".*

More information is available on [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)

With a balanced budget we can happily operate the mission and ministry of the parish, look after our grounds and buildings, and pay all our other bills. It is through the generosity of all parishioners that we are able to manage this.

As we look forward to the imminent arrival of our new full-time Vicar, we place our trust in God and the continuing faithfulness of our parish family. Together we can rise to the challenges and opportunities before us.

Mary Mackintosh

## Opportunities for Worship

### Sunday Morning

#### St Bartholomew's, Kaiapoi:

Every Sunday **9:15am: Holy Communion**

1st Sunday **11am: Family Service**

3rd Sunday **10am: Combined All Age**

St Alban's, Ohoka: 2nd Sunday @ 11am

#### St Augustine's, Clarkville:

2nd Sunday @ 5pm Taize service

St Thomas', Eyreton: 4th Sunday @ 11am

*All Churches are available for Weddings,  
Baptisms, and Funerals.*

## People in the Parish

**Priest-in-Charge:** Rev Glenda Hicks Ph:359 4546

**Bishop's Warden:** Darryl Thompson Ph: 327 5291

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Mary Mackintosh (*Treasurer*)

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[www.kaiapoianglican.nz](http://www.kaiapoianglican.nz)



*Resurrection Faith isn't just about you and me finding a new dimension to our personal spiritual lives – though it is partly about that – and certainly was for Jesus' followers, and all who have experienced God's love and forgiveness and healing power through him. But if it merely becomes focused on my own survival, my needs, my spirituality, rather than outwards on God and the world that Jesus lived and died and rose for, then our faith is not a real Easter faith ...*

**We are called and commissioned to put  
Christ's victory into practice ... to make  
the Good News of Christ real to the  
people, powers and systems around us.**

*(Tom Wright)*



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