

St Bartholomew's

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

CONTACT

May 2018

Book Fair

25th & 26th May

Friday & Saturday: 10am~2pm

At St Bartholomew's Church Hall,

23 Cass St, Kaiapoi

Books will be sold for \$2 each or 6 for \$10

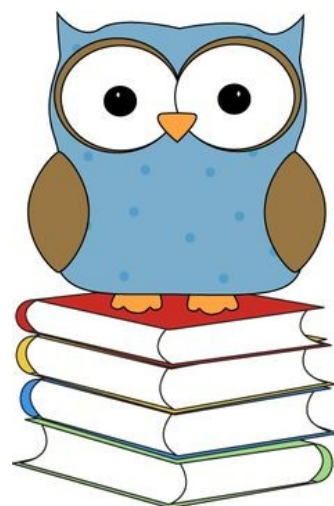
Tea, coffee & biscuits will also be available for purchase

We are now collecting donations of good quality books

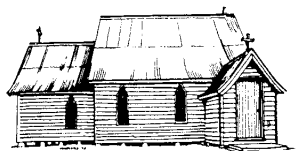
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St Albans



St Augustine's



St Thomas'

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Sandy writes...

These days we tend to have more cards than cash in our wallets. Some people don't carry cash with them at all, everything is paid by card. We use EFTPOS cards, Paywave, Credit Cards, and Debit Cards. Then we also often use our Discount Cards, Membership Cards and Loyalty Cards to reduce the amount we pay on our other card. This is all so that payments are streamlined and easier BUT WOW !! Sometimes cash seemed a whole lot simpler didn't it ??

It has become such a normal thing to use purchasing cards that I had almost forgotten how excited I was when my first Credit Card arrived in the mail. I was in my early 20's and had applied for a Credit Card to use on my first holiday abroad, in Australia. When that Credit Card came in the mail it was a fantastic feeling to be 'accepted' into the elite group of people who could use the currency of credit anywhere in the world. It was like holding a precious gem which I could proudly use as collateral. All I had to do now was to go into the bank with my new card to sign and initiate it. This was to ensure that I could prove that the card had come to the right person, and that I understood the conditions attached to its use. It was a relatively small effort to expend, in order to receive all the advantages – and at that time the available balance was a mere \$500. Once I had used that amount, on holiday in Australia, the funds available to spend increased, and as I have spent so has my debit balance.

Although we may no longer 'love' our credit cards like we might have in the initial flush of excitement, there remains a certain sense of buying power which we feel is our own and keeps many people in the world happily spending. Now .. what if we could sign up for something which could keep us happy; and would inherently inspire us to spread that happiness; and would grant us access to an unlimited account?

Well ... we have all of that available to us in the Holy Spirit.

It is a gift freely given to every single person. A gift that, when used, brings happiness to us and to others. The gifts and their uses are unlimited – every time you use one, another is already available.

The Holy Spirit was given freely to us so that we might assist, and find joy in the work of God in the world. Sometimes those gifts are particularly for our personal use – so that we might more intensely sense God's

presence in our life and in the moment. Have you ever sensed the awesome power in a moment of perhaps a Baptism; Holy Communion; Confirmation; Marriage; a Blessing; the sun rising out of the sea; the waves crashing on the rocks; the immense vista of a starlit sky; in receiving an uplifting compliment? There are many ways in which we might sense the presence and power of God in our midst.

Sometimes those gifts are for us to use in the world, so that we might spread the workings of the kingdom of God among all of creation. We might not instantaneously know how much this encourages and inspires other people – we often need to leave that alone as mystery.

The sense of that Holy Other is not the end of the story but rather the beginning of a great saga. We are given the chance and the choice to be a part of the holy activity in this world. That sense of the holy is an invitation - when we 'sign up' then we become aware of the gifts offered to us. The next step is acting on our gifts through the love and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. From this, the fruits of the Spirit are seen and heard and felt.

The amazing thing is that this account works in the opposite manner to our credit card account. First of all, this is not an exclusive club, these gifts are offered to EVERYONE! The gifts drawn upon and used do not have to be paid back. The initial flush of excitement deepens with time and becomes a great source of strength and peace. We are not enticed into thinking that this power is our own, but the account that we draw upon is unlimited in nature and power.

*May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be upon you
and shared by you this Pentecost. Amen.*

Blessings, Sandy

News from the Vestry

- ♦ Vestry agreed that the newly formed Property Working Group should take up the Compliance Schedule for St Bartholomew's Buildings.
- ♦ The Friends of St Bartholomew's closed their account at the end of March and Vestry thanked them for the recent donations for the following items: Signage, Stackable chairs and the upgrades to the cupboard in the Vestry.

Dates for the Diary

April

27-29 Cursillo Weekend

29 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

30 Term Two begins

May

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

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

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

02 BATA, 7:30pm

03 Life Group, 7:30pm

06 10am, Parish Combined Service at St Bart's

07 Cursillo—4:30pm

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

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

10 AAW, 1:30pm

10 Life Group, 7:30pm

12 Men's Breakfast, 8am

13 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

13 **11am** St Alban's Ohoka

13 **5pm Taize at St Augustine's**

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

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

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

16 Vestry, 7:30pm

17 Life Group, 7:30pm

20 Pentecost

20 Pink Ribbon Breakfast, 8:30am St Bart's Hall

20 10am, All Age Combined Service St Bart's

21-24 Clergy Conference

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

25-26 Book Fair, 10am -2pm, St Bart's Hall

27 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's

27 **11am** St Thomas' Eyreton

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

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

31 Life Group, 7:30pm



Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Sunday, 20 May,

8:30am

proceeds to Breast Cancer Canterbury.

This event will include a Guest Speaker and take place before the All Age Combined Service. Entry: *"Paper Note" Donation*. Pancakes (and maybe waffles) will be served with Bananas, Ice Cream, Chocolate Sprinkles, Maple Syrup, Golden Syrup.

Thank you to all who donated to our **Special Offering Appeal.**

We have raised **\$6,580.**

Further donations are gratefully accepted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our AGM on the 15th of April. The following people have been elected our 2018 Vestry:

People's Warden: Heather Driessen

Vestry: Gina Butterfield, Heather Chew, Elaine Clark, Christine Scott and Julie Van Meer

Synod Representatives:

Margaret Cooke and Darryl Thompson

Special Thanks to the following people:

⇒ Ron Boot and John Thompson as they stand down from Vestry

⇒ Mary Mackintosh on her retirement as Treasurer

⇒ Rev Ann Lloyd as she steps back from some of her parish duties.

Cass St Fair & Fun Day Results

Congratulations! We raised \$2,150.90

Cakes: \$300.50 Children's Stall: \$35.50 Craft: \$116.10

Face paint: \$19.70 Sausage Sizzle: \$107.40 Plants: \$145.80

White Elephant: \$196.90 Tombola: \$220 Jam & Pickles: \$185

Jewellery: \$113.40 Morning Tea: \$146.80 Sponge Throw: \$18.50

Thank you to everyone who made this fundraising event a success

—the organizing team, everyone who donated items, baked, potted up plants, manned stalls, ran the kitchen and helped set up/pack up.

Raffle Results

1st: Sandra Benson #267;

2nd: Graham Maguire #255;

3rd: Diana #289;

4th: Sara King #221;

5th: Janet Dickson #158;

6th: Lisa Williams #190

All prizes have been received.

Thank you to everyone who supported this Raffle, we raised \$396.50

"The Contact" is published monthly. Items for the next issue need to be to the Parish Office by **Tuesday 22 May**. The June Issue will be ready to be delivered **Sunday 27 May**.

Opportunities for Worship

Sunday Morning

St Bartholomew's, Kaiapoi:

1st Sunday 10am: Parish Combined

3rd Sunday 10am: Combined All Age

2nd & 4th Sunday

9:15am: Holy Communion

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

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Heather Chew

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Elaine Clark

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Christine Scott

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Julie Van Meer

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*Upon each tiny toe, upon each little finger
the tender, loving gaze from her eyes did linger.*

*This Babe once held so lovingly grew up to be a man,
In an instant of darkest history
He filled God's eternal plan.*

*She viewed His punctured feet
and surveyed the nail scarred hands.
A wrenching sorrow pierced her heart,
almost more than she could stand.*

*Sometimes the grief we bear is great and we may wonder then.
Will the clouds abide forever?
Will the sun ever shine again?*

*Mary and others assembled in Jerusalem
fifty days after Jesus' passion.
God was about to pour out His Spirit
in an awesome, most glorious fashion.*

*The jubilee Mary once felt in her heart at the birth of her baby boy,
was magnified many times over in the form of Holy Ghost joy.*

Carol Connell

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