

St Bartholomew's

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

CONTACT

November 2018

Anglican Parish of Kaiapoi's

Blue Do Breakfast



All Proceeds go to Prostate Cancer Foundation of NZ



Saturday, 10 November, 8:30am
St Bartholomew's Church hall, Cass St, Kaiapoi

Guest Speaker:

Tony Buckland,

a Prostate Cancer Survivor

Open to both Men & Women

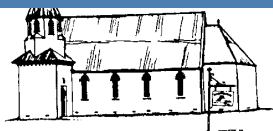
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Please Register by Friday 2nd November

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St Albans



St Augustine's



St Thomas'

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Sandy writes...

Who are you truly ??

Where are you from and where are you going ??

All at once you are probably thinking that of course you KNOW the answer to these questions - and also knowing that you will need to ask these questions again and again. These are fundamental questions which we revisit throughout our lives.

Janice belongs to a group of people known as donor offspring. She was conceived via artificial insemination from an anonymous sperm donor. In England in the late 1940s her parents, faced with infertility, sought help from the pioneering London gynaecologist Mary Barton. Then, she was one of only two physicians brave enough to experiment with Donor Insemination (DI), and aiding infertile couples to conceive and give birth to the children they so badly wanted. Her younger brother was also conceived using DI. In her own words Janice says, "My parents had been advised not to tell, and they kept their agreement. We never suspected that we were not like every other family we knew. Friends and relatives cooed over us as children, and even commented on how much we resembled our mother and our father. Disclosure came when I was 22 and my brother 18, six months after the death of my father. Our mother carefully and lovingly told us the story of our beginning. Though originally loyal to our father's desire that we should never know of the choice of DI, she felt that we should know the truth after all. It was an immense surprise and shock. I remember examining my hands and face in the mirror seeking physical evidence of this new biological father's presence, and being fascinated by the prospect that half of me was unknown. I also felt sadness and frustration that I would never be able to talk about this new revelation about my identity with the man whom I had now discovered was my social father; but he was still my father. I wanted to tell him how I admired him and my mother for the courage that it took to chose DI."

Many years passed in Janice's life when she gave little thought to her unusual origins and the fact that her biological father remained a mystery. There came a point where circumstances led her to revisit the issue, and then to become fully immersed in seeking some resolution to her mysterious half. Janice realised that some people were struggling to understand her passionate efforts and her need to 'know', she says this.

"Why do I want to know who my father was? I have come to realise that every person has a need to know. To know one's family history, to know where one fits, to know to which group one belongs, not only to feel valued as an individual, but also to feel part of a group."

'Belonging' is a hugely important aspect of human life. It gives us a grounding, a solid base from which we can confidently reach out for new experiences and new directions. Biological belonging gives us a feeling about what we may have inherited and what it is that we potentially offer to the world. Belonging to a culture, a country, and groups of like-minded people gives us places where we are able to rest, be affirmed, and feel the freedom to express ourselves. True belonging gives us safety and freedom to explore our inner self as well as the courage to express our self in new ways.

When belonging to a particular group or place becomes hazardous, eventually we look to move to safer environments. An example of this is the current movement of thousands of Hondurans fleeing poverty and violence move in a caravan toward the United States. The long-distance migration in a large group offers solidarity and safety, and they are all hoping to find a new and safe country to belong to. This mass movement is but one of many that have happened throughout the world in recent years.

I find it a little disturbing that while so many people are struggling to find a single safe place to belong to and call home, there is another international group of people who view multiple citizenship as a commodity which they can buy or trade for financial gain. There is even a set of 'Global Residence/Citizenship Program Indices' which rank countries according to their worthiness based on a range of benefits and advantages offered for investment-based residence or citizenship.

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News from the Vestry

- ♦ St Bartholomew's driveway has been sprayed.
- ♦ Vestry moved to earmark the proceeds from the recent Mah Jong Tournament for the further upgrade of St Bartholomew's Hall.
- ♦ Vestry agreed to the Finance Committee investigating applying for a grant for the re-roofing of St Bartholomew's Hall.
- ♦ Darryl Thompson was thanked for his service and input as Vicar's Warden as he steps down from these duties. *Darryl will remain on vestry as Lay Synod Representative.*

Dates for the Diary

October

28 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's
 28 **11am** St Thomas' Eyreton
 30 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon
 31 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall
31 Waimakariri Light Party @ Wylie Park, \$2

November

01 Life Group, 7:30pm
04 All Saints Day
04 10am, Parish Combined Service at St Bart's
 05 Cursillo—4:30pm
 06 Craft & Coffee Morning - 10:30am-12noon
 06 Afternoon Study Group - 2:30pm, parish lounge
 07 BATA, 7:30pm
 08 AAW Service & AGM, 11am @ St Bart's
 08 Life Group, 7:30pm
10 Blue Do Breakfast, 8:30am @ St Bart's Hall
11 Armistice Day Remembrance Service -
10:45am, Kaiapoi Cenotaph
 11 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's
 11 **11am** St Alban's Ohoka - *Rev Dr Geoff Haworth*
 11 **5pm Taize at St Augustine's**
 13 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon
 13 Fundraising Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
 14 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall
 15 Life Group, 7:30pm
16 Canterbury Anniversary Day
 18 **10am, All Age Combined Service** St Bart's
 20 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon
 20 Afternoon Study Group - 2:30pm, parish lounge
 21 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall
 21 Vestry, 7:30pm
 22 Life Group, 7:30pm
 25 **9:15am** St Bartholomew's
 25 **11am** St Thomas' Eyreton
 27 Craft & Coffee Morning—10:30am-12noon
 28 Mainly Music - 10am at St Bart's hall
 29 Life Group, 7:30pm

December

01 Kaiapoi Christmas Carnival
02 Advent Sunday
02 10am, Nativity Play, All Age Combined
Service @ St Bart's with the Youth Band



"The Contact" is published monthly. Items for the next issue need to be to the Parish Office by **Tuesday 20 November**. The December Issue will be ready to be delivered **Sunday 25 November**.

Mah Jong Tournament

Thank you to everyone who donated money towards the catering of this event.

Special Thanks to Faye and her team for another successful tournament. Congratulations!

\$1,440 was raised



From the Parish Register

Funerals:

Catherine (Kate) Banks

Parish Fundraising November- December

The Parish will have stalls at two markets in December;

- ⇒ Community Street Market during the *Kaiapoi Christmas Carnival, Saturday 1 December.*
- ⇒ *Ohoka Christmas Market, Friday 21 December.*

We are going to be selling Christmas themed baking at each of these events along with jams & marmalades and tickets in our Christmas Raffle. As well as Christmas craft items at Ohoka.

How can you help?

- ⇒ By baking items for either or both the stalls. Baked items such as Christmas mince pies, shortbread, fruit truffles, meringues to name a few. *Items with chocolate or icing can be an issue in hot weather.*
- ⇒ Making jams or marmalade
- ⇒ Donating cash towards the cost of ingredients.

Please deliver all goods to the hall, 23 Cass St on Thursday 29 November for the Kaiapoi Market or Wednesday 19 December, for packaging that afternoon. We plan to present the goods in ways that will make attractive gifts.

Please supply a list of ingredients for items with nuts, fruit, alcohol or gluten free etc.

For more information please contact Mary Mackintosh 327 8457, Elaine Clark 327 5552, Heather Chew 981 8705 or Heather Driessen 03 313 4033

Please support both events by letting friends and family know they are on and support the Ohoka Farmer's Market Fundraiser which runs from 2nd Nov -see <https://www.pledgeme.co.nz/projects/5713-ohoka-farmers-market-food-for-schools-share-the-love-of-market-food>

Christmas Cakes for Sale (PRE-ORDERS ONLY)

We are making and selling pre-ordered Christmas Cakes, \$40 (20cm x 20cm); \$10 (10cm x 10cm) To order please contact one of the above or the parish office by 30 Nov.

BOOK FAIR

- Our September Book Fair was a great success! WELL DONE! We raised **\$3,500**

Thank you to the team and to all who contributed books, time and energy.

Raffle Results: 1st: Barbara Naysmith (#265);

2nd: David Ayers (#278) 3rd: Sue W (#225)

All prizes have been delivered. Thanks for your support

The next Book Fair will be on **1st & 2nd of February 2019.**

Donations of books are welcome.

For more information, please contact Norman (327 5552).

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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Ultimately, there is no place or group that can give us the perfect fit, just as there are no parents who can give us the perfect grounding. It is a necessary condition of being human that we must always operate out of imperfection, as we strive for improvement and fulfilment. As All Saints Day is celebrated let us remind ourselves that we have a family and a belonging as citizens of God's kingdom. Even though we consistently fall short of representing the perfection of divine citizenship in our world, we



All Saints' Day

are still able to gain glimpses of that perfection. The working of the Holy Spirit moves each of us just as the wind rustles the trees – we too can provide shelter, shade, and sustenance for others as we in turn receive energy from the light which falls upon us from above.

No matter where you are from, or to where you are heading, know that in God there is a true home which will always be open for you.

Blessings of the saints be with you,

Sandy



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