

## Bishops' Notes

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***We have launched a new part of our Diocesan website: a community noticeboard. Any notices that you would like to be included should be sent to the Bishop of Waikato's PA, Jessica Perry.***

## Bishops' Diaries (April 18<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>)

*Please note that if you wish to invite the bishops to an event or to make an appointment with either of them, it is very helpful if this can be done through Anne Kelderman (Taranaki) or Jessica Perry (Waikato). Please don't email the bishops directly about booking appointment. Their diaries are complex and require careful centralised management. Thank you very much indeed!*

Date	Bishop Helen-Ann	Archbishop Philip
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Day off	In Melanesia
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Various meetings throughout the day Anglican Action Trust Board Meeting	Traveling back from Melanesia
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Attend the Anglican Insurance Board Meeting in Christchurch	Attend meetings in Auckland and Wellington
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Attend the conferral of the title of Honorary Doctor for ++David Moxon; event in the University Chapel in the morning; degree ceremony in the afternoon; reception at Anglican Action late afternoon	Attend meetings in Auckland and Hamilton; Attend the conferral of an honorary doctorate for ++David (afternoon)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Various meetings throughout the day; including lunch with the Waikato University Chaplain	Various meetings throughout the day
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Attend the Piako Archdeaconry meeting in Whangamata; Preside over the installation service of Rev'd Peter Minson in Whangamata at 2:30pm	Day off
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parish visit to All Saints, Matamata	Parish visit to St Chad's, West New Plymouth
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day; attend the Hamilton civic ceremony in the morning  LEST WE FORGET	ANZAC Day  LEST WE FORGET

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Various meetings throughout the day Attend the A Way Forward Report Forum at St Mark's, Te Aroha (evening)	Various meetings throughout the day Attend a Dinner in Auckland with the U.S Ambassador and Consul General
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Various meetings throughout the day; St Peter's Cathedral Board of Nominations meeting (evening)	Various meetings throughout the day.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Various meetings throughout the day Attend the A Way Forward Report Forum at St Alban's, Chartwell (evening)	Attend National Dialogue Christian Unity meeting, in Wellington. Attend the A Way Forward Report Forum at St Alban's, Chartwell (evening)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Various meetings throughout the day Attend the A Way Forward Report Forum at Holy Trinity, Stratford (evening)	Various meetings throughout the day Attend the A Way Forward Report Forum at Holy Trinity, Stratford (evening)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Attend the Installation Service for Rev'd Peter Beck as Dean of the Taranaki Cathedral	Attend the Installation Service for Rev'd Peter Beck as Dean of the Taranaki Cathedral
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Parish visit to St Peter's, Katikati	Parish visit to Wesley Hawera

## Forthcoming ordinations and installations

### Installation

The Rev'd Peter Minson will be installed as Mission Priest of the Whangamata Mission District during a service at the **Cornerstone House at 2:30pm on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There will be a Piako Archdeaconry gathering beginning at 11am that day. **Clergy are welcome to attend and robe in alb and white stole.**

### A Way Forward Report Forums

The purpose of the second round of meetings is to allow feedback on the A Way Forward report only.

#### Second Round

-  Tuesday 26th April, 7pm at St Mark's, Te Aroha
-  Thursday 28th April, 7pm at St Alban's, Chartwell, Hamilton
-  Friday 29th April, 7pm at Holy Trinity, Stratford

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## Sunday Gospel thoughts

**Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (John 13.31-35)**

**(Also The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003. John 11:21-27)**

These verses form the first part of the so-called 'farewell discourses' of John's Gospel. It may feel a little odd to be reading these words in the season of Easter. We have already been through the trauma of Holy Week and have experienced the deep and lasting joy of Easter Sunday. Perhaps these verses are offered to us now in the Lectionary to give us both a prompt and a challenge that what matters most of all above anything is that we learn to love one another. One commentator describes these verses as 'among the most precious and intimate in the New Testament. They are full of comfort, challenge and hope, full of the deep and strange personal relationship that Jesus longs to have with each of his followers.' The writer goes on: 'We shouldn't be surprised that they are also full of some of the richest theological insights, of a sense of discovering who the true God is, and what he's doing in the world and in us.' Jesus' use of the imagery of childhood here in these verses is worth noting. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, discipleship is related to a care for the least and the lowly, and in John, childhood status is shown in the capacity to love one another. For John this is primarily aimed at the inner life of the Church particularly towards mutual regard and esteem within the community of faith. At the same time, we must not lose sight of the fact that the Church is to be non-exclusive in being open to the universal scope of salvation in that all may come to faith.

## Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (John 14.23-29)

Whereas last Sunday, the emphasis was on love, today we focus on another very important attribute in the life of the Christian disciple: peace. Again, as with last week, these verses fall within the 'farewell discourses', and here introduce the listener to the particular role of the Advocate or Paraclete, the Holy Spirit in other words. It is important here to recognise that the presence of peace does not mean the absence of fear, anxiety or trouble. Immediately after these verses, Jesus speaks about 'the ruler of this world,' which may be a reference to Caesar, whose soldiers will carry out Jesus' execution in the passages that lie ahead. At another level, what is being referred to here and arguably is the undercurrent of all this passage, is the presence of wickedness and evil. The only way to overcome is to face that with courage and confidence. This is the deep peace that the Holy Spirit both brings and enables. We cannot rely on it alone, but must ourselves be willing to take up the challenge and stand strong in the face of what opposes us, whether that be at a personal, local, national or indeed global level.

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