

# Bishops' Notes



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Remember to check out the Diocesan website regularly for news, events and resources [www.waikatotaranakianglican.org.nz](http://www.waikatotaranakianglican.org.nz).

Bishop Helen-Ann is on Twitter - @h\_ahartley and Instagram - helenann1061;  
Archbishop Philip is on Instagram - archbishopphilip;  
The Diocesan Twitter feed may be found at @PeaksCurrents.

Do also check out the *Anglican Taonga* website for other news and events [www.anglicantaonga.org.nz](http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz) . Don't forget our own Diocesan magazine and online edition of 'Peaks and Currents.'

## Bishops' Diaries (May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</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).*

Date	Bishop Helen-Ann	Archbishop Philip
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Te Ara Hou Hui future discussion (morning); Friary future meeting (evening)	Budget Briefing Breakfast in Wellington; National church leaders meeting with the Prime Minister, in Wellington.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Southwell Chapel (morning prayer); Various meetings throughout the day; Attend 'The Feast' Winter Lectures at St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton	Various meetings throughout the day; Present at 'The Feast' Winter Lectures at St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Attend the Anglican Action staff meeting; Preside at the Commissioning and Installation service for Rev'd Carol Hancock at Eventide Rest home; Attend the MRS meeting; Attend the WDTB Meeting	Attend the St John's College Trust Board meeting; Attend the MRS meeting;
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting with the Waikato Bishopric senior staff; Attend the DV Bryant Trust Board meeting;	Attend the AMB meeting; Attend the Te Aute Trust Board meeting;
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Research and writing day	Day off
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Day off	Day off
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Day off	Parish visit to St Paul's, Okato
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell Chapel (morning prayer); Various meetings throughout the day; Attend 'The Feast' Winter Lectures at St Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton	Various meetings throughout the day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Piako Archdeaconry visitation	Various meetings throughout the day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Senior Team meeting in PioPio	Diocesan Senior Team meeting in PioPio

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Research and writing day	Various meetings throughout the day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Attend the AAW SGM in Te Kuiti; Attend St Paul's Collegiate vs. Wesley College rugby match (afternoon)	Day off
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish visit to St Albans, Chartwell with Confirmation	Parish visit to St Luke's, Patea

## Current Vacancies in the Diocese and Up Coming Events

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

#### Brooklands Cooperating Parish



New Plymouth

Brooklands is looking for a Half time minister (the actual percentage may be negotiable)

Our congregation is mostly in the older age bracket but has a keen interest in reaching out to the community both young and old.

The qualities and attributes we are looking for include:

- ❖ A person who has a Biblically based ministry and who is committed to proclaim the Gospel
- ❖ Someone who can move us from Vision to Mission (action oriented)
- ❖ A person who has a passion for growing and developing disciples
- ❖ Someone who is prepared to work with and build lay leadership
- ❖ A person who feels a strong call from God to come and minister to us

If you are discerning this call and would like a copy of the Parish Profile, or to have an informal discussion on this position please contact Archdeacon Jacqui Patterson on 06-2811747; or contact the Executive Assistant to Archbishop Philip Richardson on 06-7591178 to make a time to speak to Archbishop Philip Richardson.

Applications close Monday 27 June. Please supply a copy of your curriculum vitae, and the names and contact details of two referees to [ndo@taranakianglican.org.nz](mailto:ndo@taranakianglican.org.nz)

## THE FEAST: 2016

- **May 31 Archbishop Philip**
  - **June 7 Rev Peter Osborne**
- Tuesdays at 7:30pm (Live in Hamilton)**  
[www.dio-training.weebly.com/the-feast](http://www.dio-training.weebly.com/the-feast)





## Vicar to the Anglican-Methodist Cooperating Parish of All Saints Bryant Park, Hamilton

The Bishops of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, the Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley and the Most Rev'd Philip Richardson are seeking to appoint a Vicar to the Anglican-Methodist Cooperating Parish of All Saints', Bryant Park, Hamilton.

The ideal candidate will be a shepherd and community leader who is able to demonstrate:

- A love for God's people and the ability to both encourage and challenge them;
- A call to Bible-based and Spirit-led ministry;
- A desire to collaborate, discern and delegate so that all the gifts of the congregation can be developed and put to use;
- A mission-centred vision for outreach to the local community and beyond.

**Applications Close:** Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 at noon.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with interviews to be held from 3pm on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Contact:** Jessica Perry [bishopspa@waikatoanglican.org.nz](mailto:bishopspa@waikatoanglican.org.nz)

Interested candidates should contact the office of the Bishop of Waikato, the Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, for further details.

**For more information please visit:**  
[waikatotaranakianglican.org.nz/  
information/vacancies](http://waikatotaranakianglican.org.nz/information/vacancies)



## Vicar at St Luke's, Te Kuiti

The Bishops of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, the Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley and the Most Rev'd Philip Richardson invite applications to the role of Vicar to the Parish of St Luke's, Te Kuiti. The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- A desire to connect with the wider community;
- Leadership and pastoral experience;
- The ability to facilitate and delegate responsibility to an active lay ministry team;
- Flexibility in worship;
- Sensitivity to the needs of the elderly;
- The capacity to encourage younger people and their families;
- Strong communication skills and educational experience.

Te Kuiti is a rural town at the centre of the Diocese; and as its name indicates it is the 'gathering point'. St Luke's is used for Diocesan training and is equipped with Video Conference technology. The church has excellent facilities with flexible



spaces. This creates potential for St Luke's to become a local and regional training hub.

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## Sunday Gospel thoughts

### Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 7.11-17)

In order to fully understand today's Gospel, we need to take a look at the first ten verses of this chapter also. The raising of the widow's son complements that of the centurion's son. Luke intentionally places these characters alongside one another (other examples of such 'pairs' in Luke may be found in the Infancy narrative (2.22-40); Zechariah and Mary (4.25-27); Naaman and the widow of Zarephath, 4.25-27); Peter and the women at the tomb (24.1-12). In each, the pairing seems to be deliberate, and demonstrates Luke's recognition of the prominence of women and men equally in his Gospel. This connection here in chapter 7 is made all the more deliberate by the mention in verse 11: 'soon afterwards' (other textual manuscripts add 'the next day' to make the point even more obvious). Here in this story, Jesus raises the widow's son because of the compassion that he feels towards her. Actually, the Greek here is stronger than that: Jesus in fact is angry because of the woman's despair. Those who see what Jesus has done glorify God, which is a very Lukan phrase that occurs at numerous points in the Gospel in acknowledgement of what Jesus does. People here in Galilee acknowledge Jesus as a prophet, thus seeing what those in Jerusalem failed to see. Both this story, and the one immediately prior to it provide examples of the wider ministry that Luke summarises at 7.22-23, a fulfilment of what Jesus had proclaimed in the synagogue at Nazareth.

Perhaps of note is Jesus' raw emotion in this passage, that motivates him to action. How do we handle our emotions positively?

## **Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 7.36-8.3)**

Again, Luke presents us with a pairing of a man (Simon, a Pharisee) and a woman (unnamed, but identified as a sinner) to present the point he wants to make here. The woman's generous response to Jesus is replicated in the other women whose financial support plays a vital part in Jesus' continuing ministry in Galilee (8.1-3). Commentators write that the narrative makes most sense if we assume that this woman is already aware of Jesus and the forgiveness that he brings. There is a contrast between the attitude of the woman and the attitude of Simon, who fails to offer even basic hospitality. Various Lukan themes are also prominent here: the inclusion of someone from the margins; the use of possessions as an indicator of someone's inner character; the forgiveness of sins; and the faith that leads to salvation. There are also three points about Luke's presentation of Jesus that may be noted: firstly that Jesus is a prophet; secondly, Jesus continues to bring good news to the poor and marginalized; thirdly, Jesus has power to declare sins forgiven.

We may want to reflect further on Luke's presentation of Jesus – how does that speak into our contexts today?

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