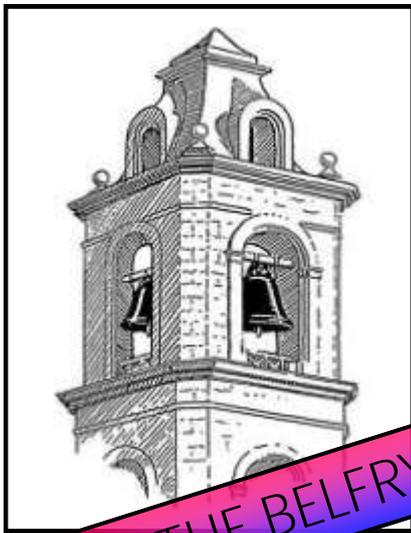


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A newsletter from St Peter's Anglican Church, Katikati.



FROM THE BELFRY

Have you been watching Nigel Latta's latest TV programme about money and what we do with it? In the last episode he showed very clearly that if people believed something was good then it became good. He used tap water bottled in two different containers and the tasters all said the one in the beautiful bottle tasted better than the one in the ordinary plastic bottle! That doesn't just apply to "things" but to everything we do in our lives. It is why everything we buy these days is packaged up in beautiful containers – I'm sure many of us can remember the brown paper bags we used to get at the grocers and the food didn't taste any different!

As Christians it is something we need to be very aware of as we strive to share Christ's message of hope and we meet people in all sorts of circumstances and situations. When we meet people do we look at them with the "eyes of Jesus" and see past the external to what lies within them or do we

judge solely on appearances? Today's world fosters the thought that if something or someone looks good – then it or they are good.

1 Peter 5:8 says *"beware your adversary the devil who goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour"*.

Let's be on our guard to make sure we are not fooled by external appearances and miss the chance to share our message of love and hope.



From the Vicar's desk.....



This year Easter occurs in the middle of April, which is later than normal.

But because of this it means that Lent doesn't commence until 1st March. That leaves us with a number of Sundays in Epiphany. Epiphany is a term used to describe God revealing Himself to us. The readings during this period will reveal to us aspects of Gods call on our lives.

Over these past Sundays the readings have been based around Matthews Sermon on the Mount, with teaching on what it means to be a follower of Christ, a disciple. If I try to sum up all the teachings on **the Sermon on the Mount, it would be that following God isn't about rules and regulations but that as God's people we are urged to choose to act in ways that are life-giving.** Basically – Faith in Action

Christianity is a religion amongst many others, but Christianity is NOT about being religious. Christianity is about a heart relationship with God the creator, through His son Jesus Christ. It is a form of spirituality. It is about being spiritual in everything we say and do.

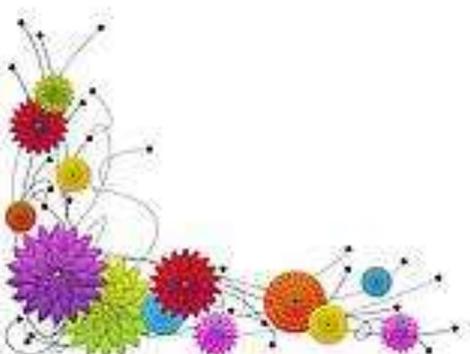
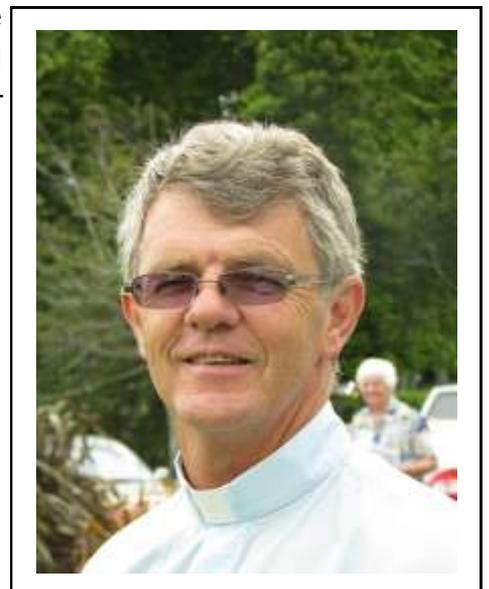
One writer said it this way: **“Being spiritual is not the same thing as being religious.”**

Religion is about what you believe and do. Spirituality is to do with quality; it is the thing of the heart. Religion draws lines and is often full of rules and regulations. But Spirituality reads between the lines. tends to avoid definitions, rules and regulations, boundaries and battles. It is inclusive and holistic. It crosses frontiers and makes connections. It is characterised by sensitivity, gentleness, depth, openness, flow, feeling, quietness, wonder, paradox, being, waiting, acceptance, awareness, healing and inner journey.

For example the words Jesus used to sum up the Ten Commandments and the Law were – Love the Lord your God with all your Heart mind and soul, and love your neighbour as yourself.

Religion can allow barriers and indifference, Christianity, a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, which involves our hearts and minds encourages us to overcome barriers and to stand up for indifference. It can mean overcoming injustice and inequality. As part of the Sermon on the Mount states– we ARE salt to the earth and a light to the world.

Blessings
Brendan



Hall User Update:



Introducing: Liberty New Zealand

Kirstin and Daniel have lived in Katikati for the past 3 years and in the last 12 months started dancing as professional Ballroom and Latin dancers. *'This is one of our passions and we love sharing our knowledge with others who have always wanted to dance.'* says Daniel.

Kirstin and Daniel run ballroom classes for all ages and abilities here at St Peter's on several different nights. They believe that everyone can dance and should be given the opportunity to achieve their dancing goals. This may be to dance at a social class once a week, to compete at the highest level or show off on their wedding day.

Classes run throughout the week and they are hoping to start a new beginner class in Term 1 this year. They also would like to welcome any boys to their ballroom classes, its an awesome way to meet people and gain a really great skill! The skill of dance!

Liberty also offers Zero Balancing Body Therapy which works on the bones and joints of the body to relieve any aches, pains or deal with old or re-occurring injuries. Zero Balancing is non-invasive and everyone can benefit from this therapy.

Daniel and Kirstin are really excited for this year and looking forward to meeting lots of new people to **share their passion with.** If you'd like more information please contact Daniel.



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Luke 24:46



Holy Week & Easter

Ash Wednesday 1 March: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. It is a season of penance, reflection, fasting and prayer.

Palm Sunday 9 April: Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. This event is mentioned in all four canonical Gospels.

Holy Week 9-15 April: Palm Sunday, also marks the beginning of Holy Week with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year, the crucifixion and death of Jesus on the Cross.

Holy Thursday 13 April: **Holy Thursday is the commemoration of Jesus' last supper with the disciples, a celebration of Passover, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion.**

Good Friday 14 April: Good Friday is the day we solemnly commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus.

Easter Saturday 15 April: Is the day people reflect on or celebrate their baptisms. Sometimes celebrated with what is called "a light festival or renewal of Baptismal Vows"

Easter Sunday 16 April: **Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.**

FOODBANK APPEAL

The Katikati Christian Foodbank is run by a committee with representatives from all the churches in Katikati. For many years they have operated out of a garage behind the Red Cross building but the Red Cross are about to build new premises and the present property will be sold. This will leave the Foodbank homeless.

The committee have been working on this problem for some time. Because no other suitable building could be found it was decided to build our own double garage size base. A site has been offered and plans have been drawn up. The estimated cost will be just over \$40,000 by the time it is lined and insulated and

fitted out. We are now at the stage of fundraising and we are appealing to the good people of the churches in Katikati to make a donation to help this wonderful community outreach.

*You can make a donation through your church. **Cheques should be made out to "Reach Out Trust"** which is the Trust of the Ministers Association. Tax rebate receipts will be issued.*

We look forward to your support.



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The Anglican Missions Board is the part of the Anglican Church which organises and funds mission work overseas. It has been an integral part of our church for the past 97 years. It is entirely funded by donations from Parishes and individuals and has a budget of about 2 million dollars. All Parishes are asked to make voluntary donations and each year the Synod meeting of the Diocese sets targets which they are asked to meet if they can.

Our Parish contributes \$117 per month, which is our target amount. This comes directly out of regular giving.

We don't hear so much about AMB in the Parish, although we did have Mike Hawke – the Church Support & Projects Officer of AMB – come to speak to us a year or so ago. There are also regular publications displayed or left for collection in the Foyer of the church.

Our **“Missions Month”** held in August each year has nothing to do with AMB. It is held to raise funds to support a specific mission project. For some years now we have supported ORA New Zealand with very worthwhile projects in Uganda. One of the reasons for this is that the ORA representative is always available to come and talk to us and to make a great presentation. Our Mission Committee also raises funds through a sales table at Moggies Market – organized by Marg Jordan. Donations from this fund go to support the education of a child in Uganda, to support the mission work of Joseph & Penny Gibbs and some other local projects.

A large part of the AMB is CMS – **the Church Missionary Society**. **CMS is the “mission sending arm”** of AMB. They recruit and prepare candidates for the mission field and then provide support while **they are overseas**. **AMB is the “mission funding arm”, looking after the direct costs of the Mission Partners** while they are overseas. There are also Short Term Missions – groups of people who go overseas to help on specific projects which are also supported by AMB.

AMB helps fund various projects in many overseas mission fields. An example of this is working with the Pacific Anglican Alliance to help rebuild the mainly Anglican village of Maniava in Fiji which was completely destroyed by Cyclone Winston last February. Funding and manpower are being **donated to first build a children's hostel which will house children from outlying areas who come to school there**. This will also be a refuge for all children in the event of another cyclone. The next building will be the Anglican church which can also be used as a refuge. Both of these buildings are being built to stringent standards to ensure they stand up to future cyclones.

It is good to know that AMB are still doing the wonderful work of spreading the Good News which our forefathers established 97 years ago and to know that you and I are contributing towards maintaining it.

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Seasons for Growth®

a community service of St Peter's



Seasons, is our outreach into the community for children suffering grief, from the loss of someone important from their lives, as a result of separation or divorce of parents, death of a family member or close friend, imprisonment of a family member, or the changes that have taken place within a “new blended family”.

We provide this service to Pahoia Primary School, Katikati Primary School and Junior College, and the primary schools at Waimata, Waihi Beach, Waihi and Waikino. Last year 87 children completed the programme, and from the comments we receive from the children, their parents and teachers, the children's lives and their relationship with those around them are transformed. Family lives are happier, and teachers report better scholastic achievement.

Our Coordinator's Lesley Jenks and Deanna Elliott are currently interviewing parents and taking registrations for children to attend programmes commencing in the middle of the first school term.

The children learn that just as the seasons are in constant change, they must accept that change is an inevitable part of life. They are given the tools to deal with the changes in their lives in a positive way.

Trained volunteer Companions work with small, age related, groups of children, who get to tell “their story” in a safe confidential environment, and amongst other things, learn that they are not alone in their experiences. They make new friendships and learn to support one another.

Last year, Deanna Elliott received training to become a qualified “Trainer” and during March will be training further volunteer Companions to replace those that left the district towards the end of last year, and to reinforce the programme in the Waihi Area.

For further information, please contact one of our Coordinators, Lesley Jenks, ph 022 043 4060, or Deanna Elliott, ph 022 083 5478.

Jim Carter
Chairperson – Seasons Katikati & Waihi
Ph 021 237 2400



Chinese New Year

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It is the year of the Rooster: a year of good luck and good fortune, which is following the year of Monkey, and to be followed by the year of Dog. I wish that in this year of good luck, our church, St. Peter's, will have more parishioners and a wider fellowship in the church family: our Lord's blessing.

Today I have to glorify my Lord who has answered my prayer. On the Chinese New Year day, we were to host a party but prior to the party the weather looked decidedly gloomy. We prayed for a fine dry day. It was indeed a fine sunny day. Thanks to my Lord. On the day there were a huge number of guests arriving. Some we had not seen for a long time and some had travelled quite a distance with their wheelchairs and walking sticks. It was full of friendliness, care, excitement and laughter all over the corners.

Our God is God of love and mercy. He always listens to our prayers. In many places of the world, they are experiencing poverty, disease, violence and instability. We pray for those people who are suffering.

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us for the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace and Patrick Yuen



What is a Ceilidh?

Ceilidh is a traditional Scottish or Irish social gathering. It generally involves traditional music and dance, and includes items.

At our Ceilidh on Saturday 18th March, we had simple dances that everyone was able to join in. All you needed was to be able to walk or skip in time to the **rousing music**. **You didn't need to bring a partner**, as the men and ladies had similar roles in the dance. Because it is common for more women to take part than men, women frequently dance as a man.

The dances were walked through before the music started, and experienced dancers were spread across the sets and there to help those getting muddled.

The main thing was for everyone to have fun and there was plenty of that going on. *Always remember, dance has been proven to be good for you, and good for your brain.*

BIG thanks to those who came along, we trust you enjoyed yourselves and hopefully met some new friends.



KITCHEN NEWS



Some of you will have noticed changes in the kitchen.

The BIGGEST being the introduction of a 'book' system where if you take anything from the kitchen you are responsible for writing it in the book so that those who come after you are aware of where things may be.

This need has arisen as a result of the large round checkered and some of the smaller gingham table cloths disappearing last year. *(Even if you are taking tablecloths home to wash please sign them out.)*

As a result of the small gingham cloths not being located six new gingham cloths were donated to the church last July, at a cost to the donator \$130. *(When checking last week there were only two in the kitchen. Have you taken them home to wash? As an example if this had been written in the book we would've known.)*

We also now have new replacement round taupe/beige tablecloths to replace the **checkered ones which have remained 'missing', we still don't know who 'borrowed'** them. Please look after them and if you remove them from the church enter it in the book.

At a meeting held with the users of the Kitchen it was mentioned that two wooden trays used to be in the cardboard for the glasses to go on. This made it easier for people to carry the glasses out to the tables. Two new trays were donated but for some reason the glasses do not stay on the trays. Please can someone tell me why? Are the trays not right?

NEW PORTABLE ZIP: Some of you have said that you don't like to use the big Zip with the long hose up on the wall because they feel it is unsafe (some people have been burnt), it has been checked by Health & Safety Inspectors and found to be safe and acceptable however we have purchased another portable benchtop urn but it seems to just sit on the shelf unused....is there an issue with this?

Like Inez Cooper said last week in her plea for volunteer cleaners, please consider how you like your home presented and give some thought for our Spiritual home kitchen.

We also have recycling bins, all named and labelled, please become familiar with them.

Kathie Boggs Kitchen Convenor

Brendan out and about blessing the machinery at Waihi Martha Mine. This little article appeared in their company newsletter.

The Back Page



Equipment blessing last Friday

What's an Anglican minister from Katikati doing blessing mining equipment in Waihi?

You may not know the Reverend Brendan Gibbs, the Anglican minister from Katikati. But you might know him as Father Ted, the minister who is a member of the Katikati Volunteer Fire Brigade, and who is also the man who provided us with so much help during the response to Tip's accident last year. He also helped quite a few people afterwards. That made Father Ted the perfect person to help with the blessings of four large pieces of machinery on Friday.

It was a local iwi representative at the Tatau Tuwhera meeting last Monday who suggested using a minister. The philosophy is simple. It doesn't matter what your background is or what belief system you adhere to. An Anglican minister can provide the 'halo' of a blessing just as much as a kaumatua. And Father Ted is pretty much one of us now, so he was an obvious choice. Thanks Brendan.



Hi I'm Ross Davidson and I have just picked up the role of Discipleship Coordinator. I suppose you could say that Discipleship is, and always has been a bit of a "hobby horse" of mine. Naturally we all need to seek out ways of bringing people into the Kingdom of God but we also need to care for those who have already made that commitment, and I see that as a special interest of mine. However I can't do this on my own. I need all the help I can get!

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

A 'disciple' is not only a pupil, but an adherent of Jesus Christ hence they are spoken of as "imitators of their teacher." So a disciple of Jesus Christ follows His example:

1 Peter:2:21" *to this you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps".*

Sometimes the words disciple and apostle are used interchangeably: however they do mean different things. A disciple is a follower or student of someone. An apostle is someone who is sent out with a message or mission.

In looking at the two meanings of these words I suppose we would hope that in living our lives for Jesus we are both a disciple and an apostle. Yet I believe to be an apostle requires us to be firmly grounded and supported in being a disciple – hence my belief that good discipleship is not only a requirement but a necessity for our faith and works.

How does discipleship happen?

Each of us is responsible for nurturing and encouraging each other on this Christian pilgrimage. We are all at different stages in this journey with our Lord and I think the closer we get to Jesus in our walk the more we will want to be like Him and the easier and more joyous it will become.

It is so hard to develop a personal relationship with Jesus and your fellow believers by meeting and greeting for a short time on that one (or two) days of the week when church gets together. The early disciples, apostles and fellow believers regularly met together in each other's homes to learn from each other, encourage one another, and yes to suffer with one another.

Heb 3: v13 & 14 *"Encourage one another daily as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first"*

How does this transpose into today's world and our church here in Katikati?

One of the first things we need to do is get to know each other better. Many of us are new to the parish and it can take quite a while to "feel at home". Over February and March we are having Sum-

mer lunches of Six that should help us mix and mingle with others we may not know very well.

Naturally lunches are just a starting point and the main focus for much of the rest of the year will be centred around Homegroups. Currently we have four Homegroups meeting in the parish with about 34 members attending. Homegroups are where a whole lot of things happen that are important to our pilgrimage, including pastoral care, growing our faith, learning about the fruits of the Spirit, and of course having laughter, fun and fellowship.

More information will flow out into the parish as we move further into this year but please, seriously consider whether you could be a Homegroup leader or whether you should be a participant. If you have any questions come and ask me or Brendan.

Ross Davidson 549-3167
Discipleship Coordinator

PS Some people call these groups Housegroups. I call them Homegroups because home is where the heart is and houses are just buildings.



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Sunday 9th April: Theme - "By His wounds we are healed"

Sunday 14th May: Theme - "Live, Pray, Love"

Sunday 11th June: Theme - "Do all good people go to heaven?"

Other themes and dates to be advised in the next magazine issue.

Everyone is welcome to these services. Bring friends, family, & neighbours!

SEASON'S CHARITY CONCERT—19 FEBRUARY

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

WORSHIP CENTRE



Sunday 19th February saw a hive of activity after the 10.00am morning service as the church was set up for a musical afternoon with some special guest artists. As we planned weeks ahead we hoped and prayed for a good response to our advertising so that we could contribute a substantial amount to our “Children in grief” programme.

Our local newspaper gave us wonderful support running a front page article on Byron Johnston three weeks ahead of the show and followed it up each week after that with more information on the Seasons programme and our artists and we are so grateful for that help.

We set out every chair we had available and then, because we were so positive about our preparations, borrowed another 60 chairs from Lions. Imagine our delight when we had to get Brendan to hurriedly get out (and clean off!) all the garden chairs he could find. 240 chairs were set out in the Worship Centre, the foyer and the Farley room and they were all filled PLUS we had children and some adults sitting on squabs in front. What a response!!

And the Concert? If you were there you know it was deliberately made up of two distinctly different instruments and types of music. The first half a demonstration of the variety and range of Recorders by Simon James from Auckland who then accompanied by Lynne Cotton played music from the 15th Century to modern times – a lovely quiet relaxing first part of the afternoon.

After cups of tea and coffee during the interval everyone came back for the music of Byron Johnston. An international guitarist who between concerts was visiting his cousin Mike Cotton and had volunteered his time and talents for the Seasons programme. He demonstrated amazing techniques and skill as he played a varied selection of music and interacted with the audience in a way that made his performance very personal. Sadly for a small number of people the amplified guitar music proved a little loud but for the vast majority of the audience there were no complaints – in fact they would have sat for more **if Byron hadn't been having trouble handling the heat and humidity!**

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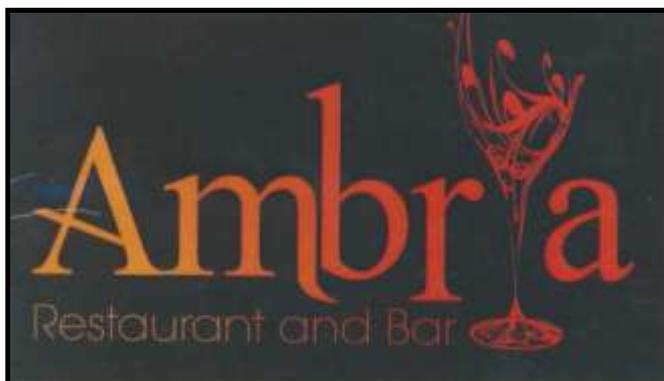


An amazing afternoon and we are so grateful to Simon James who travelled down from Auckland, to our own Lynne Cotton who put in many hours of practice and rehearsal time with Simon and to Byron who generously gave us his time and talents in the middle of a very busy tour. By the time you read this he will have performed in Japan, China, returned to England and started on a European tour!

The icing on the cake was we raised \$2,435.00 for our Seasons children and helpers.

Thank you Lord for everyone who contributed to this great day!



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| April, 4 th | Mike Cotton – to speak on episodes of his life |
| May, 2 nd | Shirley Spark – one of Te Puna Quarry founders to speak on its history. |
| June, 6 th | Parish Royal Afternoon Tea – preceded by Holy Communion |
| July, 4 th | Speaker on Aromatherapy |
| August, 1 st | Mission Month - speaker to be confirmed |
| September, 5 th | Our Birthday Luncheon |
| October, 3 rd | Gerard Martin from Kings' Seeds |
| November, 7 th | Communion Service followed by AGM. |

Programme subject to change.



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EVENTS

- APRIL 2017*
- 2nd School Holidays (14th – 28th)
11:30am AGM Meeting /Parish Forum
(following 10am service & fellowship)
 - 4th AAW Meeting @ 1:30pm
 - 8th Moggies Market
 - 9th Palm Sunday
 - 9th 7pm Evening Service
 - 13th Maundy Thursday – Service and meal
(organised by Cursillo)
 - 14th Good Friday
 - 16th Easter Sunday
 - 27th Vestry Meet
 - 28th SALT Luncheon
 - 30th 7pm Combined Churches of Katikati Service – Samoan
(Baptist Church)



- MAY 2017
- 2nd AAW Meeting @ 1:30pm
 - 13th Moggies Market
 - 14th 7pm Evening Service
 - 18th **Committee's Meet**
 - 26th SALT Luncheon
Winter Warmer Sale
 - 28th 7pm Combined Churches of Katikati Service





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