

Pauatahanui Anglicans

2018 LENT MESSENGER

This Lent our parish has been engaging with a series of studies called, **A sent people**. In small groups we have wrestled and been inspired to see what it means to be sent by God into the world. As Jesus ministers he tells us that the kingdom of God has come near; he then invites us to repent and believe the good news. As you read these words: repent, kingdom, good news ~ I wonder what images come to mind? Some questions by an American author have helped me think through the depths of God's goodness and faithfulness:

- What does repentance sound like?
- How does the kingdom of God smell?
- What colour is the good news?

Sometimes it helps to have familiar words framed differently. This Easter my prayer for our community is that we see the amazing story of Easter afresh. Our church exists to worship Almighty God and after a period of change in the last few years, we can praise God that new people are joining our Sunday services. Bishop Justin has challenged each church to grow by 4% in the year and since September we have done this. Our vestry (church governance and leadership team) are excited about the year ahead and where God will continue to lead us, as sent people, in our own lives and our communities. At our AGM after Easter (12th April) I will be sharing the outcomes of our vision consultation over the last year, which will frame for us the path we walk and help us be a sent people who are becoming the people of God.

This Easter, may God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith.

Vicar Pete

OUR EASTER SERVICES



Wednesday, 28 March

7.00pm Wellington Cathedral
A service to reaffirm our baptism and vocational vows with the Bishops

Maundy Thursday, 29 March

10.00am St Andrew's Service
5.00pm Movie & Passover @ St Andrew's
Prince of Egypt Family Movie with a light meal
7.30pm St Andrew's Foot-washing Service

Good Friday, 30 March

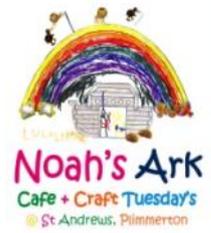
8.30am Walk from Brown's Bay to St Barnabas
12-3pm St Andrew's Reflective Service
-come and go when it suits you

Easter Sunday, 1 April

9.30am St Andrew's, Plimmerton
11.00am St Alban's, Pauatahanui
7.00pm St Andrew's, Plimmerton

Noah's Ark

Come along and join us on Tuesday mornings for some family fun! We meet during term time from 9.15am. On the 27th March we will be hearing the Easter Story and making hot cross buns; on April 3rd we will be preparing for the Commonwealth Games and our last session for this term will be on April 10th when we will have an Autumn focus. New families are always welcome!



9:30am Service

At our Plimmerton services we have a mix of Sunday school and crèche on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and interactive all together services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. This mix and variety allows us to worship and learn together side by side and form relationships across the generations and still have focused and targeted learning the other weeks. Sometimes those services, if there are lots of children, can seem a bit crazy, but there is a beautiful sense of us being the body of Christ together as we are formed side by side, learn and worship together and rub up against each other.

In all of this we hold the words from the Psalms – “one generation will declare to the next the praiseworthy deeds of God”. This is happening in our parish as we interact and nurture each other.



Mayor Mike Tana, councillor Dale Williams and Vicar Pete at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races.



Church family dinner @ Battlehill Farm.



Parish Picnic @ Battlehill Farm.

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

ST ANDREW'S, PLIMMERTON

Community Eucharist @ 9.30am
Worship, Reflection & Prayer @ 7.00pm
Thursday @ 10am Eucharist
5th Sunday—Whole Parish worships together

ST ALBAN'S, PAUATAHANUI

Eucharist @ 11.00am



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