

## Vestry Snippets May / June 2019

### **Moving forward with St Mark's**

Following the Annual General Meeting, where the future of the St Mark's church and land was discussed, Bishop Ellie will lead a celebration Eucharist and de-consecration of the church on Sunday 27 October. Activities will begin with a shared lunch at noon. Please let everyone know and mark your calendars now for this important parish event. We have also informed the Diocese of the outcomes of the motions.

### **Week of Prayer 30 May to 9 June and Pentecost Service**

The theme this year is "Thy Kingdom Come". This week of prayer offers opportunities to engage as a parish and as individuals in reflecting the importance and power of prayer in your life and the life of the church. More information will be available through News4U on specific events but we really recommend you take time to participate. We conclude our week of prayer with the celebration of Pentecost at the Hongoeka Marae on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. This is an all of Parish service. (There is parking by the marae).

### **Planning for St Andrew's services**

A Korero and Kai group is now meeting monthly to plan services at St Andrew's church. We are particularly interested in supporting the interactive worship across the generations. If you are interested in participating please let Pete know.

### **Mission**

Mim Freeman-Plume, a member of our Vestry, presented a paper to Vestry on 15 May, outlining the role of our Parish in missional outreach. This has the Parish taking an intentional approach around the five marks of mission and in how we build relationships to who we support in mission work, and how the Parish as a whole participates.

### **Fundraising**

Over the last couple of years, much of the Parish's regular funding raising has gone into abeyance. Some of this is a reflection of busy lives and also as some key fundraising people have left the Parish or stepped down from active leadership in this area. Fundraising is needed, not just for our ongoing running of the Parish (for example we have a shortfall of \$6,000 in our budget this year), but for other initiatives such as supporting missional outreach (including our CMS overseas mission funding target of \$4,000) and for scheduled maintenance of St Alban's. We are keen to talk with people in the Parish who are interested in forming a fundraising team. We will develop a calendar of fund raising events as well as explore other ways of fundraising. If we can have a core team, then it will not be onerous for any one individual, and we can share our ideas and experiences. Please chat to me if you can help.

### **Vicar Pete's sabbatical**

Vicar Pete is taking his family to the UK while he undertakes a three-month sabbatical. While Pete is away, your wardens will be looking after the Parish, with services covered by our retired clergy, with a few people from outside, and some lay-led services at the 9:30am service. I will chair Vestry, while Peter Dennison will be a contact point for Ollie in the Parish office and the Parish clergy. Key dates are:

- 23 June – Pete's last Sunday, with prayer for Pete and family as they head off to be refreshed and rested.
- 3 July – they fly out to UK for 8 weeks
- 29 September – Pete is back for the cluster service.
- The most important component... the vicarage cat Honey will be lovingly looked after by Bert & Shelia who are housesitting the vicarage!

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