



News from the Anglican Centre · March 2016

Greetings everyone,

I noticed at the recent Convergence camp that the seasons are changing: a bit chilly in the tent at night but glorious fine hot days – a continuation of the hottest February since records have been kept – a sign of global warming? Last weekend I was asked to be the opening speaker at the annual youth Synod – a gathering of about 60 youth and young adults from across the three Tikanga and the particular focus that they wanted to bring to the Synod – The plight of refugees and.... climate change! I was moved by the passion they have for these issues, but I wanted to share my deep concern that nothing will ultimately change concerning these issues until the human heart is changed. Pope Francis's encyclical on climate change includes these thoughts: *'...creation is harmed where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves.'* While we strongly affirm the five marks of mission we note that sixth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council stated that the first mark of mission – the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom with personal evangelism is not just one five distinct activities but the key statement about everything we do in mission.

I mentioned the convergence camp earlier, where over 160 people registered for this three day event at Kaiteriteri – the largest group yet. I sincerely appreciate the work that went into this event and loved being a part of it. Convergence was originally started as the brainchild of Phil Greenwood and one or two other Nelson clergy who saw the need of something that would fill the gap after New Wine decided to focus their activities in the North Island. Although it started pretty much as a Nelson event it has always been intended to be a Diocesan event. Several families came over from Blenheim this year which really added to a wider perspective. Kaiteriteri is a dream venue for families and there is heaps of time for families to have time together down at the beach. I am so grateful to those dedicated people who committed themselves to running specialist programmes for pre-school and primary school children and for youth. City of Light band lead the worship so sensitively and intelligently and Andrew Burgess set the scene each morning with his Bible Studies on 'Covenant and Kingdom.' The final Eucharist was a very moving time together.

There are still many tent and power sites left for us to almost double the number so the encouragement is there for clergy to promote this within parishes and then to come and join with them on the camp. There is nothing like an event such as this to build community – particularly with your young families. And you don't have to organise it!

The Report on the working party established by General Synod to consider a way forward on the whole issue of human sexuality has just been released. Already the more evangelically conservative parishes and clergy from across the Province are expressing deep concern and are looking to groups such as Affirm – and to this Diocese – for leadership and guidance. As a Diocesan Bishop I can't tell other clergy and parishes (from outside the Diocese) what they should do. I can only draw their attention to the introductory comments to the report that pretty clearly spell out that this was not a unanimous view of the whole working group and does not purport to be the way that the church will be moving. It is simply 'a' way forward and it outlines the things that would need to happen (and a possible theological rationale undergirding the direction) if the Church chooses to move in this way with respect to the blessing of relationships and ordination etc.

General Synod will have three choices before it as I understand it:

1. To receive the report and refer it to the Dioceses and Hui Amorangi for consideration.

2. To receive the report and lay it on the table – i.e. do nothing with it.
3. To receive the report and reject it.

I will resist the temptation to make personal statements about it in this forum – but if people have not seen it and are interested in doing so, it is available for download on the Taonga website.

In a couple of weeks' time Kaye Dyer will be ordained Deacon – to serve alongside Richard in the Parish of Picton. Having Kaye with him allows Richard to be released to pick up some responsibility in the Regional Deanery, particularly in an oversight of the four Wairau Valley parishes (Wairau Valley, Spring Creek, Blenheim and Blenheim South) that are exploring ways of developing new shared ministries and sharing existing giftings. Kaye's ordination will be in Holy Trinity Picton on Sunday Evening 13th March at 6.00pm. Please pray for Kaye as she takes this new step in ministry.

I am thrilled to have Russell and Anna Pickersgill-Brown in the parish of Motueka and Sam and Paula Anderson in Blenheim South. These have been really exciting appointments and their induction services were deeply moving with so much anticipation being expressed.

Further on, in this Ad Clerum, there is a notice regarding the inaugural meetings of FCA (NZ) – New Zealand's branch of the 'Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans.' This is a grouping of orthodox Anglicans – from Anglo-Catholic to Reform who strongly support the Jerusalem declaration of faith from the 2008 GAFCON meeting. Reading this document it is quickly noticeable that it is virtually the foundational Anglican faith that most of us affirmed in our ordination vows. Bishop Derek Eaton and Tim Mora are both on the National Board and I became a member back in 2012 when I attended a superb leadership gathering of FCA in the UK. There will be two New Zealand meetings – one in Christchurch and the other in Auckland. I will be attending the Auckland event.

And now we are getting ready to enter the season of Easter eggs and Easter bunnies! I can almost guarantee that the leading news on Good Friday evening will be which businesses flouted the Good Friday trading hours and remained open.

For us, Easter is an increasingly unpopular message of a Saviour who was 'pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; and by whose wounds we are healed.'

In a year in which we are focussing on the theme of discipleship our journey into Easter is so very important. May God be with you on this journey.

If you want a very challenging and extremely insightful book to read, a friend lent me his copy of Rabbi Jonathan Sack's book (published last year) 'Not in God's Name.' In this book the former Chief Rabbi in the UK, Lord Jonathan Sacks, explores the roots of domestic violence within the three Abrahamic faiths. His exegesis of the Old Testament story of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael, and the story of Joseph and his brothers, and then on into the Exodus is absolutely riveting. I have just ordered my own copy.

With every blessing

+Richard

The following for your information and parish newsletters

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- For Kaye Dyer as she prepares for her ordination as Deacon and her ministry in the Picton parish.
- For the parish of Spring Creek as they continue the process of seeking a part time vicar. This position is being re-advertised.
- Our continued prayers for Ian Thatcher and Nick Kirk and their families.

EVENTS & NOTICES

(refer also to 'Ministry Education' for details of training events coming up)

Clerical directory – To update your entry in the clerical directory, please download the form http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz/sites/default/files/Clerical_Directory_Form_May_2011.pdf which is found under Resources-Diocese-Forms and send it to the General Synod Office or hand in to reception for us to fax to them. This form covers additions and alterations.

Ordination Service - Ordination of Kaye Dyer as Deacon: Sunday 13th March at 6pm, Holy Trinity church Picton.

Book Launch at the Cathedral - 5pm, 9 March 2016. Campbell West-Watson 'Boy Bishop to Archbishop' by Martin Sims (a maternal grandson of West-Watson) Sims has carried out extensive research into West-Watson's life and work. West-Watson retired in Nelson in 1951 as the longest serving Bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Journey to Easter

Hills Community Church, Mapua Sunday evening series

6th, 13th, 20th March at 7pm

**Inner healing - the healing of memories,
prayer and stories of transformation.**

March 6th 7pm: Introduction to inner healing. (Robin Kingston)

March 13th 7pm: Healing from fruit to root (David Hollingsworth)

March 20th 7pm: Inner transformation 'From hatred to love' (Matui)

Hills Community Church

Ph 03 540 3005, office.hcc@xtra.co.nz 122 Aranui Rd, Mapua

FUTURE ANGLICAN CONFERENCES (AFC) 16 APRIL AND 18-20 APRIL 2016 'Contending for the Gospel in Contentious Times'

In the context of Motion 30 the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is facing an uncertain future. The issues of human sexuality have proven to be theologically contentious and pastorally sensitive. The Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (New Zealand) invites you to its 2016 Anglican Future Conferences. We desire to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ seeking the best way to honour God and love people. Vaughan Roberts and other international and local speakers will teach from God's Word and share their experiences. We will also examine our Anglican roots to help us look towards the future. Together we will explore how best to contend for the gospel once for all entrusted to the saints.

Two conferences are planned: 16 April in Christchurch and 18-20 April in Auckland. For more information head to: [facebook.com/fellowshipofconfessinganglicans](https://www.facebook.com/fellowshipofconfessinganglicans)

Anglican Missions Board

- **Lent appeal.** This year the appeal will support: A Drop in Centre in Fiji for victims of CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) for the diocese of Polynesia in Fiji; Accommodations at St. Frumentius' Theological College, Gambella, Ethiopia of the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa; and Ministry requirements for new Deacons in the Diocese of Iran. More detailed information will be available soon on the Anglican Missions website www.angmissions.org.nz and will also be included in all parish resource packs. If you have any further questions the Anglican missions office can be contacted by phoning 04 473 5172 or by email at info@angmissions.org.nz
- **Fiji appeal.** We are asking for your support to provide disaster relief to our brothers and sisters in the Pacific who have been affected by Cyclone Winston. For more information: www.angmissions.org.nz

MINISTRY EDUCATION

TRAINING EVENTS 2016

EQUIP MINISTRY EDUCATION

EQUIP is part of Diocesan ministry education and is designed at an appropriate for anyone to attend to learn about ministry skills. **Please advertise these in your parish and invite current and future ministry leaders to attend.** As you are aware, BTC is thinking about ways to make lay training/discipleship more accessible, and Andrew and I will be meeting with the regional deaneries in the New Year to discuss this further.

Topics for 2016 (will finish off this 3 year cycle):

- Unit 5 Discipleship and Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Unit 6 Contemporary Pastoral Care
- Unit 8 Everyday Evangelism

Marlborough: (St Christopher's)

- June 18 Unit 6
- September 3 Unit 8

Nelson/Waimea (St Stephen's Tahunanui)

- March 12 Unit 5
- July 2 Unit 6
- October 15 Unit 8

Mawhera

- April 9 (Holy Trinity Greymouth) Unit 5
- July 30 (St John's Westport) Unit 6
- November 5 (Holy Trinity Greymouth) Unit 8

If you are interested in tailoring some training for your parish or a cluster of parishes please ring to have a chat about possibilities.

SCHOOL OF PREACHING

Rob Harley is coming back to run his new course "Storycraft". This is a brand new course on telling stories as a key to changing lives. In this course you will:

- analyze the crafts and skills employed by world-class communicators and learn how words, concepts and ideas can be woven into a captivating message.
- do practical, work-shop based exercises to build a whole new way of engaging listeners by use of your personal story and stories from around the world.
- learn how to bring humour, life, and dozens of other proven 'tricks of the trade' into your talks
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- find a new level of personal excitement in the process of shaping and delivering your messages.

Dates: Fri July 8 (7-9pm) and Sat July 9 (9.30-4pm). Venue: All Saints, Nelson.

<http://www.nelsonanglican.org.nz>

CLERGY AND LAY WORKERS CONFERENCE

The theme for our 2016 conference is "Discipleship" and we are lining up 3 keynote speakers as well as workshops.

Date: **Sept 26-28** (first week of school holidays)

Location: Lake Rotoiti (Alpine lodge and Community Hall).

Begin 12.30pm Monday Sept 26 with Lunch

Finish 2.30pm Wednesday Sept 28 after Communion.

POST ORDINATION MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT (POMD)

Currently I am discussing post ordination professional development with regional deaneries outlining a proposal to change the nature of POMD. At this stage I hope to hold an event for those new to the Diocese or newly ordained after Easter. I will be in touch directly with details soon.

TRANS-TASMAN RURAL MINISTRY CONSULTATION 2016

The Ninth Trans-Tasman Ecumenical Rural Ministry Consultation will be held in the Wairarapa at the Copthorne Hotel Solway Park Masterton, **16-20 May 2016**. The theme is: "Life, death and resurrection: the future of the rural church, for the whole community". See attached flier for details. There is a subsidy available for those wishing to attend to please contact me. Registrations close March 26.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE).

Final registration for CPE need to occur in the coming week, so please let me know if you would like to take up this opportunity.

We are fortunate to have Rev Kath Maclean (Chaplain with Capital Coast District Health Board) and Rev Ros Sims (Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Wainuiomata) again as the CPE supervisors who will run the course together.

Peer group seminars will take place at Bishopdale Theological College – two days per fortnight: 8.30am -3pm (followed by individual supervision as arranged).

MINISTRY INTERNSHIP SCHEME

If you are interested in this for 2016 now is a good time to begin a conversation with myself, your vestry and any possible intern. Please remember that an intern is a training position, so the intern needs to be working under someone with experience.

WILLOWCREEK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2016

The Nelson GLS date is confirmed as **Friday 4 November**.

Again we have been offered a discounted rate so that if you book by October 4 the cost will be \$52 (not \$100), and this will be paid by ministry education.

To register, go to the Willowcreek NZ web site and enter the same coupon code **nelson anglican**, (this will give you a 100% discount and I will be invoiced in bulk).

This is open to clergy and lay leaders.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Sally Nash, Jo Pimlott and Paul Nash. *Skills for Collaborative Ministry* (London: SPCK, 2008)
- Paul Nash and Sally Nash. *Tools for reflective ministry* (London: SPCK, 2012)
- David Livermore. *Cultural Intelligence: Improving your CQ to engage our multicultural world* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009).
- Stephen Covey. *7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful lessons in personal change*, 25th Anniversary edition (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2013).

RESOURCES

NEW Resources now available.

If you know of any good small group resources please let me know so we can update our supply.

EQUIP DVDs are also available at Holy Trinity, Greymouth and St Christopher's, Blenheim for loan.

Please let your small group leaders know about these resources by passing this list on.

NAME	TYPE	LOCATION
WillowCreek: Global Leadership Summit 2015 Jim Collins at the Summit Best Leadership talks from Bill Hybels	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library
WillowCreek: Best Talks of the Summit – Celebrating 20yrs	DVD	Anglican Centre
Mission Together: Common Life Missions Conference 2015. Christopher Wright Disks 1,2,7	DVD	Anglican Centre and Bishop Sutton Library St Christopher's and Holy Trinity Greymouth

Online: via BTC/ Diocesan websites "Resources" sections.

BTC has now established a platform to make video presentations available at www.bishopdale.ac.nz/resources.

Free Online Resources.

Free Lectionary/Theme based resources and for all ages.

<http://connectible.nz/>

<http://localsharedministry.com/>

Questions on Theology and Science.

BIOLOGOS is an organization founded by Francis Collins, of dedicated evangelicals committed to the relationship between the Christian faith and science. They have a new site for "pastor resources" which has very good resources for many of the difficult questions people ask. Check it out <http://biologos.org/news/september-2014/new-pastor-resource-center>.

New Resource: <http://biologos.org/resources/the-big-story/>

ISCAST is an Australian organisation (with many NZers and expats) dedicated to exploring the interface between science and the Christian faith. Its membership consists of scientists, theologians and professionals with standing in their own fields and a commitment to the Christian faith. Their website has many good resources that tackle many questions about science and faith. See <http://www.iscast.org>.

The **InterChurch Bioethics Council** (ICBC) is composed of appointed representatives from Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the purpose of addressing crucial ethical issues in NZ relating to bioethics <http://www.interchurchbioethics.org.nz>.

God Bless – Graham

SOCIAL SERVICES ENABLER

Dear everyone, A short reminder that accountability reports are due with either Charles or myself by 31 March. ACCT has written to all parish Vestries in an effort to ensure these are all fully completed and confirmed prior to being sent in. Thank you to those pro-active people who have attended to this already!

Top marks to Joe Keighley @ Renwick for his 2 local awards for the installation of the water tank for the community garden and emergency supply. Also for acknowledging the source



of grants - nobody is looking for accolades and Tindall Foundation certainly doesn't but they do appreciate the acknowledgement as do ACCT. Well done.

Blessings

Gerrie

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YOUTH COORDINATOR

'Raising up the next generation with a passion for Christ'

Nelson Youth Leaders Brekkie: Thursday 17 Mar / 8.30-10am at Deville on New St

Easter Camp: Thursday 24-Monday 28 March / Spencer Park Christchurch

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BISHOP SUTTON LIBRARY

New Books in the Bishop Sutton Library

Richard Rohr – *Immortal diamond*. London : SPCK, 2013.

In his bestselling book *Falling upward*, Richard Rohr explores how the ego (or False Self) can hinder our journey to spiritual maturity.

Rohr takes the title of his new book *Immortal diamond* from a Gerald Manley Hopkins poem and uses this image as a metaphor for our True Self. This jewel of True Self, often formed under the profound pressure of our lives, needs to be sought and unearthed from the debris of all that is false. "In a sense True Self must, like Jesus, be resurrected, and that process is not resuscitation but transformation".

David Hein and Edward Henderson (editors) – *C.S. Lewis and friends : faith and the power of imagination*. London : SPCK, 2011.

"Reason finds factual truth, but imagination and metaphor are necessary in order to grasp the significance of truth". This book of essays on C.S. Lewis and his friends reminds us "why imagination should matter to people of faith".

Quote for the Day

"As Desmond Tutu told me on a recent trip to Cape Town, "We are only the light bulbs, Richard, and our job is just to remain screwed in!" – Richard Rohr (*Falling upward*)

New Books for Ministry Training

Baab, Lynne M. *Reaching out in a networked world : expressing your congregation's heart and soul*. Herndon, Virginia : The Alban Institute, c2008.

Borden, Paul D. *Assaulting the gates : aiming all God's people at the mission field*. Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, c2009.

Horner, David. *A practical guide for life and ministry : overcoming 7 challenges pastors face*. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Baker Books, c2008.

Jennifer Patterson - Bishop Sutton Library Tel. (03) 548 8785 Ext 4 library@bishopdale.ac.nz

VACANCIES IN OUR DIOCESE

Spring Creek – Vicar (part time) Closing date for applications Friday, 18 March 2016. This position is being re-advertised. Spring Creek parish welcomes expressions of interest to a half-time position of parish ministry. You will have some stipendiary ministry experience, have a well-developed sense of leadership in a collaborative environment with an energetic though small parish congregation and the spirit to embrace God's vision for this parish and community. Parish Profile available on Diocesan website or through the

Nelson Anglican Centre office. www.nelsonanglican.org.nz Please contact the Bishop's PA for an application pack. Email: bishops.pa@nelsonanglican.nz or Ph: 03 5483124

VACANCIES IN OTHER DIOCESES

Christchurch Diocese

Parish of Halswell-Prebbleton - full time vicar

We are an Anglican Parish in a rapidly growing area on the southern boundary of Christchurch City. Both Halswell and Prebbleton have extensive new housing areas which gives us real potential for growth. Our Mission Statement is: *"Living the Way of Jesus. Sharing our Life Together. Reaching out in God's Love"*

For more information about our Parish our website is: www.maryalls.church.org.nz

Our Parish Profile, which tells more about our activities and the communities in which the parish is situated, is available by emailing the office of Bishop Victoria Matthews of the Diocese of Christchurch. bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz

[Please submit your application to bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz by Friday 18th March 2016.](mailto:bishopspa@anglicanlife.org.nz)

Waiapu Diocese

Vicar – The Anglican Parish of Taradale, Napier – Full-time

The Anglican Parish of Taradale seeks to appoint a full-time vicar who offers enthusiastic, motivated leadership who is willing to empower laity, and engage with the local community.

As one of the larger congregations in the Waiapu Diocese, All Saints is an active church community offering a variety of services and ministries catering for the needs of its parishioners and local community. Music plays an important part in church life offering both contemporary and traditional worship.

The church is within easy walking distance of the retail centre of the large Napier suburb. Taradale boasts wineries and large new housing subdivisions. The church and grounds are on the Hawke's Bay Trails Cycle Network with many tourists cycling past daily. Also close to orchards, market gardens, walking tracks, parks and reserves.

Also included in the Parish of Taradale is St Thomas' Church in the small semi-rural community of Meeanee located 3.5km east of Taradale, with services occurring twice a month.

For further information and a copy of the parish profile please contact the Bishop's PA. Expressions of interest, including a CV and three references should be addressed to The Bishop's PA, P O Box 227, Napier 4140 or emailed to belinda@waiapu.com. Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 8th April 2016.

Special Pilgrimage Tour to Jordan & the Holyland
Turkey in the Footsteps of St Paul
with Reverend Mike Hawke & Colleen Doyle Aug/Sep 2016 - 22 days
Refer to attachment with Ad Clerum email for more details