

The Messenger

Pukekohe Anglican Parish

St Andrew's ~ Pukekohe | St Paul's ~ Buckland

November 2019



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VICAR'S ADDRESS

NOVEMBER GREETINGS

Here we are again, another step closer to all our great celebrations of Christmas which is approaching all too quickly. In fact when you go into some of the local shops you wonder if it is still over two months away with all the Christmas decorations already arriving. I guess this will increase in quantity once Halloween is over. It is amazing how much traction Halloween now has in our community. Somehow it seems wrong to me to have children going around the neighbourhood asking for sweets when it is discouraged throughout the rest of the year. So the month of November brings its own opportunities for celebration and no doubt challenges.

December is the season of Advent in the church calendar and in theory this should be a time of reflection and preparation for us as a church and as individuals to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child anew into our parish, our community, our homes and our lives and hopefully our hearts. In order to do this we do need to spend some time in November doing what is manageable to reduce the stress that is almost inevitable as we get closer and closer to Christmas. Our priority should be leaving time and space to fully celebrate God's wonderful gift to the world. In preparation for this Bob and I will be in Australia when you get to read this. We will have been to the Military Tattoo in Sydney which we are really looking forward to, spending some time with Libby Davey and her family before moving north to Brisbane to visit some of my family in Brisbane. We hope to have a few days' rest and recreation in Noosa before returning home.

My thanks to Richard Anderson and his family, Lin Broad and Diane Faulkes for the wonderful Parish breakfast and thank you to all who supported Heather, Chelsea and Emma at their Confirmation.

We will be back in time to celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls Day, both on the 3 November. My apologies for missing All Souls' Day on 2 November but we are having a service at 5pm on the 3rd.

To me, All Saints' Day is an opportunity to reflect on our lives and who have been the saints for us. This is important for us to consider in our personal life and to remember to give thanks to God, but it is also worthwhile considering who have been some of the saints within our Parish. I can't help walking around our premises and remembering some of the wonderful people who have left us such wonderful gifts. Many of these people are recognised in various ways by memorials to them and these help us to remember and give thanks.

Later in November we have St Andrew's Day on 30 November. We will be celebrating our Patron Saint on the Sunday 1 December. Andrew features less in our Gospel reading than his brother Peter who is portrayed as being the more spontaneous and outspoken of the two.

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Indaba day on 12 October. It is good to meet with our neighbouring ministry units and to share time with them, hearing about what is going on in their patch. Meeting together in this way also enables us to better support and encourage each other and share resources. I know that this is something that for many years we enjoyed back in the day when we had lay ministry training happening in the area. This encouraged many people to become involved in training for ministry and some continue in this work today, for which I am thankful.

At a recent archdeaconry clergy meeting we were discussing All Saints' Day. Someone drew to our attention a website "unusual Saints". I couldn't resist having a look. One such Saint is Saint Rita, an Italian who died in 1457. Despite her wanting to be a nun, St Rita's parents forced her to marry when she was 12. Through her husband she became embroiled in a bitter feud between two local families; the feud eventually led to her husband's murder and the deaths of both her sons. Because of her lifetime of disappointments, difficulty and setbacks, Rita is now considered to be the Patron Saint of the Impossible.

Certainly an unusual reason for being canonized but I guess she must have stayed firm in her faith and was very active in her role of following Christ.

Blessings to you all.

Jan

PARISH BREAKFAST



Parish breakfast with Bishop Ross and our 3 people who were confirmed at the service after the breakfast. Heather Wrigley, Chelsea de Kock and Emma Wallace.



Bishop Ross presenting certificates of appreciation to Joyce Watson. Joyce (now 98) has lead the sewing group for many years. A group of women still gather at Joyce's home each Wednesday during the winter months.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED THIS OCCASION**

7 October 2019

From Bishop Jim

Greetings in the name of Christ, our healer and Redeemer. I write with a bit of an update and to confirm that I will retire from 'active' ministry at the end of October. This will mean that I will have served for eight years as a Bishop, and as Assistant Bishop in this Diocese. I have to say that I did not imagine that I would stay in this role for eight years; nor did I imagine that, at this point, I would still feel I had some good things to offer and could easily imagine serving for a couple more years at least. God is good. There have many aspects of the episcopal ministry that have given me joy and a good deal of satisfaction. There have also been aspects of my own ministry that I regret and wish could have gone differently or better, but I believe in forgiveness of sins. There is much more that I could (and even should) say as I look back, but the word is 'thank you'. Our central worship pivots on saying 'thanks to God' and I am truly grateful to God and many colleagues (in particular) who have made ministry both a good challenge and a great joy. Thank you.

I have been advised to take medical retirement. My Consultant Doctor is clear that I am very unlikely to ever work full-time again and, the fact is, my lymphoma is rare, nasty, and very aggressive and my prognosis is not great. I need to stop work properly. The Diocese of Auckland needs to move on too (the Episcopal Team has been carrying an extra heavy load as they manage my absence and possible reappearance). This is what I am doing. I pray that there might be day when I can serve in some low-key way as a retired Bishop, but this current chapter has closed.

At this stage my treatment plan has me going ahead for donor stem-cell therapy. It is looking very hopeful that my sister will be a donor match for me, which would be truly wonderful. I have

had eight rounds of chemotherapy now and I am feeling quite fatigued. I have a huge mountain to climb if the stem-cell procedure does go ahead and – even if successful – I can expect to age ten years and will, in all likelihood, be very sick for at least six months to a year. It is my hope to be well enough to attend a Eucharist on Advent Sunday at 3:00pm as a moment to say ‘farewell’. If at all possible I may even be up to preach or preside. We will see. It would be great if you can be there, that we might break bread and pray some. (There will be updates from the Bishops’ Office to confirm that I am well enough to be there – please keep an eye out.)

I am very aware of being upheld in prayer by so many. I have received some lovely messages, cards, and letters. Thank you. I pray for the Diocese and attempt to hold the individuals and communities that send me cards and messages in prayer too. May God hear our prayers.

Pax et bonum

+ Jim White

From Bishop Ross

I too have a great sense of thanksgiving to God for the ministry which Bishop Jim has offered among us. That has been so as a Parish Priest serving in St Luke’s Mt Albert, St Matthew’s-in-the-City, All Saints Ponsonby and St Andrew’s Epsom. It has also been so as a Chaplain at Diocesan School for Girls and a Dean at St John’s College. And in these last eight years we have known it as a Bishop in the Diocese of Auckland.

Bishop Jim’s ministry has always extended beyond the place where he was domiciled and he has made significant contributions to the wider Diocese and the wider Church both here and beyond our provincial boundaries. I think in particular

of his work on the Board of St George's College Jerusalem in recent years.

We will miss him. My prayer continues to be that the working together of the Holy Spirit and the medical teams assigned to his care will bring him to a point where he can enjoy much improved health and the opportunity for further ministry. Please keep praying with me that this will be so.

Our primary concern continues to be Bishop Jim's well-being. But with his indicated retirement, people have been asking me what will happen next with the Episcopal Team. For now I do not want to immediately proceed to the appointment of another Assistant Bishop. We have quite a lot on our work programme and know what are the priorities which need attention: to give more support to ministry in the North and to provide oversight for the Healthy Church Consultation work. I intend to make an appointment very soon to attend to that and so more immediately fill the gap we are feeling. That will be by way of a Bishop's appointment rather than an advertised vacancy.

With those things in place we will have a more manageable workstream for 2020 that will help to identify the further resourcing needed. I will consult around the Diocese during next year as to what shape that will take.

Please do note the Advent Sunday (1st December) date when we hope to gather in worship with Bishop Jim at the Cathedral. He would like to purchase a piece of New Zealand art to mark and remember his ministry. We will send information out separately as to how to make a contribution to that.

Yours in Christ

+ *Bishop Ross*



NOVEMBER BIBLE READINGS



Date	3 November
First	Psalm 119: 137-144
Gospel	Luke 19: 1-10
Theme	Changing Perspectives 21 st Sunday after Pentecost
Date	10 November
First	Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21
Gospel	Luke 20: 27-38
Theme	Basking in God 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost
Date	17 November
First	Isaiah 65: 17-25
Gospel	Luke 21: 5-19
Theme	A Vision of Promise 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost
Date	24 November
First	Colossians 1: 11-20
Gospel	Luke 23: 33-43
Theme	Reign of Christ 24 th Sunday after Pentecost





REST HOMES

Palms Rest Home	10.30am	Tuesday 5 November
Franklin Village	10.30am	Thursday 7 November
Palms Hospital	11am	Tuesday 12 November
Lakeside Rest Home	10.30am	Wednesday 13 November
Pukekohe Hospital	10.30am	Wednesday 20 November
Possum Bourne Village	11am	Tuesday 26 November



At this stage of the year we have a considerable excess of expenditure over income. We do ask you to reflect on and pray about your offerings. We would like to encourage people to consider automatic payment as your way of offering as it offers Vestry a more reliable indication of expected income.

We had a very successful movie night bringing in a profit of over \$2,000. In a couple of weeks we have the Parish Fair. We would really appreciate any support you are able to give.

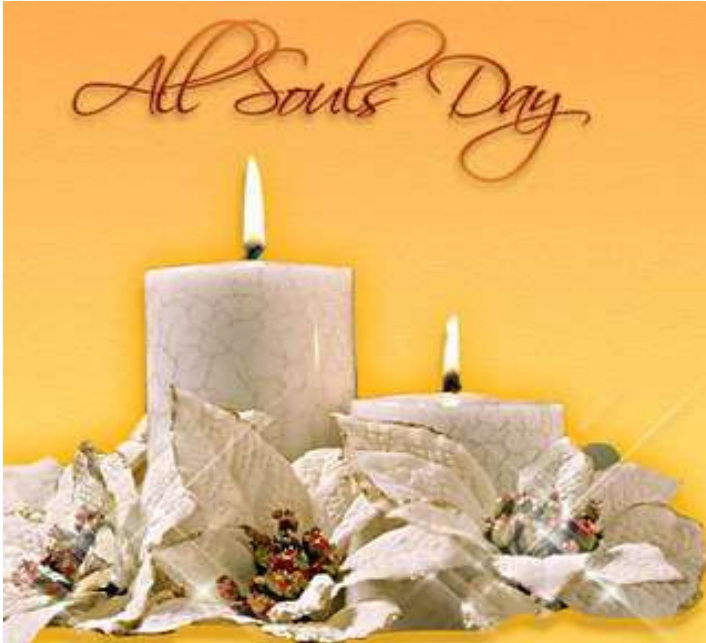
We need people to help with the stalls as well as any contributions you are able to make.

Many thanks from the Vestry for any way in which you can help.

Sunday 3 November ~ 5pm

ALL SOULS' DAY

Memorial Service



**A service to light candles, remember and give thanks
for our loved ones.**

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People who would like to make a donation to

i) A retirement gift for Bishop Jim White, please hand it in to the office or put in the offering plate clearly labelled `Bishop Jim`.

ii) Bible in Schools if you feel you are able to make a contribution to this important ministry, please again hand it in the office or put in the offertory bag clearly labelled `Bible in Schools`.

If you add your name we can have a receipt issued.



PARISH FAIR

Saturday 9 November

Labour weekend is a great opportunity to de-clutter and pass on past treasures for someone else to love

Cakes



Jams and preserves



Books

Plants

Toys



Used Clothing

Knick-Knacks

White Elephant

Raffles & Tombola



BBQ and Much More



FROM THE LIGHTER SIDE

Unusual Patron at Saints

BY PAUL ANTHONY JONES | MAY 31, 2017

1. ST. ADJUTOR

St. Adjutor is said to have either escaped Muslim captors during the First Crusade by swimming (according to various stories, he either swam to Crusader territory, swam all the way to France, or was recaptured and then transported back to France by Mary Magdalene), or else calmed a whirlpool that had emerged beside a boat he was traveling on. Either way, he's now considered the patron saint of swimmers and those at danger from drowning.

2. ST. BALTHASAR

Medieval tradition held that the three kings who visited Jesus in the stable came from all corners of the Medieval world; Balthazar hailed from Africa - frequently Egypt. At the time, Romani card sharps and sideshow sleight-of-hand merchants were popular entertainers across Europe. Because it was mistakenly believed they came from Egypt (hence the name Gypsies) the Egyptian king - St. Balthasar - became the Patron Saint of playing card manufacturers.

3. ST. BERNARDINO OF SIENA

St. Bernardino of Siena was so well known for his crowd-pleasing public preaching in the early 15th century that he's now considered the Patron Saint of advertising and public relations.

4. ST. DROGO

St. Drogo was so afflicted by a mystery ailment that made him physically repulsive that he's now considered the Patron Saint of unattractive people. Entirely unrelatedly, he's also the Patron Saint of coffeehouses.

5. ST. COLUMBANUS

St. Columbanus spent much of the 6th and 7th century roaming around Europe - and that love of the open road has led to him being considered the Patron Saint of motorcyclists.

6. ST. ERASMUS

St. Erasmus, Bishop of Formia in modern-day Italy, went through quite an ordeal during the Roman Empire's persecution of the Christians in the 3rd and 4th centuries. Initially captured and imprisoned sometime in the late 200s, Erasmus is said to have been freed by an angel and fled to Turkey to continue his preaching. Arrested a second time, however, Erasmus' undying faith so angered the Emperor Maximian that he had him beaten, whipped, placed in a barrel of spikes and rolled down a hill, covered in pitch and set alight, and finally—after he had somehow miraculously survived—his stomach cut open and his intestines wound around a winch. It's for that latter torture that Erasmus is now considered the Patron Saint of stomach ailments, colic, and appendicitis.

7. ST. GILES

St. Giles is said to have lived as a hermit in the south of France in the later 7th century, nourishing himself only with the milk of a female deer. Because of that - as well as being the patron saint of the city of Edinburgh - St. Giles is also the patron saint of breastfeeding.

8. ST. GUMMARUS

St. Gummarus of Belgium was an 8th century figure whose wife, a local noblewoman named Guinmarie, was known for her shrewish and abusive behavior. Despite Gummarus' attempts to salvage their relationship, they separated - and after he went on to found an abbey at Lier, he became the patron saint of difficult marriages.

Who knows there may be the opportunity for someone we know to be canonized. If this fascinates or amuses you, you may like to look.

We will be celebrating our Patron Saint on the Sunday 1 December.

Celebrating our Patron Saint on Sunday 1 December

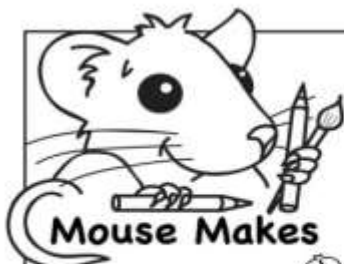


St. Andrew's Day

Diocesan Consolidated Financial Statements 31 December 2018

The consolidated financial statements for the Diocese of Auckland Group have now been completed and audited for the year ending 31 December 2018. The financial statements were received by the Vestry at its meeting on 15 October. A copy of the statements is held in the Parish Office and Parishioners are welcome to call in and read through them there.

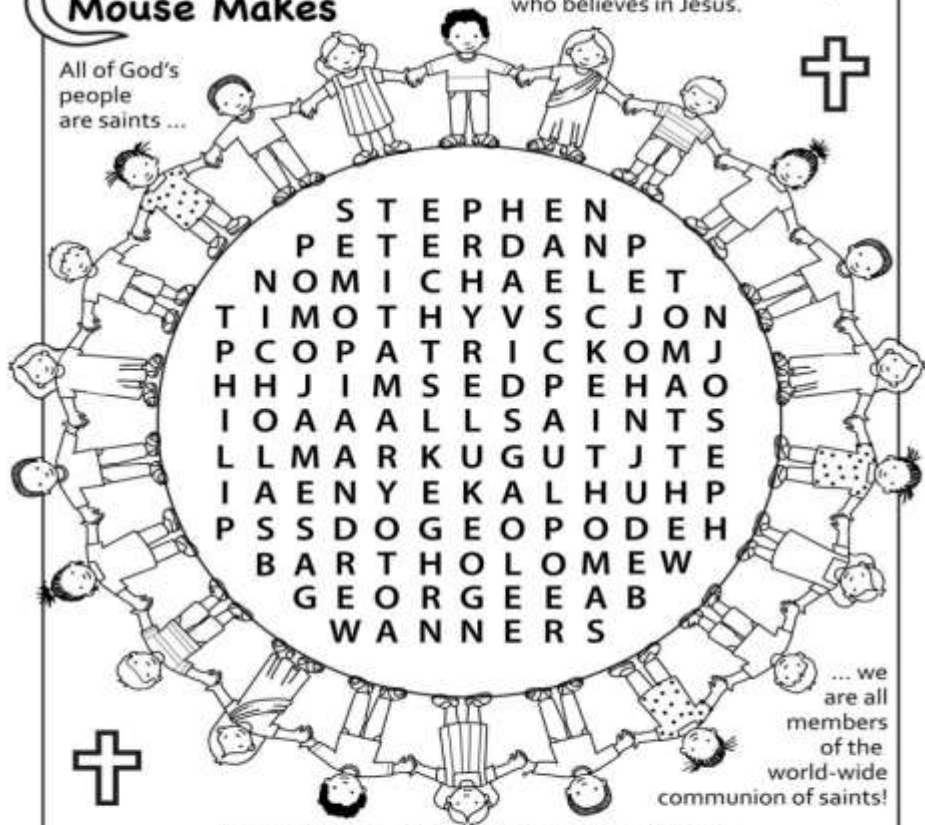
WORD SEARCH



*"To those who are made holy in Christ Jesus, and called to be **saints**, with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours".*
from 1 Corinthians 1:2

The Bible tells us that a **SAINT** is not just a Christian that we think of as special but *anyone* who believes in Jesus.

All of God's people are saints ...

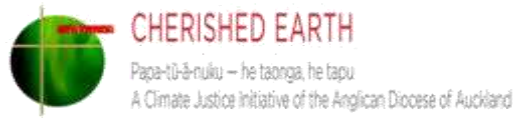


... we are all members of the world-wide communion of saints!

Can you find these saints names in the word search above?

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JOHN • PETER • THOMAS • JAMES • JUDE • BARTHOLOMEW • PAUL
TIMOTHY • PHILIP • STEPHEN • NICHOLAS • MICHAEL • ANNE • ALL SAINTS

SUSTAINABILITY



Sustainability Matters

Progress is already being made on the Diocesan Zero Carbon Plan that was a feature of last month's Auckland Synod.

You may recall the two Motions that we are responding to: one was for the Diocesan Council to resource and fund sustainability champions in each Ministry Unit to develop plans around low carbon, sustainable living; the second was to support and fund the development of a Diocesan Zero Carbon Plan by 31st March 2020.

More than 40 people are now involved in the process of implementing these motions. We are using an on-line project management tool to develop the ideas and justifications of what needs to go in to a comprehensive climate action plan.

Running alongside the Diocesan Plan is the first part of a Pukekohe Parish Plan for Sustainability.



The process we will use here is a little different from that used in the Diocesan plan. Your Vestry team have considered a draft discussion document on what our plan might look like.



That discussion document is today released to parishioners for your input before Vestry make a decision in November on what climate policies and actions our parish will adopt.

So please, have a look at the plan and ask questions, make comments, suggestions and criticisms. We'd prefer an [on-line discussion](https://pukekohe-anglican.org.nz/sustainabilityplan/) at <https://pukekohe-anglican.org.nz/sustainabilityplan/> but for those who do not use the internet, a printed copy of the document is available from Noeline at the office. We'll follow this up with a Parish open meeting on Sunday 17 November (11am – 12noon) to discuss the draft plan and make recommendations to Vestry for their meeting the following week.

What do you think?

ANGLICAN PARISH OF PUKEKOHE



Anglican Parish of Pukekohe Plan for Sustainability - Discussion Document

Prepared for: Vestry, Anglican Parish of Pukekohe

Prepared by: John Allen, Sustainability Fieldworker

15 October 2019

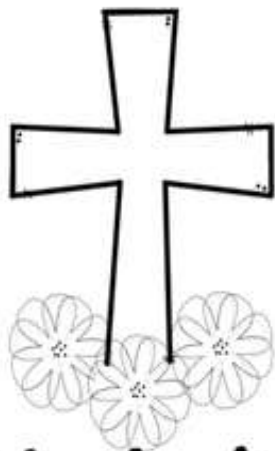
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Cheers,
John Allen

COLOURING PAGE

We pray for all souls on 'All Souls' Day.



Health and Safety Policy

A copy of the Parish Health and Safety Policy along with the processes required for the implementation of the policy is currently available on the shelf at the back of the church, published on our website or available from the parish office.

An evacuation plan is in each area for the church and complex.

Reid Anderson Hall : Assembly area is the car park adjoining the hall unless the location of the emergency situation is on the south wall preventing evacuation on that side of the building. In this case the assembly area is on the road frontage in front of the church.

Nora Brown Hall : Assembly area is on the road frontage in front of the church or on the vicarage lawn depending on the location of the emergency situation.

Other rooms in the complex Assembly area move to the vicarage lawn.

St Andrew's Church : Assembly area is on the road frontage at the front of the church.

St Paul's Church : Assembly area is on the road frontage at the front of the church.

First aid kits and accident reporting sheets are located :

1. Reid Anderson - In the cupboard over the small hand basin, by the back door in the kitchen.
2. Nora Brown - on the shelf above the microwave. Record sheets are next to the microwave.
3. Parish office - 2nd to top shelf on left side in the back room. The office is locked when unattended.

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9.15am



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Seasons	4 pm	Thursday afternoons during term time
Oasis Music/	9.30am	Monday & Friday during term time
Coffee Group		All preschoolers and caregivers welcome
Selwyn Group	9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday
Op Shop	9am~12 noon	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

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Regular Worship Times

St Andrew's

8am & 9.30am Holy Communion

1st Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion (Nora Brown Hall)

1st Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

St Paul's Buckland | 2nd & 4th Sundays 11.15am Holy Communion

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

What's
Happening



VOLUNTEERS are required to help
in the **Op Shop**.
Please contact Jan Wallace



Memorial Service
Sunday 3 November at 5pm
An opportunity to remember those who we
have loved and are no longer physically with us.
The church will be open throughout the day for
Prayer and the lighting of candles in memory of a loved one.



Mothers Union ~ Wednesday 6 November at 11am
AGM and **Christmas lunch**
at Marie Crawford's house, 17 Valley Road, Pukekohe.
Please bring a plate and a gift for ATWC. All Welcome.



Parish Fair ~ Saturday 9 November
Time to start preparing your cuttings for the Plant Stall or to
get busy making Jams, Chutney, Pickles or Baking, etc.
Bring along books, toys or any items for the White Elephant.



Women's Fellowship ~ Service and Outing
Meet at the Church for a service at 10am on Thursday 21 Nov.

The **Handel Consort & Quire** presents a **Christmas Concert**
on **14 December** at **3pm** at St Andrew's Church

Regular Events



Reflective Spiritual Growth at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday
of the month. Please contact Jo for details. Ph. 238-7716

Christmas Ham orders
are now being taken
Order forms are also available in the Church foyer

