

## Summer ALPHA Report

Our Summer ALPHA finishes in Holy Week. Seven of us have been having kai together, watching the ALPHA videos, discussing points raised, praying and singing and enjoying the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, especially on our ALPHA Day on 2 March.

We are particularly grateful to Jane Dagger who has overseen catering week by week, and those who have assisted her. It has been quite noticeable how the ALPHA Group have grown together in understanding about the things of God, relationally and spiritually.



*ALPHA Course participants are pictured*

### AGM 2024

**Have you collected our booklet prepared for AGM 2024?** It is a good summary of our 2023-24 year and paints a picture of a smooth transition to te Whare beginning 1 May 2023. And, it points a pathway forward through to Easter 2025.

Evangelism, discipleship, community service and prayer are all aspects of our plans for 2024-25. Much to pray about and for.

## Snippets

- **Bruce Shepherd** worshipped in St Anne's in 1950-60's as a youth. He is a mine of info about Church affairs during that time—including giving us a pic. of a Sunday School group who used to meet at 49A Mungavin! **See noticeboard.**
- We will again join the ***Thy Kingdom Come*** international prayer focus **9-19 May** between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday.
- Please put a ring around **Sat. 18th May** which we will keep as a **Prayer Retreat** day in te Whare 9:30am-3pm.
- **A new Discipleship & Bible Study group** will begin in te Whare Karakia during the first week of May—day and time TBC.
- **Our new Bishop Ana will be with us on Sunday 28th July** for morning worship. We tentatively plan to begin a new worship service that day and to offer **confirmation.**

### The LYCiG PRAYER

God of mission  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our Church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to You,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



For 50 days after Easter Day we are encouraged to reflect on Jesus post resurrected life and appearances (40 days) and, on the time His disciples waited before the promised Holy Spirit arrived on Pentecost Sunday ten days later. **The Lenten fast is replaced with the Resurrection joy as the reality of Jesus presence is grasped.** Then a short wait for the arrival of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter and Helper who would be God's presence with Christians thereafter. This power from on high has revolutionised the world making God's presence the reality and experience of countless Christians down through the ages. At te Whare Karakia as we wait and pray we increasingly encounter and engaged with God's Spirit. **Let us during this time pray earnestly for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower our life and ministry.**

*Terry Alve*

**PENTECOST**  **2024**

May 19, 2024

## PRAYER

Please pray and give thanks for:

- Progress with the Diocese as we consider the future of St Anne's.
- The new Ngatitua Social Supermarket in Elsdon.
- Thanksgiving for the ministry of Charles Nikora this past year. He is now living with his daughter Stacey & her family in Sydney.
- Those involved with the current ALPHA Course; for next steps.
- The sick, suffering and bereft that they may know healing grace and compassionate comfort.
- Porirua Anglicans following the AGM—for Parish development & growth.
- Terry & Margaret holidaying in the South Island after Easter for two weeks.

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6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Mark's Gospel Chapter 16

## APRIL-MAY SUNDAY SERVICES 10am

DAY	SERVICE	WOR= Worship no HC; HC = Service with Holy Communion
7th April	WOR— <i>Prayer Book Service led by Jane Dagger (Message: Mai)</i>	
14th April	WOR— <i>Prayers led by Sofia Ali (Sat 13 Apr - Bishop's Ordination)</i>	
21st April	HC— <i>The Good Shepherd (Terry Alve; L.A. William)</i>	
28th April	HC— <i>The Vine (Terry Alve; L.A. Sofia)</i>	
5th May	HC— <i>Friends (Margaret Alve; L.A. Jane)</i>	
12th May	WOR— <i>Thy Kingdom Come &amp; Unity (Terry Alve)</i>	
19th May	HC— <i>Pentecost &amp; the Spirit's Coming (Terry Alve; L.A. William)</i>	

## MID-WEEK

**Wednesday Prayer**—each Wednesday 2-3pm. Afternoon tea to follow.  
**Friday Worship**—a short worship service (30'-45') at noon each Friday. Followed by light lunch—bring and share.

## Charles Nikora Farewell

During the past ten months Charles Nikora, an ex Apostolic Pastor, came into our lives & hearts, pastorally and with mature Christian ministry gifts. He joined us 30th April during our last service at St Anne's and has walked with us through our transition to te Whare Karakia. Charles' Māori cultural perspective (Ngāti Porou), warm and serving heart, winsome smile, scriptural knowledge and music gifting were among his many attributes acknowledged during his farewell service and luncheon on Sunday 10th March. Haere ra Charles. Kia kaha—stay strong.



Photo taken during lunch 10th March

## Diocesan Activities

- Monday 25 March, 7-8:30pm pm  
Chrism Service at the Cathedral
- Ordination & Consecration of Reverend Ana Fletcher as Diocesan Assistant Bishop. Saturday 13 April, 10:30am in the Cathedral
- Our next Diocesan Training Day in the Street Church, 9 Hania Street, Wellington on Saturday 4 May 9am-4pm.

## Holy Week & Easter

### PALM SUNDAY

Sun. 24th @ 10am—Communion

### MONDAY CHRISM SERVICE

Cathedral Mon. 25th—7-8:30pm

### WEDNESDAY FINAL ALPHA

7-9pm in te Whare—What about the Church? All welcome to taste & see!

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30-9pm in te Whare—we gather with Jesus & Disciples to watch and to wait and to pray... includes HC.

### GOOD FRIDAY

te Whare Noon-3pm. Begins with **the movie 'Amazing Grace'** & continues with a devotional service and reflection at the Cross.

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sun. 31st @ 10am Easter Family Communion & Easter Eggs & Buns.

## SPRING ALPHA

Explore life, faith, meaning

**Our next ALPHA Course** is scheduled to begin in the week beginning 1st September. An ALPHA Day away will happen on Saturday 19th October 9:30am-4pm and the Course will conclude during the week of 10th November. **Who might you invite?**

Check out our website page below for more details.

<https://tinyurl.com/poriruaalpha>