

Prayer

- **The Weekly Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday Afternoon**—held in Te Whare Karakia 2:00-3:00pm— during Lent this combines with Lenten Discussions

Please pray for:

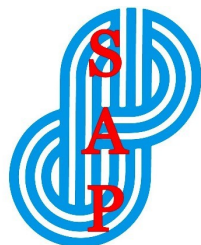
- Michael James Dooley b.1 Apr 22 as we give thanks and pray blessing.
- Parish AGM meeting and decisions on 19 Feb.
- The family of Sala Manulevu as they journey without Sala present and as we give thanks 100 days after her death.
- Our 40 Day Lenten journey from 22 Feb—2 Apr.
- Michael Payne, Paul & Gwladys Evans, Dr Jocelyn Williams, Shirley Redpath and others who are frail and unwell.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- Sala Manulevu—100 Days Remembrance Service & Meal 1pm on Sat. 4th February @ St Anne's
- Michael Dooley Name Blessing & Thanksgiving – 5th February During HC @ St Anne's 10am
- Ash Wednesday Services 22nd February in te Whare @ 2:00 & 7:00pm
- Commissioning of Vestry et al Sun 26th February during 10am Service

St Anne's Pantry January News

Please read the St Anne's Pantry 2022 Annual Report that is accessible on the website www.stannespantry.nz Or, take a copy from Church.



Lenten Discussions 2023 Hope in Exile

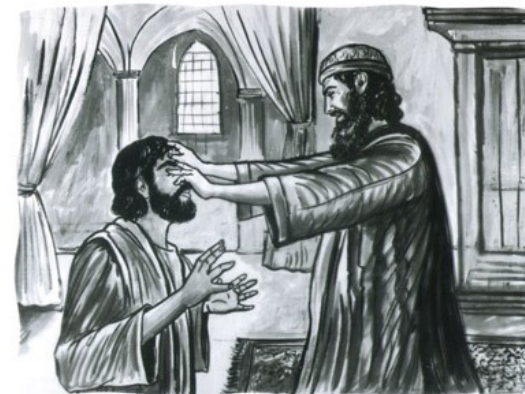
Using the rich resources prepared for the Lambeth Conference, join us on a journey through Peter's first letter.

Begin Ash Wednesday



22nd February 2-3:30pm & 7-8:30pm Te Whare Karakia

We meet on the following Wednesdays: 22 February; 1,8,15,22 & 29 March.



THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

St Paul, although late to embrace Christ as his Lord made up for lost time with his zeal for introducing people to the crucified, resurrected and glorified Lord Jesus Christ. Nowadays, by virtue of his New Testament letters to the churches and individuals, we know Saul/Paul as well as any New Testament writer. He was a passionate follower of Christ, just as he had been a devout adherent of Judaism. In fact he so hated the Christians who had left Judaism to follow Christ that he was responsible for the deaths of some of them.

And then Saul was struck blind and he immediately knew that Jesus Christ had something to do with it. He had observed the Christians and their behaviour, if not their belief, had spoken to him of a leader who was different because he inspired in his followers such devotion and willingness to die for what they believed.

Not only that, but in his temporary blindness he encountered the devout Ananias who, like the other Christians, did not shrink back from Saul but embraced him by praying for him with the effect that his sight was restored. So Saul whom Jesus addressed as Paul, to reflect his change of heart, had a 180 degree turnaround. In his conversion to Christianity he became an even more determined follower of Christ than he had been of Judaism.

So on the 25th of January each year we are invited to remember Paul's conversion to Christ, to give thanks, and to remind ourselves that each of us are converted followers of Christ. While we may consider our conversion less spectacular than Paul's, it is the necessary prelude for our life of devotion.

When, where and how were you converted to follow Christ? Consider these questions and be encouraged that Jesus speaks to you, as he did Paul, and invites you to express your devotion in the ways in which you have been gifted to serve as a Christian.

Priest in Charge's Report to AGM 2023

PRAYER

Convert us, Jesus the persecuted, as you converted Paul and sent him as an Apostle to the world. May our love, our prayers, our suffering carry your gospel at whatever cost to all who wait to hear it. Amen.

Collect for the Conversion of St Paul—25 January

This is my 5th report to you as your Priest-in-Charge.

During 2022 we had four funerals in St Anne's Church and we begin by keeping silence, as we consider this report, by remembering the following people:

- Myra Leggett
- Helen Velvin
- Salanieta Manulevu
- Noelene Burns

May they rest in peace, rise in glory and their families be comforted.

COVID-19 has impacted Sunday worship attendance and involvement in other Parish activities as people have cautiously negotiated the pandemic in an effort to minimise its effect on them. Also some attendees have gone into care or otherwise left our fellowship, viz. Dr Jocelyn Williams, Bernie Wall, Shirley Redpath and Adrienne Jansen and the children who attended. We welcome newcomers. Average Sunday attendance is at least 7-8 people less than 2019.

Parish life beyond Sunday worship has been minimal, other than the St Anne's Pantry work. A few of us do regularly pray in Te Whare on Wednesday afternoons. Certainly we celebrate with one another during funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. I am hopeful that we will have a good muster gathering together weekly during Lent 2023.

Some of you are involved with the many volunteers who assist the St Anne's Pantry—Foodbank operation. The Pantry 2022 annual report has been published and in summary it notes:

- Over 1700 food parcels were delivered during 2022—up 20%+ on 2021.
- Fiona's work as paid Administrator and Te Whara Karakia as a venue have greatly assisted the Pantry's smooth operation.
- New and older donors gave over \$93,000 during 2022 which meant that expenses were nearly exactly covered—praise God!
- The Parish can be rightly pleased that this mahi in the name of the Parish is making an incredible difference in the households of Porirua and parts of Linden.

- We are particularly indebted to Jane Dagger supported by Maurice for their Pantry work.

Our St Anne's Lounge meeting venue has become particularly shabby. In the light of little progress on earthquake strengthening, I recommend that during the winter months—after Easter—that Sunday worship happen at te Whare Karakia. This will be a big move but with decreasing attendance should be workable. Please be prepared to discuss this at the AGM.

Also, Sisi Fountain our Diocesan Property Manager is asking if we want to negotiate with PCC to buy the grassed area behind te Whare? We need to discuss this asking the prior question, 'What value would the grassed area be to us?' An associated, bigger question, is what do we want to recommend about the future of the St Anne's building and site?

Another big question we need to be addressing in this AGM is leadership. It is desirable, from my perspective, that more people be involved in the regular decision making and implementation processes of the Parish. It has all become a little ad hoc and informal.

Finally, I want to thank those of you who regularly devote time, energy and care to the affairs of the Parish. Many of you do your bit and some do a fair bit. Thank you for expressing your Christian devotion as you serve. May God bless you,

Terry Alve—25 January 2023

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SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

@ 11:30AM after Worship

Duration: No more than 90 Mins.

We'll drink and eat our morning tea together as we review our 2022 year and make appointments and decisions about our life together going forward. If you are on our Parish Electoral Roll you may also vote as necessary. Particular issues:

- Parish finances incl. Foodbank
- Purchase land behind Te Whare?
- Parish Wardens, vestry, etc?
- Discuss reports
- Consider Sun Worship in te Whare
- etc.