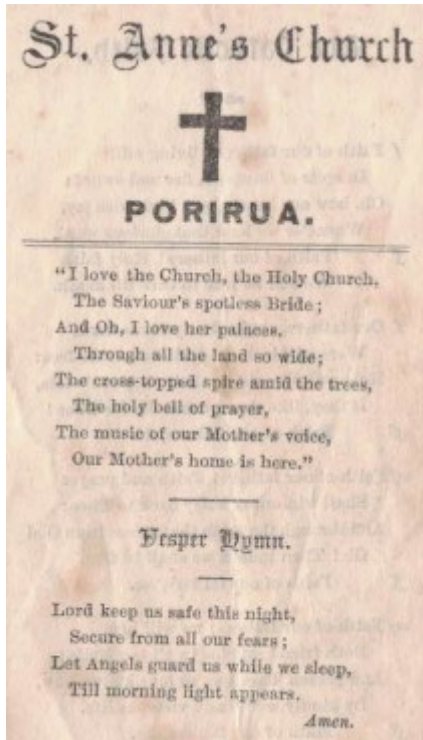


An Early St Anne's Document



See noticeboard for full document received via the Catholic Archives.

Leading your Church into Growth (popularly known as LyCiG), has been awarded £755,100 by the UK Strategic Mission and Mission Investment Board (SMMIB), to increase its provision of training for parishes in mission, attracting and nurturing new congregants.

Over the next three years it will support 1,000 UK parishes hoping to lead their churches into growth. The grant will also fund more courses for church leaders run by LyCiG in children's work and joint working with the Youthscape charity to train church leaders - lay and ordained - in effective and sustained youth outreach.

Source: <https://www.churchofengland.org>

Bishop Anashuya reflects:

The New Thing Jesus is Doing

I recently read a staggering prediction. According to futurist writer Ray Kurzweil when writing in 2005, the next century will hold the equivalent of 20,000 years of change. Whether the prediction is exaggerated or not,... we see that things are changing rapidly. And this is where we, as Jesus' disciples, find ourselves.

One of my prayers for myself, and for us as a Movement, is that we would be people who are able to see clearly the movement of God, especially when it comes in ways that are unfamiliar to us. May we not miss being part of what God is doing. We do not need to be afraid. God is faithful. God goes ahead of us. If we have faith to believe that to be true, then we will faithfully seek where God is already at work. And I think Jesus would implore us – based on his response to the Pharisees – that now is the time for us as Jesus' disciples to fast and to pray. So that we remember not only that God is with us and that God has gone ahead of us, but so that we might better see the transformative power of God at work. To see the Kingdom of God breaking through, and to participate in the new ways that God is entering history to bring about God's redemptive work.



NEWS
July-August 2024

St Anne

While Porirua Anglicans have moved from the St Anne's Church and grounds, we continue to acknowledge and celebrate St Anne, Jesus' grandmother and the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our Patron Saint. The following background is provided in *For All the Saints - A Resource for the Commemorations of the (Liturgical) Calendar*. Edited by Ken Booth my St John's College Church History lecturer. **The date of this commemoration is 26th July.**

The New Testament tells us nothing at all about the family life and background of Mary. In the middle of the second century, an anonymous writer produced The Protevangelium of James. While this document is a work of pious fiction, it provides all the elements for the later development of Mariology in the church. The subject of the document is primarily the miraculous birth of Mary. She is described as the daughter of the wealthy Joachim and his wife Anne. The story is taken as far as the birth of Jesus. The author draws extensively on the birth stories of Jesus in Matthew and Luke, and constructs the story of Anne very much on the model of Hannah, the mother of Samuel. Even the name, Anne (or Anna), is a variant of Hannah.

According to this legend Anne and Joachim are a devout and righteous couple, but childless. Then both are visited by angels and told that Anne will bear a child. After the child's birth she is called Mary and at the age of two is taken to the Temple. Mary was brought up in the Temple and was one of the seven virgins who made the veil of the Temple. She was eventually betrothed to Joseph, a respected widower. The story then leads into a somewhat embellished version of the familiar accounts of the birth of Jesus.

On Friday 26th July we will remember St Anne (and Joachim) in our midday service in te Whare Karakia and during Sunday worship on 28th July.

PRAYER

See *Philippians 4:6*

Please pray and give thanks for...

- Parish finances—see article in this issue.
- Patricia Gordon as she settles into Eldon Home at Paraparaumu.
- We warmly welcome newcomers to our faith community, especially Amy Pang and old timers more present: Gwladys Evans, Daniel Lawrence, Pela Ryasi and Lina Manulevu.
- Val and Roger Grace, Jenny Parmenter & Charles Nikora who have been unwell.
- The LyCiG Conference, our Spring ALPHA Course and our St Anne's Day Services.
- Allan James Moors died 8/6/24 and his widow Epi.

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There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you; there is no
rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2: 2

July-August SUNDAY SERVICES 10am

DAY	SERVICE	WOR= Worship no HC; HC = Service with Holy Communion
14 July	HC— <i>The Plumblin</i> (L.A. William)	
21 July	Worship— <i>Draw Near</i> (Leader: Terry)	
28 July	HC— <i>St Anne & Our Whakapapa</i> (L.A. Sofia)	
4 Aug	HC— <i>The Work of God</i> (L.A. Jane)	
11 Aug	HC— <i>Keep Short Accounts</i> (L.A. William)	
18 Aug	HC— <i>The Importance of our Words</i> (L.A. Jo)	
25 Aug	Worship— <i>The Armour of God</i> (Leader: Sofia)	

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.

Porirua Anglican Finance

During the Vestry meeting (7 July) we spent considerable time reviewing our financial situation. May's financial report indicated that the shortfall for the month was \$2,342 with offerings being \$1,109.70. Total income lifted through GST refunds and interest to \$1,692.30 in May. For the five months (Jan-May) our shortfall is \$10,763.96 or, an average of \$2,152.83. per month. Very obviously we need to address this situation and ask how we can generate an additional \$2,000+ per month or, reduce expenditure.

The Vestry meeting decided to:

- Produce this note for the 14 July Newsletter;
- Ask the Wardens and Priest in charge to draft a letter and send it to all Porirua Anglican stakeholders;
- Consult with the Parish Treasurer—Ian Frater about options;
- Discuss with the Diocesan management and ask that all St Anne's expenses be covered by Diocesan funds. Also ask, how much more can be drawn from AMSIF funds to subsidise Parish expenses?
- Consider if we need to reduce the Priest's payment from its current level—40% of full time stipend.

Diocesan News

In a world where perfection often feels like a prerequisite for hospitality, Ella Brown offers a refreshing perspective: welcoming others into our imperfect lives can create deeper, more genuine connections.

<https://tinyurl.com/hospitablemovement>

LYCiG Conference

We made a big thing of the LyCiG teachings over spring/summer following Terry's attendance at a conference in September.

The UK LyCiG team is returning, aided and abetted by locals, who have seen these insights begin to change local churches.

Terry is looking for two or three Porirua Anglicans to join him for this overnigher, to gain fresh insights about how Church Growth can be promoted locally. Costs have been covered! Let him know if you can attend: **El Rancho, Waikanae 25—26 July**

St Anne & Our Whakapapa

Jesus was born into a faith-filled family. His whakapapa went all the way back to King David and beyond. **On Sunday 28 July** we will especially review this lineage by thinking about Jesus' grandparents Anne & Joachim. In the process **we will also remember our own faith heritage.**

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? Is this for you? Check out our website page below for more details.**

<https://tinyurl.com/poriruaalpha>