

News & for Prayer

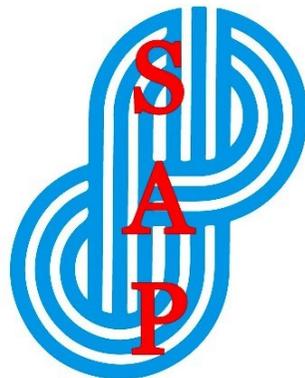
- *A video of the service of Blessing and Dedication for Te Whare, led by Bp Ellie on 27 January, is on the church website home page.*
- *Our 2022 Parish Annual General Meeting minutes and Vestry March minutes are online via links on the Church website home page.*
- ***Mai and Robin Sa** will remarry in St Anne's at the end of April in St Anne's. All church members are welcome to join in this service. Date to be advised.*
- *A 'Pray As You Go' audio meditation kicks off our **daily 8am (Tues-Fri) Prayer Time in Whare Karakia**—49A Mungavin. After informal prayer together we conclude by reading from the NZ Anglican Prayer Book—a service or devotion for the day. **Time: 30-40mins.***
- ***Please remember the sick** especially those sick with the Omicron virus and all who may benefit from our loving concern and prayer.*

Entry to all Group gatherings is now open. Please be discrete in monitoring your health.

We do have a few RAT test kits available free if you need assistance.

St Anne's Pantry March News

- Jane Dagger Facilitates our Food Bank and Fiona Bell is our part time paid Administrator. They work with a team of 25 volunteers;
- The Te Whare Pantry is staffed 9-noon...1pm each weekday.
- During March 2022 we have had a record month by far—200+ deliveries. In the midst of the Omicron infection many households in Porirua have been isolating. Our food parcel delivery service has been in high demand.
- In addition, demand for food parcels is high because the gap between income and essential expenditure for households continues to grow;
- For the record we praise God that none of our Pantry staff or volunteers have had an Omicron infection to date!
- We are increasingly dependent on our donor database for funding as supply chain challenges remain and donated food available decreases. This is on top of the significantly increased demand for food parcels.



PARISH NEWS

March 25th 2022



We are about to emerge from another Church service suspension time. The good news is that we will return to 10am Sunday worship in St Anne's Hall on Palm Sunday... with caution. The government's rule book re COVID-19 has been rewritten as the Omicron variant has infected many people including some Porirua Anglicans. Thankfully, as far as I know, no one has been seriously impacted from our community. So the return to Church life will look like this:

- Sunday 27 March, 7pm—**Healing Prayer Service in Te Whare**
- Wednesday 30 March, 2pm—**Lenten Study 4 in Te Whare**
- Sunday 3 April, 7pm—**Evening Prayer in Te Whare**
- Wednesday 6 April, 2pm—**Lenten Study 5 in St Anne's Hall**
- Palm Sunday 10 April, 10am—**Communion in St Anne's Hall**
- Wednesday 13 April, 2pm—**Final Lenten Study in Te Whare**
- Good Friday 15 April, 1:30-3pm—**Devotions at the Cross in Te Whare**
- Easter Sunday 17 April, 10am— **Family Communion in St Anne's Hall**

A LATE LENT REFLECTION

SENTENCE

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

Psalm 126:1-2

PRAYER

Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and your grace waters the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand
working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.

John 12:1-8 (Contemporary English Version)

At Bethany

Six days before Passover Jesus went back to Bethany, where he had raised Lazarus from death. A meal had been prepared for Jesus. Martha was doing the serving, and Lazarus himself was there.

Mary took a very expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. She wiped them with her hair, and the sweet smell of the perfume filled the house.

A disciple named Judas Iscariot was there. He was the one who was going to betray Jesus, and he asked, "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor?" Judas did not really care about the poor. He asked this because he carried the moneybag and sometimes would steal from it.

Jesus replied, "Leave her alone! She has kept this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor with you, but you won't always have me."

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." 1Tim 6:10—Paul writing to Timothy cautioned. Jesus earlier cautioned the Pharisees who laughed at him, "You cannot serve God and money." Luke 6:13b

Judas fell into the same trap, even stealing from the Disciples' purse while trying to look good and on the side of the poor when Mary anointed Jesus' feet with expensive sweet smelling perfume. His hypocrisy grew so great that in the end he could no longer live with himself and took his own life.

Our relationship with money is a litmus test of our faith in, and faithfulness towards, God. Get your attitude to money right, whether you have little or much, and you will be well on the pathway of Christian discipleship and growth.

This week I was privileged to address the Pauatahanui Anglicans and talk about the ...

Sentinels: Discerning New Life

2022 Lenten Discussions

The first three studies have been completed. Check the Parish Website home page for Terry's reflections on these.

The last three studies will be offered face to face, with comment on the website.

Wednesday Afternoons 2-3:30pm

Dates:

March 30 and April 13 in Te Whare

April 6 in St Anne's Hall

Contact Terry: 027 600 1926 for more info or for a study booklet.

Pantry. Pauatahanui is a key supporter of St Anne's Pantry in terms of their provision of volunteers and their giving individually and as a Parish. I had the privilege in my sharing with them to comment on the generosity of Spirit they exhibit as a Parish from their Vicar onwards... Remember it was they that gave us the Prayer Quilt when we had the blessing service for Te Whare Karakia... As I listened carefully to their comments and their attitudes in their AGM, I further noted that they are prospering as a Parish. I mused with them that perhaps there is a connection.

Jesus said, "If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated." Luke 6:38

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