



Rangitikei Anglican Parish

'Moving forward together, as a diverse community; loving, serving, and proclaiming Jesus in the Rangitikei'

THE HERALD

November/December 2019

Rev. Tim's Reflection

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

When I began my time in the Rangitikei Parish, God gave me one passage of scripture to reflect on; John 16:33 quoted above. I came to lead our Parish with no illusions that it would be easy; I'm a young Priest, and God has called me to lead change. Change is hard, it brings grief and frustration, but I have also experienced, over and over again, God's presence, His peace, His blessings on this journey. I would not trade the last two years for anything, as it has been a joy and a privilege to lead the Rangitikei Parish in this season.

As I reflect on my time as Priest-in-Charge, I remember the picture God gave me while praying in St Thomas' before my installation: I saw a small tree growing up through the floorboards of the church – representing the tension of make space within the old for new life to flourish and grow.

I think over the last year, as we, God's people, have striven to live out our Parish vision, we have seen much new life growing up in our Parish. We have also sensitively and with compassion begun to deal with the tensions of old and new – for example, the recent conversations regarding the use and placement of St Stephen's pulpit and font.

As I reflect, more than anything else, I am so thankful and filled with so much hope. I am so thankful for all the passion, time, and prayer that you all give to our Parish.

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I cannot thank you all by name but know that I am deeply grateful for the service that you all give to God's church – it is an act of Christian love, and I honour it!

I hold such great hope for our Parish; when I took the reins last year, I was deeply convinced that God had a good future planned for this Parish that he desires to grow His church in the Rangitikei. I am more convinced than ever, not only of God's good plan for our Parish but that we are together as faith whānau already walking into that future.

Yes, the road has not been easy; but we believe Christ has overcome the world, so we can take heart, trust in him, and let his peace that passes all understanding carry us forward together as one people in Him. This has been and will continue to be my prayer.

LOOKING TO 2020

As I cast my eyes ahead to 2020, I want to draw your attention to a few things on our corporate horizon.

When I began this role, I had a picture of a small shoot of a tree growing up through the floor of the church; in recent months the picture of a towering Totara tree has been resting with me. I believe God is giving me this picture to speak of our future. He is going to take us from a small, fragile shoot of new life and grow us into a mighty Totara – the king of the forest. This image is a beautiful picture for us to hold on to, and guide us.

As part of our ongoing growth as a Parish, I am going to set an annual focus from within our values. This past year has been Unity/Kotahitanga and Family/Whanaungatanga; next year will be the year of Family/Whanaungatanga and Discipleship/Akongā. I believe our next step as a parish is to create intentional discipleship groups across our churches, where we are teaching and encouraging one another, and where we can invite new believers to experience the joys of Christian whānau and to grow in their devotion to Jesus.

One of the areas of ministry that I did not lead well this past year was the celebration of our Patron Saint's days. Heading into 2020 this is going to be a renewed focus; we will be using the 5th Sunday of each month, where we currently don't have a service outside of Marton, to take the whole Parish on the move to visit our wider church family and celebrate their patronal festivals with them.

We have been blessed this last year with some significant bequests and grants. Particularly I want to acknowledge the bequest of David Luke Manley which Vestry had agreed to use to renovate the Vicarage; and JBS Dudding trust – John Dudding continues to be an incredible support to our Parish and this year we were blessed to receive \$129,000 to upgrade, repair, and maintain our Parish properties.

Finally, I want to thank Jason Groube for his time as my Vicar's Warden – a role he took without really knowing what was truly in store. He has served the Church faithfully, and it was with great reluctance that I accepted his resignation recently. Naturally, this means I will be prayerfully looking for a new Vicar's warden. Please join me in praying for God's wisdom in calling the right person to that role.

And on a personal note; as many of you already know, Kim and I are expecting our first child mid-Jan next year. Naturally, this will bring some changes to my life and ministry. I am looking forward to this next season as a father, and know that you will all continue to pray for us as we embark on this next step in our journey as a family.

THANKS

As I said at the beginning, I will say again: Thank you. Thank you all for your continued dedication to Gods church in the Rangitikei. For your generous contributions of time, skills, finances, wisdom, passion, and service. I am deeply indebted to you all; and it is a joy to love, serve and proclaim Jesus in the Rangitikei alongside you as we move forward together, as a diverse community.

As we head into Advent and Christmas, I pray that God will meet us afresh through his Spirit as we journey together through the story of Christ's first coming. I pray that he will use us to reveal his love to our communities, and that this season we will see many people come to Christ and find faith in him; and a home in his kingdom and church.

Please continue to pray for our Parish, God's Church, and me; as we move forward together, as a diverse community; loving, serving, and proclaiming Jesus in the Rangitikei.

Your brother and servant in Christ,

Tim

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Funerals: We commend into the hands of God and pray for the family and friends of **Muriel Frances Keyes** – funeral at St Stephen's church, 16th August 2019.

Baptism: We welcome into the family of Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism **Luminita Tiara Grace**, daughter of Mark & Andrea Grace.

PANUI O NGA PIHOPA / BISHOPS' NEWS

October 2019 Moving with the Holy Spirit of God in this land

Posted on 24 October 2019



Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau a te Karaiti, dear family in Christ:

We extend to you all the bonds of fellowship and commitment that were woven together during our three days of Ministry Leaders' Family Camp: our deep relationships with our Tikanga partners, our ancient beginnings and fresh partnership with NZCMS and Anglican Missions, our deep bonds of belonging to each other as family together here in this land at this time and our identity as a church movement called to be bearers of good news to, for and with Tāngata Whenua. This was a significant moment in our journey together. We

encourage you to take time to read about our time together on Movement Online and to talk to the people from your community who were there.

In responding to Jay Ruka and Cindy Raukera's encouragement and challenge to us, I (Justin) made it clear that we invited them to bring a wero (challenge) to us at this point in time. We did this because we recognise that there is a move of God's Holy Spirit right now in renewal with the people of this land and I (Justin) did not want a Bishop of this Diocese to have to give an apology in 50 years' time that we had missed this move of God. Jay so powerfully spoke to us of his own sense of this moment, that usually he speaks about history, but in these days, he believed he was speaking into a moment in history. The stories he was sharing were our stories, they were ours to own, ours to reclaim, ours to proclaim.

Both of us, as your Bishops, are deeply aware that the Holy Spirit of God works faithfully to bring healing to the parts of ourselves, our world and our church that the enemy has sought to steal and destroy. Our time together was shaped by the whakataukī: *ka mua, ka muri*; we walk backwards into the future. Our constant invitation from God is to participate in that healing work, personally and collectively. I (Eleanor) spoke of the goodness of the great works of God in creation and redemption and how both of those good gifts have a history in this land of them being stolen through the work of shame.

We want to say really clearly to all of us that God gives good gifts and that the invitation to be part of Christ's great work of new creation, a creation fully reconciled to God, is wide open. What a privilege it was to celebrate our final Eucharist with the ordination of Reverend Rosie Fyfe, the



new National Director of CMS, and the power that there is when we proclaim that our lives are totally given over to the mission of God in this world.

We echo the words of the Apostle Paul: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed" (Romans 1:16-17)

Let us intentionally walk backwards into the future, with the twin footsteps of repentance and belief, so that we increasingly come to live in the reality that the Kingdom of God is here.

"The time has come," Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)



"Live" art by Matt Lawrence from our Cathedral community. Matt drew this on his iPad whilst listening to one of the Camp sessions, with his screen being mirrored on the large projector screen for all to see his work as he drew it.

Two of our younger parishioners (Jessica and Elijah Groube) were lucky enough to be able to attend this amazing camp with their mum, Tim and Kim. Here they are playing with Zoe and Owen Watson (children of Ange and Pete) in a giant puddle!

They had a great time meeting other children whose parents are also in ministry and taking part in a program which enabled them to meet God in a profound way.

Thanks to those who made this possible.



PARISH NEWS

CHOIR NOTES

The 27th October marked our final choral Evensong for the year. This was a threefold celebration for the choir, for the first time we based the service on the NZ Prayer Book Evening Prayer; and finally, to honour the patron saint of music, St Cecilia. It was a lovely service, enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Tim, who presided, to Bruce Stern, our wonderful organist and to our dedicated and enthusiastic singers!

Coming up for the choir:

- **10th November** Advent One, 5 pm
- **1 December** Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30 pm

Contributed by Rev. Robin Pierce

FOOD PARCEL DONATIONS FROM ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Over recent years, at the Sunday services, St Stephen's church has collected donations of food for the food parcels distributed by Marton Christian Welfare Council, through the Marton Op. Shop. Parishioners often wonder what items are most needed in the food basket, and in answer to a request, the Food Bank/Welfare Manager has supplied the following information:

"We do not get a lot of soap, toiletries, dishwash or washing powder. Also, not a lot of tinned fish, or coffee, or teabags. Any non-perishable goods are most welcome. We would like to thank the members of St Stephens for your unwavering support to Marton Christian Welfare Food Bank".

It's nice to know that the Food Bank donations are appreciated, and that we are contributing to the wonderful work that Marton Christian Welfare Council does for the community.

Contributed by Ngaire Wishnowsky

PRAYERS IN THE PARK

Daily through November

Start your day prayerfully and reflectively, Monday to Saturday through November 8.30-9.00 am starting Monday, November 4th. This will be held at the Jubilee Pavilion (grandstand) in Marton Park, and you are welcome to come and listen or join in, for all or part of this time. This will consist of a short reflective service which includes song, prayer and Scripture as well as times of silence.

Contributed by Sue Wells 021 201 4483

PARISH DINNER FOR MISSIONS

Wednesday 27th November

Hosted by St Stephen's Local Committee

Venue: St Stephen's hall

Time: 5:30 pm for fellowship; 6 pm dinner served, 7 pm (approx) speaker

Speaker: Ana Fletcher - Diocesan Cross-Cultural Missions Enabler

Cost: \$10 per head, to go to Missions

Drinks: BYO only, thanks

As the groups who previously hosted this dinner are no longer active, Local Committee is making this a pot-luck dinner, so that all the cash raised can go to Missions and providing the meal will not be a cost to the church. Could you please bring a salad, or a meat dish (e.g. sliced cold meat)? There will be no dessert, but Local Committee members will provide slices to have with tea and coffee. Any queries, please ring Ngaire Wishnowsky, 327 6339, or 027 711 0347

NOTICES

HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you know anyone unable to attend services due to ill health or incapacity, who would like communion brought to them, please call any of the clergy or the Parish Office

HOSPITAL OR HOME VISITS

If you, or someone you know in the Parish, is ill or must go into hospital, please let us know we can arrange a visit if it is appropriate and wanted. Phone one of the Clergy or the Parish Office.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Please remember to contact someone from your Local Committee or Vestry if you notice any Health & Safety issues.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you need prayer, please contact Sue 06 327 6533 or Marian 06 327 6365. There is a group of people who pray for those with specific needs or requests.

The prayer chain is confidential, and only members have details of needs.

PARISH CALENDAR – November/December

NOVEMBER

13th: Ladies Lunch

17th: Parish AGM & Shared Lunch

18th: Parish office CLOSED

23^d: Marton Market day

24th: Worship Night, 7 pm St Stephen's

27th: Parish Dinner for Missions

Rotating Services

Nov:

10th St John's, Hunterville

17th St George's, Turakina

24th St Thomas', Sanson



Please see separate insert for Christmas Services

1st: Advent Evensong; 5 pm St Stephen's

Surprise Church TBA

7th: Carols in the Park

15th: Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30 St Stephen's

22nd: Carols in the Country, 7 pm Tutu Totara

24th: Christingle Service; 4.30 pm St Stephen's

St Thomas, Sanson; 7.30 pm

Midnight Service; 11.30 pm St Stephen's

25th: 8 am Turakina

8 am and 9.30 am Marton

9.30 am Bulls

9.30 am Hunterville

29th: Combined Parish Service; 10 am St Stephen's

Rotating Services

Dec:

1st St Andrew's, Bulls

8th St John's, Hunterville

15th St George's, Turakina

22nd St Thomas', Sanson

Christmas in the Rangitikei

Details of events through December and January

SUNDAY 1st

1st Sunday in Advent

- ✠ Choral Advent Evensong 5 pm St Stephen's

SATURDAY 7th

- ✠ Combined Churches Carols in the Park

SUNDAY 8th

2nd Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY 15th

3rd Sunday in Advent

- ✠ Nine lessons and carols - 6.30 pm St Stephen's

SUNDAY 22nd

4th Sunday in Advent

- ✠ Carols in the Country - St Johns Tutu Totara 7 pm

Tuesday 24th

Christmas Eve

- ✠ 4.30 pm Christingle service for families St Stephen's followed by a light meal
- ✠ 11.30 pm Midnight service St Stephen's
- ✠ 7.30 pm St Thomas Sanson

Wednesday 25th

Christmas Day

- ✠ 8 am St Georges Turakina
- ✠ 8 am and 9.30 am St Stephen's Marton
- ✠ 9.30 am St Andrews Bulls
- ✠ 9.30 am St Johns Hunterville

SUNDAY 29th

- ✠ Combined Parish service 9 am St Stephen's

SUNDAY 5th Jan

- ✠ Combined Parish service 9 am St Stephen's

Rangitikei Anglican Parish

Our Vision

The Rangitikei Anglican Parish: Moving forward together, as a diverse community; loving, serving, and proclaiming Jesus in the Rangitikei.

Our Values

Unity/Kotahitanga

John 17:20-21 | Ephesians 2:19-22

Jesus desired that all his followers be one church, one body, one people – united in our worship of and service to God. Part of the witness of the Church is through its unity with one another and with God. We desire to be unity in God as people, as churches, parish, diocese, and with the global church. In a country full of division and isolation, people need the united church – a true worshipping community – to show them a better alternative they can be a part of.

Family/Whanaungatanga

Mark 3:31-35 | Romans 8:14-17

An extension of our unity in God is being family of God; a family which we believe is deeper, stronger, and more permanent than our earthly families. Christian whanau is a community that loves God, each other, and the hurting world – it's a family where all are welcomed into the love of God which we have been welcomed into. In a country full of family breakdown, people need the family of God to nurture and challenge them.

Discipleship/Akongā

Matthew 28:16-20 | Romans 12:1-8

As God's family, we are called to his way of life – the costly way of the cross. We desire to be a united family sharing a life of constant learning, pruning, and growing in holiness. Discipleship is not for the elite – it is the way of Jesus, and all are invited to walk it. We walk with Jesus, inviting others to walk with us, disciplining them as we are being disciplined. We believe Jesus calls his people to live this life visibly as witnesses to his good news of God's coming Kingdom.

Service/Manaakitanga

Luke 22:24-27 | John 13:12-17 | Matthew 25:31-41

The life of a Christian community of disciples is one of self-giving love. Just as Jesus gave his life for us out of love, we desire to be a community who lives for the service of others – regardless of race, culture, age, status, or circumstance. We worship God together, we share life, we learn the way of Jesus together, and we share all that we have received from God together. In communities of extreme need, we desire to share all that we have so that others can have life in all its fullness.

Our Goals for 2019

Jesus came proclaiming the Good News that God's Kingdom has come near. We continue that proclamation in word and deed; and have set these goals to help us minister and serve in the way modelled by Jesus.

1. We aim to welcome into our whanau, accept and value everyone as a person created by God.
2. We aim to work together to know and serve our communities, meeting their needs.
3. We will break barriers of isolation and stigma, offering the fullness of life and hope in God's Kingdom, standing with all those who feel outcast.
4. We will connect people with Jesus Christ through diverse expressions of worship and ministry.
5. We will provide opportunities for people to learn and grow in their faith in Jesus

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