



July 2019

St Francis Anglican Church, 96 Park Road, Titirangi, Auckland 0604

Handing on our faith

WORKSHOPS to promote 'intergenerational' (all-age) faith formation, mission and ministry will be held this month in the Auckland Anglican diocese.

One will be at Holy Trinity Cathedral on July 24 from 6.30 to 9.30pm (see registration details below).

"Many churches in NZ are on a journey to understand how the church can help cultivate connections between the generations," says family ministries facilitator Jacolize Becker.

"These intentional connections are vital for enabling all ages to grow in faith and support each other in life.

"In NZ, as in many countries, churches are talking about this and it's not a children's ministry conversation. It is a crucial conversation for all – church leaders, theologians, pastors, small groups ministers, curriculum writers, youth ministers, children's ministers, Christian education directors, etc."

This will be an opportunity to gather with others as we seek to bridge gaps and

encourage culture.

"This workshop will unpack the what, why and how of intergen faith formation and explore how it can positively impact our faith and wider communities. The workshop is for all believers."

Register online at <http://bit.ly/2WhRNJu>

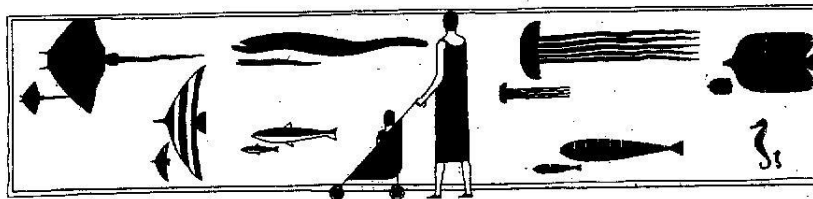
Briefly NOTED

Get to know yourself better

DAVID Crawley on Sunday July 21 will lead a short seminar presenting the Myers-Briggs personality type indicator.

All will be revealed... errr maybe not all.

Date: Sunday July 21, after morning tea for about one hour.



July is Bible month

THE Bible was written for the whole community of God's people, comments the Bible Society of NZ.

"While it's important to read the Bible for ourselves, it's also important we read it together in community," the society says.

The apostle Paul writes:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

-- Colossians 3:16

Turn the page

Three farewells

ST FRANCIS farewelled three parishioners last month.

The church held funerals for Bernie Edwards, Norman Leach and Dorothy Ashbolt, all members of long standing and great, faithful service.

We extend our condolences and blessings to all family and friends. We remember Norman's wife Irena, who visited us last Sunday and is now preparing to return to Saint Petersburg, Russia for a season.

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Greetings from Germany

REMEMBER our visitors from Germany last year and into this year?

Adelheid, Martin, Amrei and Daria were with us briefly but haven't forgotten their Titirangi sojourn.

Adelheid writes: "This weekend I'm in a monastery to be by myself and to see what's important to do and to decide about the following time of my life.

"This morning I went to the little church, called St. Francis. And the moment I went in I was instantly in Titirangi. It was so similar. I'd never seen a triangle window behind the altar in a German church.

"I started crying and realised that I miss the people of St. Francis in New Zealand.

Greetings to you all.

"And again, everybody who wants to visit Germany is heartily welcome to stay in our house near Munich."

Betty's new number

BETTY Costard is now living at the Crestwood care centre. Her phone number is 836 2000.

Prayer seminar in spring

BISHOP Bruce Gilberd has offered to lead us in a prayer seminar, sometime in spring -- "September or October" said he.

Presbyterians, St Francis joint service

AUCKLAND City Missioner Richard Farrelly will speak at our joint service with folks from Titirangi Presbyterian on August 25.

Meditation

Christian meditation is held weekly at the church on Monday mornings at 9.45am. Teaching, 20 minutes silent meditation followed by discussion. Eve Campbell leads.

Who packs your parachute?

CHARLES Plumb, a US Naval Academy graduate, was a pilot in Vietnam, flying off the aircraft carrier USS Kittyhawk. He was shot down, captured and spent six years in a Vietnamese prison. He survived and now speaks publicly about that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were in a restaurant, a man came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam. You were shot down!"

"How did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude.

The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning,' 'how are you?' or

anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of 'parachutes' when his plane was shot down: he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognise people who pack your parachute.