

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF

ST FRANCIS

96 PARK ROAD, CNR TITIRANGI BEACH RD OCTOBER 2014

Our patron saint ticks the boxes

Aren't we lucky! Today we celebrate our Patronal festival, a salute to St Francis of Assisi. Like him we in Titirangi are close to nature, so marvellously visible though our altar windows

"Rebuild the Church" he heard God command. At first he took it literally, but later he discovered other aspects of this rebuilding.

We've done our own bit of rebuilding too which you can see as you look around you. Our warm thanks to all concerned. See later for more on this.

And we continue our rebuilding in other ways. Our "Calling" continued our LSM progress, and some memorable services marked September.

Some things just must not be missed!

Sunday 19th October 10am—bring your friends of all shapes and sizes to our annual Blessing of the Pets at St Francis.



See inside for more information.

Our special spring service saw us gather round the central altar in a family way, and then Manny presented a moving sermon at our Disability Awareness service.

Our sermon evaluation exercise under the guidance of Chris was a fine learning exercise for all. Then last week we combined with the Titirangi Presbyterian church in another spring celebration, with valuable input from several of our congregation.

The rebuilding continues!



Saturday 18th October, 3—5pm at St Francis we wind up our Winter Series with our second annual wine tasting.

It's a blind tasting. The **labels** are "masked", not you the tasters. Half the fun is being so **very sure** - "This is Babich Sauvignon Blanc 2013" - and then being shown to be so **very wrong**.

There'll be 7 wines, total cost about \$15 a head. See Herman or Lindsay.

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A special welcome to our visitors today

Work nearly done on St Francis re-building of entry and stage

Stage and Entry Lobby Project: The building works for the stage area, office and new entry lobby are proceeding apace, and by the time you read this should be close to being completed.

Would you like to donate cash towards buying new furniture/carpet etc for our new stage area? If so, please see John Hyatt.

A small steering group will be responsible for choosing furnishings etc based on usage of the area and will seek approval before going ahead. It will be a very comfortable area for children as well as adults to relax, and also for meetings.

Note: the area will not need to include a lot of storage as the garage was upgraded for that purpose.

**“...donate
cash
for
furniture...”**



Thanks to everyone for their patience during the course of the building works, and hopefully all will feel that the result justifies the disruption.

The next stage, when the “dust settles”, is the furnishing of the stage and office, but see below for more on this. *Ian*



Christian Love Link needs local help

HELP Christian Love Link – Food parcels/drivers/ for our area.

As you know, St Francis is affiliated to Christian Love Link. Helen Philip used to work in the May Road office part time, but they are out of funding so she is now working as a volunteer.



Helen says that they have more requests for food parcels than they can cope with, and are sending out double the amount they used to.

They cover all of West Auckland and Central. When they call on **our** area, we pick up the food from Waitakere Outreach in Glen Eden, then deliver to where it needs to go.

If you'd like to help as a driver delivering, please talk to Helen. And **PLEASE** remember to bring in food each week for the basket.

Christian Love Link and Waitakere Outreach are reliant on our offerings and donations to serve the needy in our West Auckland parishes.

AND/OR you could volunteer to answer phone calls at May Road: 9.30am to 12noon once a week or fortnight. Training is given.

Helen's phone is: 817 6481.

Commissioning for those newly called on 26th October

Thank you all for the love and care you exercised in our recent calling, overseen by our enabler Chris.

It's a delight to announce that the following have accepted a call from the congregation and have been confirmed by the Bishop for these roles:



Sacramental Minister: David Crawley
Adult Education: Neil Keating
Preaching Co-ordinator: Judy Evitt

These three will be commissioned on Sunday 26th October during our communion service by Chris Harris.

Regrettably we have decided to cancel 5pm evensongs on the second Sunday until further notice.

It's clear that at the moment not many people are interested in venturing out a second time on a Sunday.

However, the worship committee will continue to explore possibilities in developing other forms of worship.

Council decide to help give voice to Cathedral organ

Holy Trinity Cathedral "Resound with a new Voice" project. Council has agreed to gift a pipe for the new Cathedral organ at a cost of \$1500. See the brochure in the foyer for information.

**"...last
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Bring two and four footed friends

Our annual 'Blessing of the Pets' usually turns up some interesting arrivals. The more the merrier!



Do try to spread the word this year. After a bumper year in 2012—the Western Leader featured a native wood pigeon, Kereru, and friend—we were a bit thin on the ground last year.

Our service on Sunday 19th begins at 10am and will be led by

Christine and Lindsay. Eucharist may follow.

We'll have some familiar hymns, a special liturgy and of course tea and coffee afterwards. Maybe dog biscuits too.

Preaching workshop

On Thursday 30th October 1—3pm our enabler Chris will lead a workshop for our preaching team and all those interested in becoming preachers, now or later.

Visitors from other parishes will be invited too. Chris leaves a day or two later for a family trip to the UK, so this is your last chance to hear him in action for a while.

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Readings for October:

5th Special St Francis day readings. Gospel: from Matthew 10
12th Exodus 32:1-14; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
19th Blessing of the Pets. (Printed service and readings) Gospel
Matt 6:25-33
26th Deut 34:1-12; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46 (Commissioning
service)
(These are the Lectionary readings for the day, although they may
be changed)

November

2nd All Saints Day: Rev 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12
9th Josh 24:1-3a,14-25; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

The idea has been put forward about forming a small choir to help
develop the musical elements in our worship,

It's not more than a twinkle in the eye at the moment.

And how are your spring plants progressing!

Many different activities coming up

Auckland City Mission:

Our City Mission truly makes a difference to the homeless, and you can help too. The Mission outreach team walk the streets before dawn and late at night connecting and working with the homeless.

In the past 12 months there have been 41,228 visits by the homeless to the Mission's drop-in community centre in Hobson Street.

Well over 400 homeless participate in the mission's activities programme including community garden, art groups, radio station and drama club, instilling a sense of self worth, and helping participants in a way that leads to more healthy and independent lives

St Francis Council gives a sum each year, but each individual can also donate. Do see the brochure in the foyer for more details.

Mini Market:

30th November 11am to 2pm is our next Mini Market at St Francis. Store up your unwanted treasures and phone Pam for collection, 817 6503.

Helpers needed too please!

"Mostly Craft"

Yesterday there was a busy, happy

gathering for another "Mostly Craft" event. Congratulations to Margaret S and the whole team for the on-going success of this activity.

Local Shared Ministry Conference:

This weekend has also seen our annual conference, this year at King's College. Several people went for some or all of the time, and we'll hear more of what went on later.

Synod 2014:

This was a very special gathering in the north to mark 200 years of the Christian church in New Zealand. Next Sunday 12th October our synod reps Deborah and Judy will report on some of the significant matters discussed.

"Deepening the Conversation"

This spiritual/pastoral workshop with Jackie Sewell is **at Te Atatu church on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm.**

Christine is going and is happy to take anyone else who would like to come.

Local Cluster:

Our local LSM units are keeping up the new momentum established this year, as seen above. There's also a cluster meeting at Helensville, 12noon, Thursday 30th October,