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# THE NEWS

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



## Our new deacon

**'GOD OF grace... empower your servant Sarah for the office and work of a deacon in the Church.'**

With these and other words and prayers Bishop Ross Bay (left), and the St Francis congregation, ordained Sarah Penwarden to the office of deacon on August 18.

Thank you everyone who helped make the building look dramatic and lovely for the service. David and Christine set up the sacristy, Elaine and Moira made a marvellous job of the flowers, Val Aitken polished brass and silver and repaired our hymn and prayer books.

And many thanks for the festive morning tea led by Moira, Susan and all the hospitality team.

## Demand for food exceeds donations

The 'greatest commandment' came to mind last Sunday (August 25) as the St Francis congregation heard about the Auckland City Mission.

'To love God and one's neighbour as oneself (Mark 12:28-34).

We were reminded of this by the Auckland City missionary, Chris Farrelly, as he told us about the life of the mission and its people.

Arguably, we may understand this as meaning that we should 'love our neighbour as being *all of one piece* with us'. It gives a push to the idea that we're all truly in it together. Chris made his points well:

**\*\* Demand for food has increased this year by 48%.**

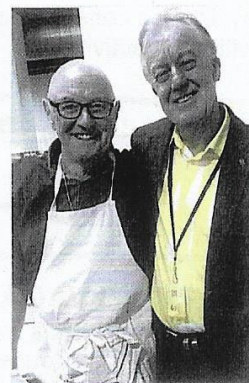
**\*\* In the 11 months to the end of May 2019, food parcels distributed numbered 21,628. Alas, for the first time in the mission's history, demand for food has exceeded donations.**

**\*\* The mission supports 50 other foodbanks in distributing food.**

**\*\* Since July 2018 there have been 15,638 medical visits by Aucklanders to the mission's Calder Health Centre (named after Rev Jasper Calder, the first missionary, who started the work 99 years ago.**

**\*\* 172,000 children are described as living in poverty in New Zealand.**

**\*\* The mission is partnering with the Methodists' Lifewise**



**Mission kitchen volunteer helper Peter Calder (left) with city missionary Richard Farrelly.**

Trust in the Housing First project in central Auckland.

**\*\* In the past two years the mission has housed and supported 92 long term homeless people in the city. These people are now living in permanent homes. In the year ahead the mission will house 100 people.**

**\*\* The mission has so far raised \$82.5 million toward its new headquarters – to be called HomeGround. Auckland Council has donated \$5 million.**

**You can give to the mission. Please collect a brochure from the table at the back of the church.**

*– Neil Keating*

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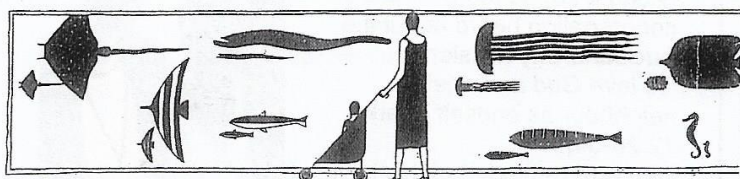
## Briefly NOTED

### Mostly Craft spring event

Mostly Craft will hold its spring event -- 'Dance Up a Storm' -- for children and young families on Saturday September 14 from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Speak to Elaine Donna, Deborah or Jenny. Please consider helping with craft activities.

### Local Shared Ministry

All welcome at the Local Shared Ministry Conference on October 18-20 at Vaughan Park Retreat Centre. Theme: 'Going Deeper'. Led by Bishop Ross Bay and Rev Sarah Moss. Register by September 13. Speak to Donna or Christine if you are interested.



### SITUATIONS VACANT

Church council needs a new member. The council runs the business side of the church, eg property management, accounts, cleaning and building rental. Meetings are held monthly at the church. Contact Christine, Donna or Elaine for details.

Also **FIRE WARDEN**: Duties include running an annual fire drill and seeing to fire safety issues. Our building is relatively simple, making the job easy. No meetings!

And we need a few more **READERS** for our morning service roster. Full training given. Interested? Please talk to Christine Nash. (OK, it is in fact a ministry not a 'situation', but you get the idea.)

### Progress for Hugh

Hugh Tollemache came successfully through his recent bowel surgery. Please pray for his recovery and return home.

### Church council

The church council will meet next on September 18 (third Wednesday of the month.)

### Word for any day

From our Anglican lectionary, September 1:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* -- Matt 5:3

### Judy Evitt's progress

Judy is now at Llexal Care and will stay for about five weeks before being reassessed for return to Crestwood. The address is room 3104, Llexal Care, 19 Denver Ave, Sunnyvale, Auckland 0612. Her mobile number is 027 727 3436

### Meditation meetings

Christians into praying silently meet for meditation at St Francis on Monday mornings starting at 10am.

Meetings start with an opening shared prayer, then brief teaching from a CD from the World Community for Christian Meditation. The silent meditation lasts for 20 minutes, then a closing shared prayer. Meetings are led by Eve Campbell.

### 'The Field Guide to the Bible'

A handy, easy to read, informative resource, ideal for pre-teens and teenagers exploring the Bible.

It simply introduces the Bible, with great pointers on how we can learn about God through studying it.

It effectively summarises the Bible story, with a great graphical timeline to help readers understand biblical history.

Brief summaries of the key themes and context for each book are also included, along with additional references, hints and FAQ's to help readers with their study. Well written, with an interesting layout, the guide is an engaging and enjoyable read.

— Aaron Wood

**This book is published by The Bible Society in New Zealand. Buy it at Manna Bookstores. Price: \$9.95. Or speak to Neil Keating.**

## Saving fire engulfing St Francis?

Come Holy Spirit our souls inspire / And lighten with celestial fire. / But any fire we must nip in the bud / or pray for rain and hope for flood.

Come in helmets or fireproof clothes / and while you're at it bring your hose. / Bring a ladder to save a soul / and help old ladies down the pole.

Bags to be searched as we near the door / matches or lighters allowed no more. / I'm

suggesting a sign (only joking) / hung on the pulpit: 'Hey, no smoking!'

We're alert to any a fire on Sunday / but what about flames on Tuesday or Monday? / Come Holy Spirit our souls inspire / But heaven help if it catches fire.

(By Bob Aitken, a former parishioner, to 'celebrate' new, stringent fire precautions advised by the diocese.)