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From the Vicar..

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I love Christmas!

It's my favourite time of year and an amazing festival. Having moved to Waikanae in the winter this year, our family is really looking forward to experiencing summer on the Kāpiti coast. The pōhutukawa trees will be in bloom, the sun will be shining

(hopefully!) and the beach will be busy.

The summer is always a time to reflect and to take stock of what we've been through during the year. And to recover a bit. And this year has been such a strange year for so many of us, all over the world. COVID and lockdowns, bushfires, environmental issues, #BlackLivesMatter and racial equality, the deep divisions around the US elections, the inability to travel overseas - these things and so much more have made this year truly an *annus horribilis* - a year which has produced so much anxiety in so many of us. And it's into just such a situation that God is born as one of us.

At Christmastime, we remember that God doesn't just look at the world from afar, from a distance, but that God steps down into the world, and is born as a human being, as one of us. He is born into our messy world, as a child in a manger, a baby laid in an animal trough in a shed. He is born into an unstable world, where there is political unrest and protest, where people are divided. Jesus is born right into the middle of our messy existence.

And that is why I love Christmas. I know that God cares so much about us that he didn't just look down on us from afar, but stepped right into our human existence and experienced human life as we experience it, with all its ups and downs, confusions and joys, with real tears and real laughter.

He is truly God with us.

Mark
Rev Dr Mark Harris,
Vicar of Waikanae Anglican



Celebrating our people from youngest to older..



Left: Matt, Emma and Tobias welcomed MIA AROHA into their family on Wednesday 23 September 2020. Welcome to our Church family, Mia.



Above: JOAN SCOTT—At her big-O birthday recently!



Right: GOLDIE AND RICHARD "tie the knot" at St Luke's 17 October 2020. Congratulations!



Left: MIKE DEPPE - Celebrating 90 years (Photo courtesy of Hurd's Home Group)

Right: SOME OF OUR YOUTH having fun at El Rancho.



What's been happening...



St Michael's—Revd Tim Mapplebeck writes...

Returning to "almost-normal" worship at St Michael's on 21st June, we thought maybe a handful of people would venture forth to attend: but we had the church practically full! It was a wonderful and uplifting moment. Our services have been like that ever since; an outpouring of gratitude to God and a rejoicing in being able to be together. Evensong worship has had a particularly frustrating time—were we allowed to assemble for choir practice? Could we stand next to each other to sing? But despite the delays and frustrations, Evensong has returned and is a source of great joy to those who so gladly come to worship there. The Choir sang Evensong at the Cathedral on Labour weekend and this was a great time for them, as well as for the Cathedral congregation. Yes, there have been some changes:

- We're very thrilled to welcome **Mark Harris**, our new Vicar. His warmth and enthusiasm are a great encouragement to us all; the church Choir is delighted to have his strong support.
- **Lincy, Rejeesh** brought their new baby Chrisel (Chris's new little sister) for a Naming Ceremony with us. That was a lovely moment. We pray that after COVID-19 they will be able to return to India for Chrisel's baptism with her 300-strong family joining in with them.
- **Judith Blank**, who has compiled our congregation lists and has constructed our congregation roster so assiduously and well, has stepped down from this responsibility due to her continuing ill-health. We will miss her expertise and good-natured, calm way of doing things. We thank her, and hope she can continue to attend church with us soon.
- **Joan Scott**, for her long-time service to our congregations and clergy, making ecclesiastical linen and clergy stoles, taking communion to people "shut in" and sacristan at both St Luke's and St Michael's over many years has received a Bishop's medal in recognition of her long faithful service.
- **Ralph Pyatt** has stepped down from the Parish Food Bank which he and Ngaio so loyally and faithfully organised for so very many years. We thank you so much, Ralph.
- **Molly Symons**, long-standing parishioner with us, moved to Palmerston North earlier in the year; she has just received her long-awaited letter from the Queen for her 100th birthday!
- **Hector Davis** who has long conducted a mid-week eucharist at St Michael's for many years, has retired from his much-regarded and loved ministry.
- And **Robert Mills**, Dean Emeritus of Dunedin (and long a stalwart of Evensong worship with us) will celebrate his diamond jubilee (60 years!) of ordination to the priesthood on St Andrew's Day this year. He will be our preacher and celebrant on 29 November this year.



Joan Scott was awarded a Bishop's Medal for her service over many years in so many ways in our Parish. A truly amazing, faith-filled woman of God.



Ralph Pyatt honoured for his work in the Foodbank for 22 years. He is also our "Proofreader Extraordinaire"

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Tim Mapplebeck
Priest-in-Charge at St Michael's

MORE AMAZING PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH...



Left: Mike Deppe, TEA WAGON, Mike has driven for the Tea Wagon for 13 years and recently we said thank you to him for the invaluable help he has given over that time - he has now retired! We are going to miss him, his kindness and his friendliness. Thank you so much Mike for all the help you have given us. (Val Read)

And this magazine appreciates his tireless efforts in organizing distribution to the Parish. You are an inspiration and blessing Mike. (Editor)



ASSOCIATION OF ANGLICAN WOMEN/ MU meet at St Michael's and undertake a number of projects each year. Recently, AAW and MU members held a fund raiser lunch to help towards the project AFIA (Away From It All) holiday, for a family within our diocese that needs a break. (Rosemary Hurd)



Our Youth!



WAC Youth meet weekly on Thursday nights. We have felt the focus this year has been strengthening the small groups within the youth group, fostering a greater sense of belonging and connection in our games, and focusing on discipleship for the leadership team. There is a regular core group of 20 rangatahi (*the younger generation*) on Thursdays, with about 10 more who come occasionally. Thursday nights are for small group time, social events, and 'Deepers' - interactive nights to engage in creative ways with God, and where the youth worship team lead us in worship.



We were able to celebrate Term 2 with a Fish and Chip Formal, which also fundraised money for vulnerable communities overseas affected by COVID -19. Some of the topics we've looked at this year at WAC Youth are goal setting, 3DMs 'up, in, out' triangle, self-love, Black Lives Matter, Bible Project videos.

Our wonderful Leadership team, who are our year 12 and 13 rangatahi and school leavers, meet weekly on Tuesday night for discipleship and leaders' meeting. We aim to do a mix of operational tasks such as organising and training, as well as input and discussion for our growth as disciples. We also aim for one-on-one catch-ups with the team, and in Term 3 we did a one day retreat together at Ngatiawa River Monastery. This year we have covered topics like the Five Dysfunctions of a Team, small group skills, Henri Nouwen's Life of the Beloved, Maya Angelou on Love.



There are several AYM events that keep us connected with our wider Anglican whanau. The Stars Leadership programme has been running for upcoming leaders, and Youth Church at the Cathedral on Sunday nights where Anglican youth groups from throughout the region meet. There are also AYM social events, such as The Games, and the training weekend The Abbey (moved online this year due to COVID restrictions).



Flipside is our programme for intermediate's aged kids. We meet fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons. There is a regular core group of 12 energetic rangatahi. This is generally a social event, but in the last term we have added a time for input and discussion as well.



During the COVID-19 Lockdown we continued to meet online, and did Easter Camp online this year as well.

Matt and Emma Bakker (Youth and Families Workers)

REVD HECTOR DAVIS - FAITH AT WORK IN ONE LIFETIME...



The last meeting of the St Michael's Bible Study Group, led by Hector at his house at Waikanae Beach, was held recently. Now, at 96 years old, he has chosen to end the Bible Studies with the conclusion of St John's Gospel. Hector has led the Wednesday group for 28 years, expounding God's Word and truth with gentle wisdom, and sharing a wonderful knowledge of the historical and geographical background of the Bible with the group. In his first year Hector was asked by around 30 parishioners to start a weekly Wednesday Bible study group, and he added communion to this weekly event. Hector established a connection with the Rangiatea church in Ōtaki. Once a year the St Michael's group would travel to Ōtaki, and vice versa.



Not long after taking up his position of Priest in Charge at St Michael's, Hector drew up the plans to transform the church to the spacious church of today. Many people assisted with fund raising and the building of the church. Hector designed the altar and submitted an ambitious design to the Diocese. Following negotiations, the result was an altar of magnificent proportions and one that has been copied in other churches. Family handiwork is also in evidence at the base of the small altar lectern. This was wood-turned by Hector's son-in-law, Pat Jordan.



Hector's handiwork is manifest on one of the two cathedral chairs at the left side of the altar. One was already carved, and the other not so. Hector got out his chisels and carved the plain chair to mirror the carved one. And of course, we all know of Hector's role as Priest and Preacher to his congregation during his time. While the building and altar grew in size, so too did the congregation over the years.

His influence along the way has been to so many of all ages from the boys he taught in North London and other schools, to the more recent baptism of his great-grandson with his family at St Michael's Church (*above*). Hector's leadership in the development of St



Michael's Church is shown in the quality, style and creativity of this very inspiring environment that we all enjoy today. Truly a man of God who we are privileged to know.

Thank you, Hector.

(Compilation of comments provided by Tom Gott and Jenni Pilcher)

Looking back...



2020—A memorable year of “bubbles”, lockdowns and celebrations!



The Hogans getting through lock-down with aplomb!



Palm Sunday (above) and Easter (below) “at home” Offerings – during Lockdown by women of AAW



THE PARISH CHOIR— the choir presents Choral Evensong each month

Setting of the Lord's Prayer by Peter Hignett. We sang at the Choral Evensong on 27 September and again on 18 October this choral setting of the Lord's Prayer. In 2012 Finola and I were taken to morning service at the chapel of the Royal Military Academy (RMA), Sandhurst, where the British Army trains young officer cadets. This was sung during the service. The following morning we went back to the church to have a closer look at the stained glass windows and memorials for the fallen. Later we were introduced by Dr (Lt Col ret'd) Chris Pugsley to the verger and he mentioned that I sang in choirs in NZ. The Verger said, "Hang on a minute, I will be back." On his return he had a CD of the choir of the RMA and passed it to me saying "I hope you will like this". On the CD was a setting of the Lord's Prayer written by Peter Hignett. I decided to try and get a copy for our choir. My request was forwarded to Peter Hignett who sent me a copy telling me it was a memorial for his mother. He re-wrote the music score from unison to four-part singing—and so our copy has printed on it " For the Waikanae Parish choir with permission to make 40 copies." (Howard Chamberlain—abridged)

From the Registers

As at 15 November 2020

Weddings

Goldie Pask/Richard Halliday

Baby Naming Ceremony

Chrisel Moncy

Funerals

Phyllis Irene ROBERTSON

Yvonne Joyce Frances GLAVIN

Colin MONKS

Janice (Jan) Ruth KLEYNE

Suzanne HECKLER

Mary Selina DRURY

Roger Keith DARWIN

Harold Rayner CUMMINS

Elizabeth (Betty) ROWDEN

James Alexander ROSS

James (Jim) Marshall STUART



Left: Rejeesh and his family at a special Baby Naming service. This is Lincy & Rejeesh with their new baby Chrisel and big brother for Chris. At St Michael's 11 Oct. (Pic credit: Howard Chamberlain)

Last Word...

God can take our broken lives, full of disappointments and anxieties and make them new. Take this promise into the New Year: "God, you're such a safe and powerful place to find refuge! You're a proven help in time of trouble—more than enough and always available whenever I need you. So we will never fear." (Psalms 46:1,2a)