

Aspire to Christ

Welcome to St Augustine's

'Weekly News'

1th Sunday after Pentecost

3rd September 2017

From the Rev Kev

Today in our Services Ron Hay continues with a preaching Series of taking us through the Book of Romans. Ron encouraged us to read Romans during the series to help us get to grips with Paul's letter to the church there. I encourage you to do that.

The Diocesan Synod meets over Friday and Saturday of this coming week. There is a lot of business to get through and of course there is the decision regarding the Cathedral in the square. You can continue to follow the updated information and reports through the Cathedral Conversations website www.cathedralconversations.co.nz. Please hold that gathering in your daily prayers as they will be making some very important and far reaching decisions.

As the process continues for a new Vicar please pray for Claire, Murray, Maxine and Duncan as they work with the process.

Our Pipe Organ which we use mostly at our 9.15am Service (and wedding and Funerals) has had the Blower recently overhauled. I am sure we will continue to have a great sound coming from our three accomplished Organists.

My Dad continues to improve slightly. He will never get back to full health but at 89 he has done well. Helen and I will be going down to Invercargill for a couple of days (in a fortnight) to be with him for his 89th birthday. I appreciate your prayers and concern for him. Happy **Father's Day** to all the Dads out there!

With many blessings

Kevin
Interim Priest-in-charge

Whole Gospel. Whole People. Whole Mission.

Please continue to pray the following prayer daily in regard to the appointment of a new Vicar for St Augustine's.

"Almighty God, you have called us to be your people and by the gospel we proclaim and the lives we live, to share the good news of your saving love to all people. We pray that you would bless the process of appointing a new Vicar for St Augustine's. May all that we do reflect your will and purpose for us as a Church and bring us a Vicar who loves you, loves your Word and loves your people and continues to make us a Church growing in number, faith and Christian character, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Prayer for St Augustine's

We are in the process of working towards the appointment of a new vicar for St Augustine's.

One important aspect of that process is to soak it in prayer.

Kevin is leading a prayer session at the Church at **7pm** each Thursday for 30-40 minutes to pray for the future of St Augustine's. The focus is very much centred on where God will lead us in the coming months.

You are very welcome to join him during this time.



Children's Program

Downstairs during the
11am service

This Term's theme is:
"Building Emotional Resistance"

For more info please contact
Margaret Sandes: 960-9898

THIS Sunday's Theme & Readings

Theme: 'God Revealed but Ignored'

Reading: Romans 1:1-17

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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news – Isaiah 52:7

Our Friends in Central Asia: Thank you to those who transformed the Hannan Centre into a modern busy restaurant and to the individuals who provided delicious casseroles, rice, deserts and drinks etc. A wonderful family evening where I believe everybody was richly blessed. Haven't the children grown and wasn't the food yummy!

John Morrison Memorial Home: There has been no news from the Home for quite some time apart from one hoax email. Alistair Phillips intends to visit during his current travels. Please pray for Alistair, for 'special times' with individuals he meets along the way. Pray also for safety, good health and that he would know God's presence each day.

Snippets from Kondoa: "As a Pastors wife Chris is expected to turn up at Mothers' Union Leaders meetings gathering in Kondoa from all over the Diocese. As she is now Mama Mchungaji, (Pastor's wife) she is expected to turn up at these meetings. Chris writes: "If meetings remain as long as that one (3pm -11:30pm), I might start becoming creative with my excuses". Please pray that positive children's work would begin, discipling children to be strong in their faith & knowledge of God's Word. It was noted that all Muslim children are expected to go straight from school to classes re the doctrines of Islam, but we Christians don't even have mid-week classes. Please pray for action so that we can disciple children to be strong in their faith & in their knowledge of God's word. Everybody here, staff and students, are very tired. The Mothers Union have just completed a four-day gathering. Another group of women evangelists have been out in the villages. Prior to these activities we have been hosting many UK and US visitors during our 'holidays'. Please pray for renewed vitality. Peter and I really do need a holiday, but that is not possible. Pray also for Bishop Given and Lilian who are trying to get visas etc. for their sabbatical which starts next month. In their absence Peter has been put in charge of all Diocesan finances! As well as leading the Bible College. Thanks for your prayers!!

Yours in Christ who is our strength, Chris and Peter. Dated 31 Aug 2017

NZCMS: will be 125 years of age on 25 October 2017 "*Happy Birthday!*"

Please pray for our Mission Partners & the people

Anne & Anthony McCormick: invite you to a
Spring Celebration an OPEN AFTERNOON to say Hi! Bye! & Happy Birthday!
Sunday 17 Sept, 2017 at Rev. Jo Latham's Home, 16A Canberra Place, Redwood ChCh.

"Please join us for an informal get-together prior to our return to Cambodia. The occasion is also a recognition of our collected 60th Birthdays – Anthony April last year Anne's Sept 20th this year!"
Do Missionaries really party? Of course they do – come when you can – leave when you must.
Warning! Non leavers might end up in Cambodia... No presents just your presence!
Please contact: Anne 022 457 6924 Anthony 022 475 4353.
We look forward to seeing you!

Ellel Ministries are very excited that **Murray Dixon** has accepted an invitation to come to Christchurch at the end of September to share his understanding of God's plans for Israel.

He will be speaking at TWO events (*Venues to be confirmed*)
- **Israel and the Bible: what have we been missing?**
(Friday 29 September, 7-9.30pm)
- **Jesus, Israel and the Kingdom of God - An overview of the people of God: Jews and Christians.**
(Saturday 30 September, 9.30am-3.30pm)

Murray is an ordained Anglican minister, who served as an RNZAF chaplain for a number of years before taking up the role of Vicar of Christ Church in Jerusalem for six years. After his time in Jerusalem he joined Ellel Ministries International Training School at Pierrepont in the UK for six years, where he was part of the leadership team, as well as contributing in pastoral and teaching roles. He was an early pioneer of Prayer for Israel in New Zealand and is author of several books, including "*Israel: Land of God's Promise*". We are very pleased that Murry, and his wife Rosemary, are now back in New Zealand and looking forward to his coming down to Christchurch to share his considerable knowledge and experience.

LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

SOLID LIGHTHOUSE (HIGH SCHOOLERS)
THURSDAY 7-9 PM

LIGHTHOUSE HANGOUT (INTERMEDIATES)
FRIDAY 7-9 PM

LIGHTHOUSE STUDY
SUNDAY 11AM

CASHMERE PROJECT (CASHMERE HIGH)
FRIDAY 12:20-1:10PM

contact: Martin
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expect, experience, explore

COMING UP

Parents Vs Kids
Football has been postponed to
17th Sept.
CASHMERE HIGH, 1:30 PM.



PACK THE BUS PROJECT
DETAILS COMING SOON

DEEPER CAMP
6TH-8TH OCT
WAIPARA PARK
YEAR 9-13

News from our friends in Central Asia

'Praise God for keeping us safe while travelling back to Central Asia - despite mechanical delays resulting in missed connections, and Ashton needing to be deplaned because he was sick! We are settling in to life here - and the kids and Catherine have started back at school. Pray for a good start to the year for us all.' Thanks, Chris and Catherine

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN CONVENTION "Life Changing Words"

When: Sept 22nd-23rd

Where: La Vida Centre,
(34a Hansens, Lane Riccarton)

Who: Carol Litchfield

Cost: \$38 Early bird before Aug 27
(\$40 standard, under 18 \$20)

Supper, morning tea and lunch provided.

Register online @ www.wcc.org.nz

Flyers with more details available at the back of the Church

Prayer Group Meetings - Term time each Monday @10am

Do come and join us then in the Hannan Centre where a dedicated group gather together to pray for our Church, it's leaders, any programmes/course and anything else 'of the moment'.

We would LOVE to see you :)

Regular Events at St Augustines

Prayer Meetings Term-time every Mon
10am in the Hannan Centre, for approx 1hr
mainly music Term-time; every Thu
10-11am. Contact Margaret Sandes:
332-62627

Women's Fellowship Group each 4th Tue/
month @ 2pm

Ladies Fortnightly Coffee Meet Term-time,
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month,
3:30pm at the South City Library

STAMP St Aug's Mission Prayer Group
last Sunday/every month 10:30am. Down-
stairs. Contact the Lockyers 027 218-9028

Monthly Mid-Week Communion
each 3rd Wed/month 10.30am onwards
Contact Kevin Tapper: 332-6627

Men's Breakfast \$5, now on a quarterly
timetable. The 1st Saturday of March, June,
September, December 8am-9am. Contact:
Murray Sandes 960-9898, Chris Kissling
338-4002 or Michael Weller 322-4269

St Augustine's Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain operating to take prayer requests and concerns. It is a group of people who pray (confidentially) for you or for someone you have concerns about. Our coordinator is Elizabeth Hitch. contact Elizabeth on: 332-6288 and she will pass on your prayer need to the chain



If you have or know of any pastoral concerns, then please don't hesitate to contact our Priest in Charge: Kevin Tapper either at the office: 332-6627 or at home: 331-6577

ST AUGUSTINE'S CONTACTS

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Parish Administrator Paula Cox 332 6627
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Hours: Tues, Weds, Thurs, Friday, 9.00am to 3.00pm

Items for next weeks Newsletter **before 1:00pm Thurs. Please!** (preferably in writing)

Family First VOTING GUIDES

Family First have put out voting guides for the coming election (on matters such as marriage, the anti-smacking law, abortion, euthanasia, marijuana, sex education in schools etc).

Copies of these guides are available at the back of the Church.

FAMILY

Fish n' Chip Tea

(including Youth!)

- Friday 22nd September

Mark it in your diary!

Thank You! Anna, Brendon,

Olivia and Sophia Golley wish to say a big THANK YOU - to all those who made meals for us (following the recent birth of little Sophia). It was such a great help and very much appreciated!!

Women's Fortnightly Coffee Meet

An invitation to all women to drop in and join us from **3.30pm** every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month for a social coffee & chat at the South City Library.

