

# FUNDRAISING STALL

**Saturday 20TH OCTOBER**

**Mangawhai Market - 8am-12 noon**



**Three weeks to go!**

**We will be selling baking, produce, preserves, plants, books and bric-a-brac.**

**All donations very welcome and may be left at Christ the King Church on the Friday before.**

**Thank you for all who have volunteered to help on the day, setting up the gazebo, selling at the stall, as well as packing up afterwards.**

**More helpers would be welcome!**

**Note: If there is no space at the market, we will set up the gazebo outside Christ the King Church**

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**Synod Report—2018**

Hello Everyone,

Rev Wayne, Bernard Chivers and myself have just attended the 55th Synod meeting this being the first Synod after the "Consecration" of the new Chapel. Synod began at 4-30 at the Cathedral on 6th September 2018. After the Official opening we attended a lovely service in St Marys church at 6-30. The choir sang beautifully and it was lovely to hear the young voices coming through.

At 9-30 we adjourned for the day and I met Rev Tony Surnam Vicar of St Marks at Remuera, who took me home and I met his lovely wife Bernadette and their teenage children Catherine and Andrew. St Marks church is a lovely old church with stained glass windows throughout. Bernadette does the most beautiful ceramic work. Friday at 8-30 Synod resumed with Morning Prayer and we sang "Beneath the Southern Cross" which is a lovely hymn. Bishop Ross was in a jovial mood and he and Bishop Jim chipped each other throughout the days which made it a happy atmosphere. There were many motions discussed and passed and sometimes lost. Some of the subjects applied to us one being we should review our church roll 10 days before the AGM and ensure candidates for the Ministry team have been baptised. It was mentioned that maybe we need a 3rd Bishop as the work load is quite heavy.

Suicide came up frequently as NZ has among the highest record. There are two programmes available the " Seasons" programme, and the "Space" programme formed to help in the prevention of suicide. If we suspect suicidal intentions it is important to contact the correct mental services. Lindsay McCaw, our Vicars Warden, is also well up in St Johns and knows how to contact the correct mental services.

It was interesting to hear 55 churches closed in Tasmania because they didn't have 30 people attending each Sunday! Closures of churches was discussed, and Bishop Jim said it is the parishes decision, not Synod to close a church down and they do all they can to prevent closure. When closure happens things gifted to the Church should be returned to the gifter or their family.

Living with disability was also discussed at length! We must not make assumptions that we know how to deal with a person to help them we must "ask" the person and we must cater for the disabled in church e.g. include them etc. St John's College does a programme with youth and teaches them what the Spirit is saying to the Church today; their motto is "Eat, Learn and Pray". Church Army is another group that helps churches a lot and we should support them also.

Well there is a lot I have not covered, but I would urge anyone who is able to attend Synod. I enjoyed this session more than the previous three and urge you to give it a go.

Thank you for your support, God Bless you all.. *Ann Dowson*