

Fay & Pete Burnett

A time of peace and quiet for us, except for a trip to Auckland for Pete to visit the Eye Clinic. Pete kept the lawns in order and split a huge amount of firewood. All thoughts of cleaning out cupboards went out the door with the fine weather. Most of Fay's time was spent in the garden. Vegie beds were planted out, and many hydrangea cuttings planted down the driveway. A great time to observe flora and fauna and catch photos of the keruru who visit our guava tree.



**A beautiful tree dahlia
grew well through the
Lockdown at Jo and
John Sarah's place**

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Minister's Musings

Here are some thoughts as we have come through (I hope and pray!) a very unusual and trying experience with Covid-19, Lockdown and Alert Levels ...

We in Aotearoa New Zealand have much to be thankful for. The past couple of months have been full of strange, different and difficult times; but when you look at what has happened and is still happening in other parts of the world, we are doing pretty well.

Having to stay at home, work from home, school at home, has had its share of trials. However it could also have been a time of "opportunity". I hope that perhaps you were able to slow down and be refreshed; or learn something new; catch up on some reading; finally get round to those projects that could never be quite fitted in. I went for regular walks much more than I had been doing, and discovered some great new and interesting routes. I learnt some new "technical skills" and creative ways of leading worship for "livestream church". On the other hand, there were a number of things I thought I might get done during "lockdown" that I did not manage to do.

Talking with an out of town friend who is of a similar age, we realised that in our growing up and adult lives we have been extraordinarily lucky, blessed, fortunate. We were born after the upheavals of World War II and grew up during a time of relative stability and prosperity. We were too young for the Vietnam War and all that went with it. Sure there have been some ups and downs, but really nothing really bad had happened in our lifetime. The Global Pandemic and Lockdown was our first experience of a major, all-inclusive catastrophe. This is something which affected the whole world. There had been nothing like it in our experience previously. It was and is a life-changing event, and it is still going on.

Maybe we were really not prepared. Perhaps a bit soft and complacent? Yet I think we, and indeed our whole nation, handled it pretty well. We are not quite out of the woods. The affects will continue and things will change and be up and down. No one is quite sure what the end result will be. But our country and its people are here, and strong.

This whole situation has highlighted many things that I certainly took for granted. I never thought I would not be able to go to church on Sunday, or be unable visit my family, drop in on the neighbours ... There are many things I enjoyed that I almost never thought about, that are really blessings. I am going to be very thoughtful about what I take with me going forward; and how I approach life, the universe and everything from here on in.

We who are followers of Jesus have a blessing to offer our community and our nation; and a responsibility to offer it. This is the light and love that is shown to us in Jesus. It is highlighting that God is very much with us and in the midst of all that has happened, is happening and will happen. Above all we are to be beacons of hope. No matter what happens there will be new life and new beginnings – that is the hope we share.

People have questioned where is God and what is God doing in this pandemic. I find myself reflecting that maybe this situation has helped all of us, the whole world, to re-focus. The irony is that it has taken a global pandemic to

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- HOUSE
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remind us that people are most important. That caring for our neighbours and ourselves is a priority. Perhaps this is a direct message from God?

And we are to continue to: "Be kind. Keep calm. Pray."

Shalom, Wayne



During the time of lockdown I found myself doing more regular walking and I had the joy of discovering some new places to walk.



Reports from our church members detailing how they managed through Lockdown Levels 3 and 4:

Celia and Lindsay McCaw:

Lockdown - www - "where were we?"

It was to be our big Southland holiday after attending the National Motorhome Rally in Oamaru in early March. Saying goodbyes to Dunedin & Lawrence families, we headed through the Chaslands to Invercargill. Oops, covid19 was now starting to bite as our planned events are being cancelled by the day. We booked a ferry crossing to get back home. Too late. Sitting in our car in Invercargill, Jacinda announces 48hrs to lockdown. Oh dear..! what shall we do ? a phone call back to sister Margaret at Lawrence, ..."we're coming back"...

And so, for the next 8 weeks we would live on a 600ha sheep farm (very hilly) engaging in various farming activities, that saw our bubble of 4 develop various routines. Margaret made a 28 day Level 4, paper chain that was religiously reduced by one ring each morning. A 'Flat White' with a home-made muffin most mornings. Lunch always coincided with the Jacinda/Ashley show at 1pm followed by the entertaining shambles of Reporter's questions. Our evenings were a variety of; UKTV, board game "Squatter", Sudokos, a compulsory daily round of the general knowledge questions in the O.D.T. (Otago Daily Times), look out "Chase" but we're no risk Bradley, learning the Button Accordion, (not good) and practising with a variety of other musical instruments. 9am Sunday mornings we logged into Wayne's Live 'you-tube Service.' In spite of the occasional reception failures we were regular attendee's sitting up in bed with coffee in hand. Way to Go! Then on Anzac Day Margaret plays the Last Post on her trumpet from their home balcony.

Most days Margaret & Celia would dig up some old pudding recipes that Lindsay & Dennis devoured each night at dinner, always with ice-cream. 'Boys on dishes.'

As the weeks went by, the very large garden got a complete clean-up including pruning branches and felling overgrown trees. Lindsay mastered the ride-on lawn-mower. 1000 lambs were drenched, weighted and crutched in readiness for the freezing works. Fallen wind-blown pine trees were chain-sawn & winched out of a forestry block to be further cut-up. Sheep were regularly shifted as the rams went out and came back in again. With their side-by-side farm bike & the 140HP 4WD Case IH tractor, our time was well spent.

As level 2 settled in, the harvesting of the 30-year-old pine trees began. So after spending a week pulling down fences in readiness for tree felling, it was exciting to see the logging company arrive, set-up and begin the process of logging some 9ha of trees. The first logs left by road on the 21st May, the day we departed on our homeward travels. (3mths to the day after we had left home.)

Level 2 allowed us to revisit our southern family, especially Lindsay's 94 year old Aunty that in the 2nd week of level 4 fell at home in Milton. She was admitted to Dunedin Hospital with a fractured pelvis in 2 places. To our surprise, by the time level 2 came around she was back home albeit with home help and

Something to Smile About

Here are some church signs from lockdown in the United States. It reminds us that a sense of humour is necessary and helpful in such times. Laughter is indeed the best medicine, as it says in Proverbs 17:22 "a merry heart doeth good like a Medicine".



Greg & Paula Jaques at Jaques Four Square, Kaiwaka

Well we have all been few some challenges in the last 10 weeks. One of the biggest changes was that the only food you could purchase being through one outlet - your local supermarket . To say that put a strain on the supply chain is putting it mildly. On top of this, all the new rules around how you shop. I must say our locals really took it in their stride & Greg, Paula & our team of staff would like to thank our community for their patience throughout this time.

We had some novel ideas of PPE entering our store. See photo.

Greg & Paula want to acknowledge the super extra effort, time & energy our wonderful staff put in over these two months. It really took a huge team effort to keep everything running as smoothly as possible under the circumstances. Keeping staff & customers safe was our priority.

Let's keep working towards an exit from Covid-19 levels. NZ has done an amazing job so far.

Thanks from the Team at Jaques Four Square



keen to get about without her Zimmer frame!!

Travelling north, traffic volumes appeared pretty much as normal, the camping grounds we stayed at were all-but empty, the ferry had reduced passenger numbers as social distancing was practiced and adhered to by all. Social distancing and contact tracing requirements varied considerably as we moved up the country. From cafés to supermarkets to retail shops, individual businesses deciding on their own particular Covid standards.



Another cloudless day during Lockdown.



Our 4 Person Bubble
Dennis & Margaret Larsen,
Lindsay & Celia McCaw



Lindsay enjoying shifting
wind-blown logs.



PM tea in the paddock,
a very welcome break from
fence dismantling.

Peter & Margot

What a strange and surreal time Covid-19 and the lockdown was and is. It all happened so swiftly; 48 hours notice and we were straight into Stage 4. I drove to Maungaturoto just prior and there was a palpable sense of fear...a queue outside the Medical Centre and only two people allowed in the pharmacy at one time. I purchased some hand sanitiser(organic at \$25.00), and some masks at Carters.

Margot was our 'shopper' due to her youth. I went fishing, safely I believed via private property and close to shore where I would never need to call upon rescue services. The fish were biting and rather unwisely I sent some pics to family who responded (two only) in a rather critical fashion about my 'lawlessness'.

My own rather 'subjective' justification, was that I could share the catch rather widely - was it therefore in the 'essential' category?

To this end I 'dobbbed myself in' to the constabulary...this took some time (obviously there was a lot of 'pimping' going on; grudges being settled perhaps?). At the end of it all I had a call from the men in blue that they would 'not be looking for me' but would be rather annoyed if they had to rescue me. A trip to Auckland Hospital (legal), on 7th April was rather unusual and interesting; so little traffic and the hospital car park now free, though seemingly full with staff vehicles. A quick check up by ENT specialist David Vokes in full PPE was different and a raised eyebrow that somehow Margot had 'slipped' past security into the hospital unchecked!

The daily briefings and Covid updates by Jacinda and Ashley and others made me very grateful to be in NZ with truthful and kind leadership, in stark contrast with other so called 'richer' nations.

I guess there have been some fresh reminders about what constitutes being 'essential' at this time - Lives saved and people (especially the vulnerable) cared for.

Peter Linnell



**Snapper caught and shared
around the community**



**Empty roads on a trip
across the bridge**

Brian & Gay built their home on Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Road next to the store and have lived there ever since. They have a family of four Glen , Kathryn, Greg & Ngaire . Glen lives in Kaiwaka and works in Waipu. Ngaire owns the Apple Basket Patchwork Shop in Kaiwaka and lives in Kaiwaka. Kathryn lives on Te Atatu peninsula and works in school administration in Auckland.

Gay and Brian have nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Gay and Brian have seen much of the world traveling with a love of cruising. Their first cruise was in 1974 and they cruised the Pacific with their four children. Gay is an avid quilter and has won many awards in shows including quilt of the year at the Auckland Quilters Guild.



CHURCH PROFILE Brian and Gay Jaques

Gay was born in Warkworth Cottage hospital 10th May 1936 and was the 2nd child of 4 girls and three boys. Her Mum & Dad Muriel & Sydney Fishlock were farming at Oceanview Road, Tomarata. She started her first year of schooling at Te Arai School, then onto Forest Reserve School, Tomarata. At the end of her primary schooling, she attended Whangarei Girls High School, boarding at Lupton House. When Gay left school, she worked on the family farm. In 1954 she was at a dance at Mangawhai Village Hall and was introduced to Brian, who was playing in the band.

Brian was born in Kaiwaka 7th March 1935, second son of Frank & Ella Jaques who have five Sons & one daughter. Frank and Ella Jaques gifted the land for St Paul's Anglican Church Kaiwaka and Brian was one of the first to be christened on the opening day service.

Brian's schooling was at Kaiwaka Primary School and then on to Whangarei Boys High School, boarding at Carruth House. He and two of his brothers Bill and Reg started a dance band in 1949 while going to school and played for dances all over the North up until 2018. It was at a Dance at Mangawhai in 1954 that Brian met Gay, introduced by one of Gay's cousins.

Frank purchased the general store in Kaiwaka in August 1924. Brian started work in the store in 1950 and currently still works three days a week, which means he has worked in the business for 70 years. Frank's five sons purchased the shop from him in 1967 and they built the new Supermarket and ran this store until November 1998 when Brian & Gay's sons Glen & Greg with their wives Dalleise and Paula purchased the store from them. Greg & Paula purchased Glen and Dalleise's shares in 2014 and run the store today, so the shop business has been in the family for three generations and coming up 96 years in August 2020

Brian has been a Justice of the Peace since 1971 (coming up 50 years) Brian played rugby, tennis and badminton during his younger years. He was treasurer of Kaiwaka & Eastern Rugby clubs for 30 years and Treasurer of Kaiwaka Sports Association for 33 years. In 1993 he was awarded the Queens Service medal for services to the community

Gay and Brian were together for three years, before they were married in January 1957 at All Saints' Anglican Church in Wellsford by the Rev. Archie Bull, from Kaiwaka

Bernard and Pamela Chivers

Lockdown! Well, this was an historical event for both the world and Aotearoa New Zealand.

But it didn't seem particularly historical for me. Being of a 'susceptible' age I went only as far as the village during Alert 4. Sure, it was quiet but at least crossing the street was accomplished without hazard! However, the real quiet was at home. The noise from Tara and Cove Roads simply evaporated. The thrush, tui and keruru were clearly heard; no competition from automobiles or diggers and certainly none from the helicopters. It was blissful!

Yes, there were a few jobs undertaken, because nipping off to Warkworth or anywhere else was curtailed. Some work on an extra chicken run frame got started so did vegetable garden weeding (you'd hardly notice now). Plus, I managed to re-kindle my pleasure (and concentration) in reading. Pamela was very busy with gardening, arboriculture and minor landscaping activities which prospered.

There was also the opportunity to relish the wonderful autumn weather and to watch the glorious colour show of the Pistachio chinensis. We enjoyed this with perhaps somewhat longer coffee breaks and the occasional munch of some wholemeal date scones which I managed to get to an edible state! Pamela had no problem baking 'more-ish' blueberry queen cakes. Proof; 1 kg on my weight chart. However, I had to limit my bread making as a whole lot of 'johnnies-come-lately' bakers swiped all the yeast! (but I was helped out with a kind donation).

Pamela did experience the Level 4 effect quite specifically with a late March visit to New World, etc in Warkworth; one and a half hours queueing to get in, and after the shopping, one hour to get out! Second visit, end of April, not so bad. As for me, I was lucky. By the time I had to get my flu jab (Warkworth) all had quietened down. A 'cardboard coffee' from the café's front door admittedly, but with a pastry and a baguette and a peaceful river view it was very pleasant. Plus, we now reckon we need the town trip just once a month!

It is all rather noisy now and quite honestly the nicest sound would be to hear a congregational rendition of a well-known hymn 'Guide Me O Thou

Bernard



Pistachio chinensis

Dalleise & Glen Jaques

The amazing weather during lockdown meant our large garden received a lot of love with plenty of time to deal with all the produce & pruning etc. This proved to be a wonderful escape from all the Media. Also a special mention to Fay for her commitment to phoning people each week. It must have taken a lot of time.

Dalleise and Glen.



A small section of Dalleise & Glen's garden



Time for preserving & stocking up their pantry



Anzac Day Commemoration at Ann & Neville Dowson's home



Who's this in disguise??