

Farewell lunch for Rev. Edith McCarthy  
at the Pizza Barn, Waipu



# CHURCH LIFE

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Rosie and Trewby Bull  
celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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## Minister's Musings

One of the things my time away has helped me focus on is how to be and do "church"; and how to connect with the community that surrounds the place where people gather as church. I am writing this in my hotel room on Sunday afternoon, having just returned from a service at St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong. It seems to me that in many ways St John's Cathedral is right on to it when it comes to being and doing "church".

Yes, the church building is located in one of the busiest cities in the world. There are people going past day and night. St John's Cathedral seeks to communicate with these people in a meaningful way. This is their "mission statement":

*St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all, following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.*

The doors are open. People are welcome to come in, walk through the porch, stand in the foyer, look through the window even. What is happening inside is heard very clearly outside. The Sunday services give a range of options - 8am Said Eucharist, 9am Sung Eucharist, 10.30am Sung Eucharist in Mandarin, 11.45am Responsorial Eucharist, 2pm Sung Eucharist in Filipino, 6pm Choral Eucharist. I attended the 9am service – in English. It was very obviously Anglican with liturgy and communion, but also very obviously reaching out to welcome everyone at the appropriate level.

During all the services people are walking past – some on their way somewhere else, some stopping to look in, some coming in. Even on a Sunday their Op Shop and Bookshop and Cafe are open. Two things really struck me as I went out after the service. First was the fact that the building is in constant use: one service followed another with people coming and going. Second was the number of people in the Cathedral grounds. It just seemed a very natural thing. Some were sightseeing, some walking through, some sitting and talking, some picnicking, some using the facilities. The church building is at the centre, but reaching out in all sorts of ways to the people around. It is the second oldest building in Hong Kong, now dwarfed by glass and steel high rise towers, but it stands out as an oasis of peace and refreshment. In a city where space is at a premium there is a small garden and a prayer labyrinth.

St John's Cathedral has a real sense of "mission". This is from their noticeboard:

*The Church is a remarkable collection of very ordinary people (the living stones) drawn from every walk of life, brought together by the common belief that Jesus calls us to follow him ... Daily services of the Eucharist are offered as we pray for those in this city going about the business of living ... all are invited to come in and find peace – to pray, sit or simply be quiet for a few moments in the midst of the bustle and noise of this city. You are welcome too.*

I like that: "you are welcome too". There is a real connection with what is happening in people's lives, and the wider world. Hong Kong is experiencing some "difficulties" at the moment with protesters, demonstrations and the response of the authorities. This, and our response as Jesus' followers, was the theme of the sermon. St John's Cathedral has begun prayers for the city on Thursday nights at 7.30pm.

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## Prayers

Make us worthy, Lord,  
to serve our sisters and our brothers  
throughout the world who live and die  
in poverty and hunger.  
Give them, through our hands,  
this day their daily bread,  
and by our understanding love,  
give peace and joy. Amen.



God of compassion,  
you regard the forsaken  
and give hope to the crushed in spirit  
give us grace like your servant Mother Teresa to hear those who cry to  
you in distress, that they may be joined to the company of those who  
raise a song of thanksgiving to your glory,

O Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Final thoughts:

People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives -  
be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough -  
Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway. Amen.

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And people are encouraged to pray this prayer:

*Lord God, we ask for your blessing upon the people of Hong Kong at this time of divided opinions. Strengthen those who work for mutual understanding; make our hearts open to hear and embrace those who hold different views to ourselves; and may our leaders work together to seek the common good. We pray this in the name of the one who spread healing and reconciliation among all people, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

St John's Cathedral is a building. A very traditional building with traditional services. A building that is a home for people who recognise and celebrate their place in God's family through Jesus Christ; and who seek to help others find that place for themselves.

I came away inspired and encouraged; and I bring that home to share with you.

*Shalom, Wayne*





## Christ the King, Mangawhai

In July, we had a very special celebration, and also a very special farewell. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we joined with Rosie and Trewby Bull and family, celebrating Rosie and Trewby's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, a very happy and joyous occasion! Later in the month we had, with mixed feelings, farewelled Sue Hamilton-Wallace as she prepared to move to Tauranga. Sue contributed hugely to the life of the Mission District, including being a People's Warden, liturgist, door person, flower arranger, cleaner, setting up morning tea, running Rhythm 'n' Riggle, assisting with fundraising events, gardener, assistant to the office administrator, and more! The Ven. John Blundell anointed Sue at the service, many kind words were spoken, and Sue was presented with a gift and farewell card at morning tea. We will greatly miss Sue and wish her all the very best for her new beginnings in Tauranga.

At the same service we had a guest speaker, Esther Matayabas who talked to the congregation about Christians Against Poverty and their work assisting people to become debt-free. John Blundell continued his popular Bible studies on Celtic saints and their spirituality.

During August John started a new Bible study based on the movie 'The Shack'. This was held at Jan and John Pedrotti's house and was also well attended. A fundraising appeal was launched to pay for a new shed, microphones and a wall-mounted changing table. Donations flowed in quickly, and thanks to a particularly large contribution, the full amount was raised by the end of the month.

We started off September with a soup and rolls brunch to celebrate Fathers' Day - we were spoilt with a choice of three different types of soup, bread rolls, toasted cheese rolls, with banana cake and cream cakes to finish. Bernard Chivers and Jo Sarah were our representatives at Synod, and Bernard has prepared a comprehensive report on events, which is available to be read on the noticeboard.

Unfortunately the Ven. John Blundell was taken ill in August, and could not attend his last scheduled service on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We are very grateful to John for taking care of us during May, June, July and August and wish him a well deserved rest and full recovery.

*Fay Burnett*



**For the organist!**

moved through School. An appointment to the District's Commonage Committee and membership to the Lawrence/Waitahuna Presbyterian Church Board of Management.

After several Justice's of the Peace moved on from our small rural district, I got shoulder tapped then in October 1985 was sworn-in as a Justice. By 1988 I had completed all the Judicial studies and began an on-going interest in sitting as a Judicial Justice in the District Court. Having served in the Dunedin D.C., Nelson D.C. and now Whangarei D.C.

In 1990 we sold the family farm and moved to a smaller 40ac unit near Dunedin, developing a successful Texel stud at the same time pursuing my studies to that of Intensive Care Paramedic at Auckland University of Technology.

And so from small naive beginnings in Lawrence where the dust barely rose, to first farm ownership, then to a Paramedic career with 9 years in Dunedin, involving Chair of Otago Ambulance Officers Institute & v/chair of the same National body, a year in Queenstown, 20 years in Nelson involving: Helicopter Rescue, fixed wing emergency transfers, management & mentoring rolls (not to mention the owning of a Pizza shop for 3 years) finalised with 3 years in Auckland and a volunteer in Mangawhai. Tucked into there was a period in the Solomon Islands & 6 years in Australia.

While those stars were some distance off, to have achieved a successful farming career, and a rewarding Paramedic career, was certainly to be better than raising just a small amount of dust at one's feet.



## St Paul's, Kaiwaka

July began with the Reverend John Blundell presiding at his first service at St Paul's during his time as Priest-in-Charge of our Mission District.

We welcomed four members of Reverend Edith McCarthy's family to our service on 21<sup>st</sup> July. They had travelled to Kaiwaka to be with her for her last service at St Paul's. At morning tea Edith was presented with a photo album showing members of St Paul's at church services and fundraising activities. She was absolutely delighted with the gift. After the service we fellowshipped with Edith and her family at the Waipu Pizza Barn. Edith will be moving to Tauranga after a stay in Auckland with her son.

The long anticipated Notice Board has at last been erected and looks great. Our thanks to all who had a hand in the long drawn out process of planning, designing, organising the printing, restoring the support frame, painting it and then finally erecting the board. Well done.

The roof of the church has been sprayed for moss & lichen. Thanks to Bill and Neville for undertaking this task.

Over the last three months Derek has introduced 'A spot of history' segment which has proved to be very interesting and informative. We have learnt about the lives and Christian journey of Malcolm Muggerridge, John Hus and Ramon Lull.

Archie Bull Hall is being used on a regular basis by Kaiwaka Can for their monthly meetings and Oranga Tamariki for family group conferences as well as two other community groups for their activities.

In conclusion, a very happy positive once-in-a-lifetime experience for Christine Bygrave occurred recently. Christine received her Queens Service Medal from Dame Patsy Reddy at Government House Auckland on September 4. A report of Christine's experience is in the 16 September Mangawhai Focus. Well done Christine.

*Mary Hargreaves*

*"Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby  
God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message."*

*Malcolm Muggerridge*

## St Michael's, Hakaru

Hello Everyone,

This will be my last report as Jo Sarah has agreed to take over as our Secretary and as John is our Co Sexton and Bevan Lawrence is our new Sexton, communication will work out well. It is "Great" to see such an enthusiastic trio joining us and we know St Michaels will be in caring hands.

The service led by Rev John McClean on the 30th June wasn't as well attended as usual but we can't win them all!! (We are still buzzing over the attendance at the Christmas Eve service!" We made a presentation to Len Lawrence and flowers for Gwen for Len's long service as Sexton. We are thrilled with our new notice board thanks to Vern, think I will leave the advertising to Jo as my printing is not the tidiest!! A map of the cemetery with names listed alphabetically has been attached to the north side of the church.

Peter Oakden will be repairing a few rotting boards on the Church very soon, it is not long to the wedding booked for the 20th December. The building is looking good after the wet and forget treatment Neville and Bill gave it. Our next Church Service will be on 29th September 11-30 followed by a shared lunch.

Welcome home to Wayne, we are so grateful to John Blundell for filling in for Wayne and it is sad we didn't get a chance to farewell John, and catch up with Jenny. We pray John is well again now. That is all for now, take care and God Bless.  
*Ann Dowson*



**Bevan Lawrence (new Sexton)**  
**John Sarah (dep. Sexton)**



**Storm damage caused to the big macrocarpa tree outside St Michael's**

A 6 month leave from work in 2001 enabled us as a family of 4 to travel extensively through USA, Britain, Europe & middle East. Then more recently extended travel through Australia's SA, NT WA, & VIC with a car & caravan.

After I retired from Nursing, we became Franchisees of Pizza Haven in Nelson, later to become Domino's. What a learning curve to take on in our mid 50's for 2 & half years. We were employer, mentor, councillor, get me out of trouble, social worker and parent advisor to 30 Staff under the age of 30yrs. Meanwhile Lindsay also continued his Ambulance work as Nelson's Acting District Operations Manager.

On selling the shop, I worked 6 years for St John Nelson with their Medical Alarms, driving many miles installing, advising and troubleshooting medical alarms across Nelson, Tasman & West Coast.

Today we enjoy having our 2 girls and their families close by in Auckland and travelling the highways & byways with our caravan.

### ***Lindsay McCaw***

*"Aim for the Stars, even if you only raise the dust at your feet"*

That was what one of my boarding school colleagues used to get told by his father when they parted for the start of yet another school term. I thought it was encouraging as I too often only raised the dust on things I was aspiring to achieve.

Born into an established South Otago sheep farming family, and my sister Margaret 3 years younger, enjoyed life as it hinged around farming activities and Presbyterian Church camps. My Father Keith the eldest of 4 and my Mother Mavis the eldest of 3 from a neighbouring farm.

Life changed dramatically in 1961, when aged 11, my Mother suddenly died from obstetric complications. Two years later was shunted off to John McGlashan Boarding School in Dunedin for 4 years. Sport featured above the classroom and I witnessed many different personalities', like the boarders from Rural Otago to the day-boys from Metropolitan Dunedin. Rugby was a focus through school years climaxing when chosen for the Otago Metropolitan under 18, then later played for South Otago & West Otago U20. Representative Rugby ended about as quickly as it began when asthma squashed any further rugby aspirations.

Leaving school with School Certificate, a career in Farming pursued, with certificates in agriculture and experiences in difference farming types, before returning to the home farm. As Fathers physical health was limiting him in farm activities, farm ownership loomed first with a partnership then full responsibility in 1980 of 330 ha (815ac) Sheep & Cattle breeding & fattening property. Servicing on the National Committee of the NZ Young Farmer Club organisation as their National Rural Safety Advisor sprouted an interest in health.

The Farm partnership in 1972 coincided with Celia & my marriage, and the raising of our 3 Girls. 1978 my interest in St John Ambulance began when I became a volunteer in Lawrence and so a 41-year commitment with St John was started, together with School committees, Boards of Trustees as our children



## Church Profile - Celia and Lindsay McCaw

### *Celia McCaw*

Born in the New Year of 1950 to British Immigrants in Wellington., I was the eldest of four, 2 brothers and a sister. Early on we moved to Christchurch and in Riccarton I remember going on a walk-about with my toy fox terrier on wheels trailing behind me. A parent's nightmare! Eventually with the help of neighbours I was found before a full search party involving the police had to activated

My Father a Farm Consultant moved us to Hawera. For 9yrs I attended 2 primary schools, an Intermediate and Hawera High for just 6 months, before moving to Balclutha and South Otago High School. I was strong in Swimming especially being competitive in breaststroke, Life Saving and gained the Bronze Medallion. I enjoyed Hockey, reaching Otago Secondary Reps. I also enjoyed participating in Christian Crusaders, Drama and School Choir. Later I participated in Theatrical/ Music Shows Sth Otago & Dunedin Hospital. (Lindsay joined me)

Aged 7yrs I tried Ballet for 6 months, failed, so I joined Brownies then Girl Guides, attained my Queens Guide Award at 16yrs. Later in married life, in Waitahuna, I setup a Brownie Pack and became its Brown Owl. In those early years our family visited different places each school holidays, camping with Dad's old army kit and learning much about our country before starting School Holiday jobs. Love of needlework, sewing, knitting, crochet & other craft began from an early age. I couldn't have a dolls house or a pair of jandals, so created my own out of cardboard boxes etc. Later I designed our own Farm & City Kitchens.

In 1960 as a family we travelled to Hereford, Britain, by ship to meet our Grandparents Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. During those 6 months, I attended School in Hereford, plus a trip to London visiting various sights.

Immediately following school, I began in 1968 a Nursing career at Balclutha Hospital and in 1972 registered in General Nursing and Obstetrics. This led onto 35years of Nursing, involving: Hospital, Ambulance work, District Nursing in Lawrence & Dunedin, as well as Practice Nursing in Lawrence & Nelson.

Meeting my farmer man Lindsay, while he was a patient in hospital, began our relationship and our marriage in April 1972, where farm activities centred alongside Nursing and raising a family of 3 girls. Jolene, Alana and Diana were foremost. I was hands-on with all facets of farm work that we enjoyed together. Our family was devastated when Jolene aged 9 required surgery for a Brain Tumour. She recovered, then at aged 19, she was again diagnosed with another Brain Tumour, which became terminal and died 6 weeks after her 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

In the Mid 70's I achieved a Certificate in Early Childhood Education & Development through Massey University (extra mural programme) that lead-on to a position of Play-centre Supervisor at Lawrence. Community involvement over the years has ranged from Presbyterian Church Elder, Young Wives, Red Cross, Garden Club, Golf, Liaison Officer for Otago Playcentre, Craft Group, Pony Club, School PTA Chair Waitahuna, plus Chair St Hilda's College PFA and Secretary to Nelson College of Practice Nurses.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



**St Francis of Assisi Service**  
**SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2019 - 9.00 AM**  
**MANGAWHAI CHRIST THE KING**  
**ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai Village**

**ALL PETS WELCOME**

**Bring all living creatures, whether they be pets,  
birds, farm animals, etc (suitably restrained).  
Where people are not able to bring an animal,  
they may like to bring a photo or picture of  
an animal they love or a soft toy**

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**Rosie and Trewby Bull's  
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations**



**A thank you for Len Lawrence - retiring as  
Sexton of Hakaru Cemetery**



**Farewell and thank you morning tea for  
Sue Hamilton-Wallace**