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Rev. Wayne Thornton - final service at St Michael's



Neville & Ann Dowson with daughter, Susan - air-ballooning in the Waikato.

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Another Step, Another Season

Six years ago I wrote my first column for this magazine. Since then I have written quite a few columns, now under the banner "Minister's Musings".

This is my final column as your "Priest in Charge". It is an interesting title, "Priest in Charge" - a role I had never filled before and one that gave me opportunity for much learning and new experiences; as I developed a ministry as Priest in Charge of two, then more recently three, Mission Districts. A Priest in Charge is kind of like a Vicar, but is not a Vicar. Even now some people call me "Vicar" or "Pastor", because they are not sure about this "Priest in Charge" thing.

Just between you and me, I was not quite sure about it either ... However what I can say now is that it has been a journey of learning, doing, building and discovering. Thank you for being on the journey with me, and for all we have done and learned together. At the service that marked the beginning of my ministry as Priest in Charge we sang:

*One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go□.
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with You.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me travelling along with You.*

Well, we have travelled from the old to the new, so much so that the "new" has become the "old", and there are another lot of new things to travel to. Some of those who started out on this journey with us have gone to be with the Lord; we remember and give thanks for them. Some have moved to new places; we remember and thank them for all we have shared. Others have joined the journey with us; we welcome and thank them for coming along. And now it is my turn to journey on a different path.

We have done many things over these years and I take with me some happy memories and sound learning (of what to do, what works, and what not to do!) One of the surprising things I have learned is that after thirty plus years of ministry, there is still much to learn. This is a good thing. Learning keeps us engaged and growing.

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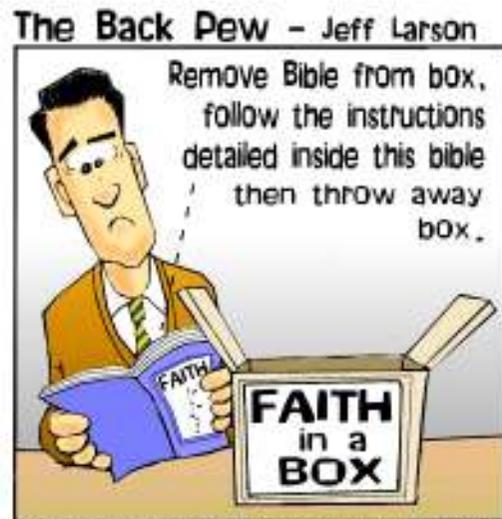
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“Catching the Faith” or What is a “Catechism”?

This is another one of those really interesting words in our Anglican tradition. It sounds like something to do with common household pets or some kind of overwhelming disaster, or perhaps a combination of both. In reality it is a word used to describe a teaching resource that has been around since the early church. It comes from a Greek word meaning “to teach orally”, and the first known use of this word in English was in 1502. There are other related words like “catechesis” and “catechist”, which sound rather “catchy” and are in fact to do with “catching” the faith! “Catechesis” is the teaching of the Christian faith to Christian children and adult converts; a “catechist” is the one who does the teaching. A “Catechism” then is an outline of basic Christian doctrine and beliefs, expressed in a question and answer form for ease of teaching and remembering. Traditionally the set answers to the set questions were memorised by the student; the teacher would ask each question and the student would reply. In the Anglican setting the Catechism was a brief manual of instruction for those preparing for Confirmation – covering baptism, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments. These days it is seen as a useful summary of the teaching of the Church. Our *New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* includes a Catechism beginning on page 926. This has 71 questions and answers, including sections on the Anglican Church, Christian Lifestyle and Christian hope. While it is “not to be regarded as a complete statement of belief or practice”, it is certainly well worth reading (and we should be thankful it is no longer necessary to memorise it!)

Wayne Thornton



Karl was soooo excited to receive his mail order FAITH but soon realized... this was not rocket science.

Together we have learned and sung some new songs. May this learning and singing continue. Earlier this year we began singing:

*Our life has its seasons
And God has the reasons
Why spring follows winter
And new leaves grow
For there's a connection
With our resurrection
That flowers will bud
After frost and snow*

There is a new season for the Mangawhai Mission District. New leaves are growing, new flowers will blossom. I encourage you to continue to invite, bring, welcome, people to the chairs and pews that are waiting for them. Build on the relationships that are there and in the wider community. Help people to get to know the Jesus you know and follow, who gives hope and direction for life.

One more step into a new season for us all.

Shalom, Wayne



Palm Sunday Service at Christ the King

Christ the King, Mangawhai

In the lead up to Easter it was pleasing to see the contributions made by all. In particular I would like to thank Margaret Whitaker for making the crosses distributed on Palm Sunday. Also thank you to Ann and Neville Dowson who sourced the palm fronds from Che Burnett. Easter Services were well attended, especially Easter Sunday 4th April, when 48 people gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Easter this year was vastly different from last year when we were all in lockdown. Remember those days!!!

We have seen an increase in numbers at our 9.00am service, with several new attendees. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these newcomers, whom we hope will find joy, peace and hope as they interact with Christ during this service.

Gillian Whitley, who is a regular attendee at our 9.00am service, and who, after a few false starts owing to Covid 19, gave a very interesting and extremely enlightening address on the Leprosy Mission and her work within this organisation. Gillian accompanied her talk with some slides on our Power Point, showing some of her trips overseas and people affected by Leprosy. I think no one was left untouched by Gillian's very heartfelt appeal on behalf of those affected by this dreadful disease. If you would like to donate to the Leprosy Mission, it is never too late!!! The bank account number is 02 0264 0029108 005, in the name of Leprosy Mission NZ. Please add your name and phone number in the reference field

On another note, our Priest in Charge, Wayne Thornton advised the congregation on Sunday 28th April, he had been appointed Vicar of Manurewa Parish. While we are sad to see him go, we have appreciated his time with us and wish Wayne and Kim well in this new ministry. Wayne's final service, followed by a shared lunch for all parishioners, will be held on Sunday 13th June, 9.30 am. Wayne's Induction at St Luke's Manurewa will be held Wednesday 23rd June at 7.00pm, for any members of the Mangawhai Mission District who wish to attend.

The Mangawhai Mission District AGM was held at St Paul's Kaiwaka on 18th April and we thank them for hosting this event and all who provided the shared lunch which followed. We officially welcomed Martin Arrowsmith, who has taken on the role of Treasurer. There were no other changes to the Governing Body. We thank all those who are willing to serve in this way and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

The coffee mornings, first Thursday of the month, continue to be enjoyed by all who attend. Likewise Rhythm n Riggle is well supported by the young mums and their little ones, each Tuesday morning at 10.00 am. We hope the Craft Group will continue to meet on Thursday mornings after Kim's departure to Manurewa. I would like to extend my thanks to Kim for organising and running this during her time in Mangawhai.

Sower and the Seed Word Search

G A R D E N R O O T S L Y E W
J T V B W G R P J R P L R L T
S D N A T S R E D N U E W B H
H E T I K W F K T L M Z O A O
N E E C A R X I N R E E R R R
R R O D U L S R A E H S G A N
P R A I S H P F L S H O S P S
V O T E F V W X P O R W E O A
N F R D L E I Y E I L E W K N
Q A R C M P R A Y L A R J L Y

CROP	PRAY
EXPLAIN	ROCKS
FARMER	ROOTS
FRUIT	SEEDS
GARDEN	SOIL
GROW	SOWER
HEARS	THORNS
LEARN	UNDERSTANDS
LESSON	WATER
PARABLE	YIELD
PLANT	



SOWING AND GROWING

Reflecting on the Parable of the Sower, Joy Cowley writes:

*I thank you bountiful Sower,
that you do not choose good soil alone.
You cast your abundant blessings
over the entire landscape of existence,
knowing that conditions can change
and barren soil may become fertile ground.
My old hard paths of judgemental thought
have already become softened by a rain of tears
and are ready for new growth.
My stony places have small patches
of rich soil that are waiting
to receive the seed of truth.
And last year's crop of thistles
has mouldered down to a compost
that will grow strong plants
and a good crop of fruit.
I am so grateful, bountiful Sower,
that my growth does not depend
on my unstable earthly condition,
but on your endless abundant giving.*

At this colder, darker time of year, may we be aware of the growth nurtured in us and around us through the warming, welcoming love of God.



Earlier this year we had to have our water tank at Christ the King cleaned and more recently filters installed. There is a shortfall in our finances to cover the cost of this work. If you feel able to contribute, please give any donations to Fay Burnett or alternatively Fay can supply you with instructions as to the bank account details for online banking.

I think winter has finally arrived and I pray you all stay well and avoid any of the usual bugs that seem to accompany this season. Please also remember to continue to use the Covid Tracer Code on the front door, using the App on your phone. Alternatively you can sign in on the form provided on the desk inside. I would also ask everyone to continue to use the hand sanitiser provided on the stand inside the front door.

Jo Sarah, People's Warden

St Paul's, Kaiwaka

March until June has seen a lot of activity outside St Paul's, with contractors preparing to lay footpaths and landscaping between the church and Kaiwaka School. All assurances that we would be able to meet in the church for our Sunday services as usual came to nothing when the contractors parked diggers, trucks and piles of gravel in the carpark just before our Easter service. Thankfully Tim Ward, the project manager acted promptly on that occasion. Unfortunately the contractors fell behind on their schedule to finish concreting through the school holidays, and laid the concrete just before our May 2nd service. This caused problems for some of our older parishioners who had to walk some distance to attend the service. There is still some landscaping to complete but we shouldn't be locked out of the carpark again, and we now have a nice new footpath and a concrete apron on our driveway.

Rev. Wayne has continued to hold livestream services at St Paul's on the first Sunday of the month whenever possible and this has been helpful for those unable to attend services. Rev. Derek took a Palm Sunday service and Rev. John took the Easter Sunday service both of which were well attended.

The Mangawhai Mission District AGM was held in the Archie Bull Hall this year and this was followed by a shared lunch. All members of the Governing Body were re-elected, with the addition of Martin Arrowsmith who has taken on the role of Treasurer. Bill and Fay will continue to represent St Paul's on the Governing Body.

We extended our congratulations to Mary and David Hargreaves who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 16th April. We welcome Allan, Anne, Marilyn and Martin who have started attending services at St Paul's this year. On 5th May Kaiwaka Can put on a special event at Eutopia to thank Derek Christensen for his many years as Chairman, helping to make Kaiwaka a safer place to live, work, visit and play. Isa was also thanked for her unwavering support and encouragement over the years.

In April, Rev. Wayne announced that he had received a call to Manurewa Parish, and that his last service for Mangawhai Mission District would be on 13 June at Christ the King Church, Mangawhai. We would like to thank Wayne for his input to St Paul's, taking Communion services and chairing meetings. We extend every good wish and all blessings for his new appointment.

We would also like to thank Rev. John and Rev. Derek for their stimulating sermons and discussions over the past year. Thank you Christine and Margot - our musicians, Anneliese and Andrew for providing music and words on the overhead; our liturgists and readers; Jan Hargreaves for supervising the church flower and cleaning rosters and care of the garden; to Peter Linnell for maintenance and repairs of the church and hall as needed; to Sara McAulay for arranging hall bookings, to Marc Olsen who mows St Paul's lawns, to everyone on the morning tea and hall cleaning roster, to Isa for organising birthday and special occasion cards, and to our regular attendees at church. You are an amazing team! Blessings to you all.

Fay Burnett



From left: new Kaiwaka Can Inc. chair David Wright at a special thank you function for Rev. Derek & Isa Christensen

a shift of 14 hours; the Flip Wilson and the Carol Burnett Show and Laugh-in. More importantly our first child Kiri was born in Toronto and Paul in Collingwood, Ontario, a ski resort area. In between, Jan returned to supply teaching.

While at CBC-TV, Peter was studying, part time, at the Royal Conservatory of Music. His teacher told him to quit TV if he ever wanted to sing on stage.

Peter and Jan decided to buy into the hospitality business at a ski resort north of Toronto. After six years in the business, including building a licensed restaurant, and grossing an increase of 300%, Peter stopped singing and they sold their business in 1979 returning home to New Zealand. Thirty years later, Peter retired from TVNZ, and wrote a New Zealand based novel, Black Sands & Toitoe, which was launched two years ago at the Mangawhai Museum. Many from the church were there and Peter thanks them and Jan for their support.



Children & Grandchildren



The lovely Jan!

Church Profile:

Jan and Peter Pedrotti- How we made it to Mangawhai.

Jan was born in Kitchener, Ontario, just before the Second World War. Prior to WW1, Kitchener was named Berlin, owing to the large German population that settled there, many years before. Jan's family name is Schweigert, and even though her father was Canadian born, she remembers that he suffered racial discrimination during the war. Her two elder sisters were academics and she also became a teacher after graduating from Wilfred Laurier University. While Jean, the eldest, was not athletic, like her two younger siblings, she preferred teaching languages to university students, whereas Verna and Jan taught physical education as well as languages to high school students.

Another influence in Jan's life was her mother, Lillian, who was an accomplished china painter and quilt maker. With thirty quilts in the hot-water cupboard, Jan still enjoys sharing her inherited skills. Quilt making in Kitchener was fostered by the large Mennonite population that settled there at the turn of the 17th century. They still sell their quilts, maple syrup and organic farm produce at a large farmers' market each weekend. A sight and sound to remember are the horse drawn handsome cabs with the men in top hats dressed in black, sitting beside their bonneted ladies, clip-clopping on their way to the market, or church on Sundays.

Languages were the sisters' passion as well as travel. Jean lived in Paris, Verna in Hawaii and Jan, hitchhiking with a English nurse, made it to the bottom of the globe where she and Wendy, in pouring rain, were picked up by Peter on a South Island West Coast road. Peter admired her intellect, Canadian accent, and everything else about her and asked her to marry him, six months later. Peter and Jan were married in 1967 in Pitt Street Methodist Church Auckland. Without Peter and Jan knowing, Angela, Peter's younger sister had already arranged to be married at the church, so Dad suggested a double wedding. "Cheaper by the dozen!" he said. All went well until the Minister tried to marry Angela to Peter by mistake. God must have figured out the mistake, because Peter and Jan have now been happily married for 53 years.

Peter's broadcasting career started in 1961 as a NZBS Broadcasting Cadet and ended on retirement after 42 years. He developed script writing skills. Studio directing. News Directing. Writing and producing 7 documentaries for TVONE under the series "Our Heritage", available in the library system on a DVD, as well as 8 years writing and directing viewer request series called "I Like That One 2" and "Your Choice".

In 1968 Jan and Peter left New Zealand and sailed to Canada where Peter became a Landed Immigrant and secured a job with CBC-TV where he was a Presentation Director and a Co-ordinating Producer for the Canadian network. Soon after his arrival he found himself co-ordinating the first Major League Baseball game out of Montreal; the Apollo moon landing in July which was

St Michael's and All Angels, Hakaru

A Working Bee was held on 27th March with an excellent turnout of volunteers. Fire Service volunteers arrived with chainsaws on poles, to undertake a major prune of the boundary trees. Thank you to all those who helped. Also special thanks to David Lusty who removed the resulting debris to be burnt on his own property and Ann Dowson for providing the lovely morning tea. I believe Elizabeth Lawrence and Ann Dowson also worked behind the scenes cleaning the church in readiness for Paula Bygrave's wedding which was held the following Sunday, (Easter Sunday). Thankfully after a drenching storm on the Saturday, Easter Sunday turned on fine weather for Paula's wedding.

Wayne's last service at St Michael's was held on Sunday, 30th May and this was followed by a shared lunch at the Hakaru Hall.

Thank you to Bevan Lawrence, who continues to carry out maintenance at St Michael's and to Ann and Neville Dowson, who regularly attend to the cleaning of the church. Where would we be without these people, who quietly go about these various chores, unseen and unnoticed by many.

Jo Sarah



**St Michael's
May Service
2021**

**Alan & Margaret Whitaker
60th Wedding Anniversary & Alan's 90th birthday**



The Arrival of the 'Daring'



**Jim Wintle (Chair of the Mangawhai Daring Trust)
shaking hands with John Street**



**'The Daring' being manoeuvred into place
behind the Mangawhai Museum.**