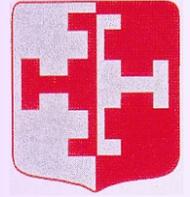




# Crossfire

St Chad's and St John's  
Anglican Parish of West New Plymouth



March 2013

## FROM THE VICAR



As I write this note I am in the midst of final preparations for my three month sabbatical from 1 March to 31 May inclusive.

I have many activities planned, the first of which is to cycle the Otago Rail Trail with two friends. Another is to visit our daughter in Melbourne. Sabbaticals are a time of refreshment and renewal so I hope to return in June full of vim and vigor and maybe with a story or two to tell.

The Reverend Noel Hendry, who was Dean of Waiapu Cathedral (Napier) when I was ordained there in 1997, will be priest-in-charge of the parish for the month of March. Noel and his wife Jenny have a daughter and grandchildren living in New Plymouth, so they jumped at the chance to spend a lengthy period of time with them. They will be living in the vicarage and taking care of Barry, two cats and two dogs as well as the parish. I know you will make Noel and Jenny feel very welcome and I thank you in advance.

In April and May there will be a variety of clergy taking services, which will make for an interesting and refreshing time for all.

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am until 12 noon so if you need any information Jasmine, our parish administrator is your first port of call. You can contact her on 753 4306. If you have an urgent pastoral matter contact The Reverend Maureen Hook on 027 237 2069.

*Debbie*

## SEASONS™

Seasons™ is a nationwide peer support programme for children and young people who are suffering from grief and loss.

New Plymouth coordinator, Diana Lawrence, and vicar of St Chad's, The Reverend Debbie Garrett, started the programme in New Plymouth in 2004. It is based at St Chad's, and over 400 children and young people have been through Seasons™ since it started.

The difference in children who attend the programme is significant, says Diana. "Children say things like: Seasons helped me because people listen, or it helped me keep my feelings under control or get over my grief by talking about my Mum or Dad."



Diana Lawrence

Last term Diana ran a programme for adolescents and this is an area she hopes to expand. Comments from those students were similar: one student said "Seasons helped me to be more open." and another said, "it helped me by realizing I'm not alone."

One mother commented: "It was a lifeline. We got the support we needed but from another source, not home... the programme gave my daughter a safe place to express herself."

Children attend a one-hour session after school, and are supported by a "companion" as they work through a structured programme which includes crafts and group discussions.

Diana says that "companions" are desperately needed as more referrals are being made as demand grows. People can train as companions by attending a weekend workshop.

For details contact Diana Lawrence on 027 703 3769 or [newplymouth@seasons.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@seasons.org.nz), or Sarah Foy on [sfoy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sfoy@xtra.co.nz).

Seasons™ was brought to New Zealand in 1997 by the Anglican Diocese of Waiapu. Here in Taranaki it is a service of the Bishop's Action Foundation (BAF) run under the umbrella of the Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board. It is a non-religious programme.

## PLANNED GIVING

To all those who have given generously to St Chad's and St John's — thank you! Your giving ensures the continuing presence of an Anglican Church symbolising the presence of God in our community.

At this time of year envelopes for planned giving for the 2013/2014 year are being prepared. If you would like to change your pattern of giving from weekly to monthly, or from envelopes to automatic payments, please email the parish treasurer Joan Honeyfield [joanandjohn@clear.net.nz](mailto:joanandjohn@clear.net.nz) or phone her on 758 5346.

Should you feel moved to give an extra donation or increase your giving before 31 March 2013, this amount can be included in your annual receipt. You will receive a refund of 1/3 of your charitable donations. Claim forms for donations can be downloaded from the Inland Revenue website [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz)

## MONTHLY SERVICES

### St Chad's

Sundays 8 am & 9.30 am  
Holy Communion

Mondays 9.00 am  
Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 10 am  
Holy Communion

### St John's

2nd Sunday  
Holy Communion  
10.00 am

### Monday Morning Prayer

### Contemplative Service

### Taize Service

are in abeyance  
until further notice.

## EASTER SERVICES



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 pm Foot Washing Service

### GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am Reflective Service

### EASTER DAY



8:30am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Holy Communion

## NEWS

### New Lighting in Church Hall

Hall users, and the bowlers in particular, will be pleased to know that the lighting in the church hall has been replaced with fluorescent lights with tubes and diffusers. This work was able to be done through donations made in the 2011 special appeal.

### CHOICEMAKERS

Term one is always busy with school camps and a range of short weeks and long weekends due to public holidays. We have made the prayerful decision to not hold ChoiceMakers this term as we would rather start the year with a good, solid programme. Please contact St Chad's family worker, The Reverend Maureen Hook if you are interested in helping when the group resumes in May.

## UP-COMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The next garage sale will be held on Saturday 4 May so start clearing out those cupboards and putting items aside now. "White elephant" items sell well, as do cakes and plants. Whatever you don't want anymore might be just what someone else is looking for!

The Repertory Theatre fundraisers are always a great success, and lots of fun is had by all who attend. Tickets are \$20 which nets the parish \$1,000. The next play coming up is a comedy called "Kiss on the bottom" by Frank Vickery, directed by Terry Darby. There is definitely no sex, violence or swearing! It's being held on Saturday 13 April at 8 pm. Tickets can be purchased from Pam King or Mary Needs.



Please support the parish by donating items for the garage sale and bring your friends along on the day. Make up a group of friends to go to the theatre with you. You are sure to have a good laugh!

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## WEBSITES

### St Chad's

[www.stchad.co.nz](http://www.stchad.co.nz)

### Diocese

[www.waikatotarangi.org.nz](http://www.waikatotarangi.org.nz)

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