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From the Vicar's Desk

Rev Charmaine Braatvedt.

This Parish has a history of looking after its Vicars. That may account for the longevity of their incumbencies. Rev Murray Spackman was Vicar for 27 years!

One of the wonderful ways the Parish supports us is via an annual contribution towards a sabbatical fund that will contribute towards a time of learning and restoration.

With this in mind I am to spend two separate weeks with my 89 year old mum in Cape Town. Sandwiched between these two weeks is a fundraising trip to Zambia which will raise \$100,000 to build two operating theatres in Mukinge where Dr David Friend is one of the resident surgeons. This trip is self-funded and will take about 3 weeks. Thank you to all those who generously donated towards the project. We raised \$25,000 towards it! After this, Geoff and I will head off to Samoa. Geoff will be a guest lecturer at the newly-opened Samoan Medical School and I will make myself available to the local Anglican Church and learn as much as I can from them.

Somewhere along the line I hope to reduce the huge pile of *must reads* that I have beside my bed and get some much needed R and R.

Thank you to you my Church family for the privilege of having me as your Vicar and for the love and care with which you make my vocation such a joy and so fulfilling. I leave on the 30th July and will see you again on the 7th October which is the feast day of my favourite saint, St Francis of Assisi. I would not want to celebrate pets/ environment day away from the Parish and my lovely Church family. In the meantime you are in the capable hands of the Rev Peter Jenkins. So all that is left for me to say is please keep Geoff and me in your prayers and we will pray for you.

Zikomo ndapita/ tofa!

Guess who is coming to Lunch

Thanks to Sue and Andie for a very successful 'Guess who is coming to Lunch' event.

44 people took part in this event and the feedback has been tremendously good. It certainly is a lovely way of building community.

I received this encouraging email from Suzanne Stickney today:

Hi Charmaine
 We had a lovely lunch yesterday and all really enjoyed the company and the opportunity to talk. It was really fun and we're always keen to do it - it's probably easier for us to host with Johnny. We all thought it was hilarious that the guests didn't know whose house they were heading to and the hosts didn't know who was coming. It made for lots of laughter. I have attached a pic.
 Johnny actually went into hospital in the afternoon and he has pneumonia, so if you're able to pop him and John into your prayers that would be awesome.
 Xx

I would love to hear how others got on. The good news is that Johnny was later discharged from hospital.



Molly Fenwick, Brecon Carter, Maiike & Bram Water, Jessica Carter, John & Johnny Herring & Suzanne Stickney

The Messenger

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Mukinge Calls—
The most recent letter from David Friend.
7 July 2018

Dear Charmaine and all Church Family at Holy Trinity,
 Warmest of greetings from Mukinge in Zambia.
 Thank you for the note Charmaine and for the heroic efforts in the fundraising department!
 That is a magnificent effort, do thank all those who have contributed.
 We are looking forward to seeing you all soon.

It has been certainly busy since returning, but all good and we love the work anyway.
 Here are a few shots of life recently:
 Visiting the "Open Air Prison". It is quite cold now and we took extra blankets for the men there and the usual fresh veges, sugar and cooking oil.
 Gumboots and metal washing basins will be on the next visit. You can see Enless there and our nephew David, who was on a mid-term break from the local boarding school.



Our enthusiastic and highly trained theatre team eagerly waiting to serve you :)



A 25 year old lady with a bad cancer (choriocarcinoma) catching a lift to the Cancer Diseases Hospital in Lusaka, on the return orthopaedic flight.



Child coming for orthopaedic review on the back of a bicycle.



Arm mauled by a hippo. Yes, you can see right through the arm. This one is testing us.



See you soon,
 Blessings, David and Enless

Ps Charmaine, I know that some of these are a bit grim, but some of the parishioners have indicated that they do want to see these!
 Perhaps the less keen can close their eyes!

Learnings from the Diocesan Parish Review

This year seems to be our year of assessments and evaluations. The Diocese of Auckland has a policy of reviewing its ministry units periodically and it was our turn in May this year.

The Ven Sarah Moss from the Episcopal team conducted the Review of the Parish.

146 people were invited to complete the survey online or on hard copy and the results of the survey were analysed by a company called *Beyond Consulting*.

The survey achieved a response rate of 52% which equated to 76 respondents. Of the 76, 67% were over the age of 56 years. However, more than a quarter of the respondents were in each of the 40-55 and 56-64 age groups.

The survey divided the health assessment of the church into four categories:

1. **Knowing God**, which includes providing inspiring worship, evidence of a vibrant faith and a prayerful life in the community of Faith.
2. **Shaping Community**, which includes being an authentic, loving community with intentional stewardship and good governance.
3. **Growing in Christ** which includes evidence that those in the faith community are maturing in their discipleship, are able to exercise gift orientated ministry and that there is a culture of empowering leadership.
4. **Living Beyond Ourselves**, which means that the faith community is outwardly focused and takes opportunities to provide relevant outreach to the wider community and to proclaim the Gospel.

Out of a maximum score of 6, where 1 is poor and 6 is excellent, the respondents marked the life of our community as scoring:

5 in the first category of Knowing God;

5.2 for Shaping Community;

5 for growing in Christ and

4.9 for Living Beyond Ourselves.

From the survey it is clear that people, both lay and ordained, are favourably disposed to the leadership of the Parish. The respondents demonstrated an appreciation for all the attempts that are being made to build a strong sense of community at Holy Trinity. There was a positive attitude towards the

various ways in which information about church activities, events and decisions are communicated to the congregation. The respondents also displayed great confidence in the integrity with which the finances are managed by the church.

Areas identified for us to work on included: Parishioners needed support in developing a greater confidence to initiate meaningful conversations about their faith in order to encourage others to reach out to new people who attend the church; there is a need for mentoring and for training people in how to share their faith. We also need to work on celebrating answers to prayer with people of the church.

The survey was followed by two workshops which were well attended and generated positive discussion regarding the Parish's identity and values as well as its mission and ministry. The following values were highlighted as being core to this faith community: Christ-centred living; family; diversity; good teaching; outreach; engagement; hospitality; belonging and involvement.

A mission and ministry plan was drawn up based on the discussions that took place during the workshops. This is designed to function as a working document. The plan identifies a goal in each of the 4 dimensions of the healthy church model.

1. To provide the most effective format for a worship gathering that functions as an alternative to the Sunday Services.
2. To promote the ministry of hospitality in all its various iterations.
3. To support the mission and ministry of the church by advancing plans for the re-development of the hall.
4. To provide training and mentoring that will increase confidence in sharing our faith and reaching out to people.
5. To increase our outreach to the wider community.

Vestry intends to develop strategies to meet these goals.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey and thank you to all those who attended the workshops.

May God bless us as we move forward into this next chapter of our lives together as the Faith Community of Holy Trinity, Devonport.



2. MU Summary Profile

2.1 Response Rate

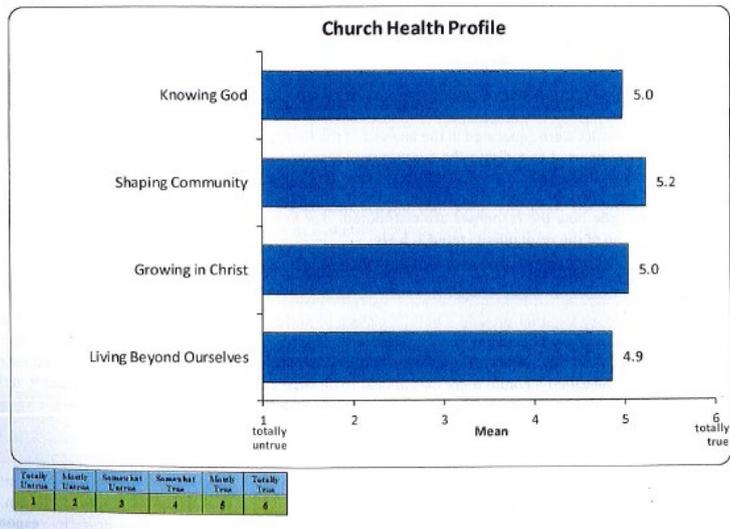
The overall response rate for the MU with 76 respondents out of an invited survey population of 146 is 52%

The tables below summarises the response rate for each respondent group.

Respondent Group	Invited	Responded	Response Rate
Leadership	19	19	100%
Congregation	127	57	45%

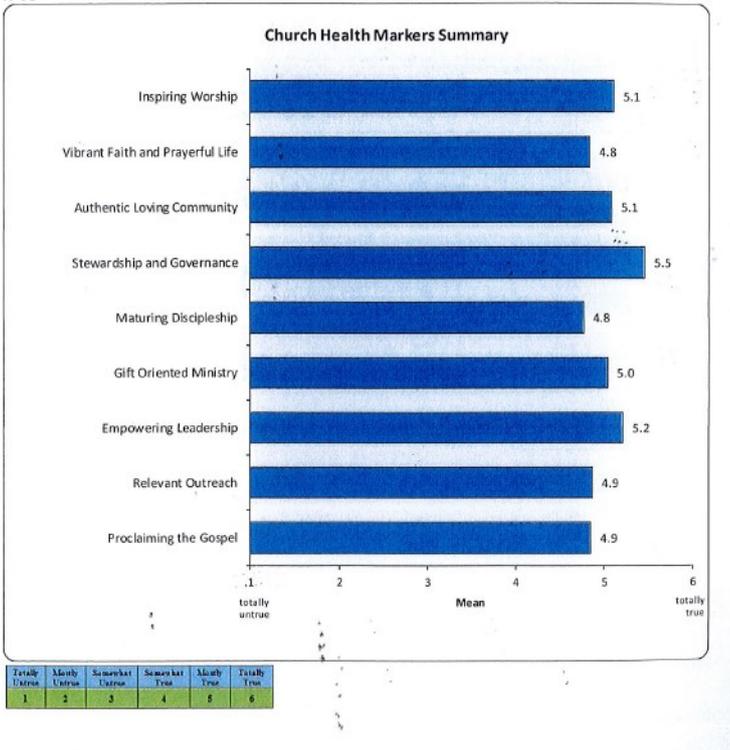
2.2 Overall Church Health Profile

N=76



2.3 Church Health Markers Summary

N=76



the holy trinity
BOOK FAIR
 is coming again on
Friday 27th July
Saturday 28th July 2018

Help is needed with
1. BOOK SORTING
Mon 23rd - Thurs 26th July

2. MORNING TEA / LUNCH SUPPLIES
ESPECIALLY SOUP
 during week beg Mon 23rd July



Money raised from the Book Fair will go towards the project for the Redevelopment of the Hall

Holy Trinity Choir
 and the
Devonport Chamber Orchestra
 in Concert

On Sunday 2nd September
 at 2pm
 in Holy Trinity Church,
 Devonport
 \$15 adults
 \$10 Concession



Funds raised go the Project for the Redevelopment of the Hall

TAIZĒ STYLE SERVICES
 at
Holy Trinity Church

Join us for these reflective services on the following Sundays

22nd July, 26th August, 28th October, 25th November

Hannah's Youth Update



Balloon Night



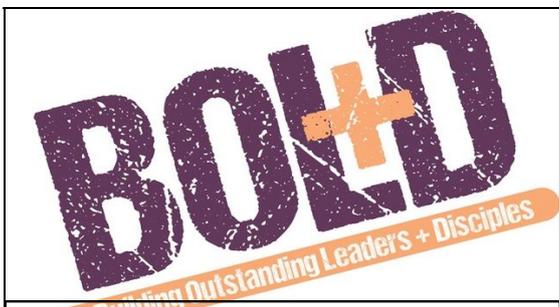
Mid Winter Family Dinner

Getting to know parents, families and parishioners.

Our midwinter meal was amazing. Thanks to Jacques who cooked the yummy dinner and supervised the decorating of the Hall. The parents and parishioners who attended that night were very impressed and we all loved the short films which youth group had made the week before.



Having a blast at Easter Camp



Jerry and Mia are taking part in the **BOLD** program. It's a program developed to help disciple young leaders in the church. I will be one of the leaders going on this journey with them along with 2 other leaders and 8 other youth from around Auckland. It's a year long program and I am very excited to see what God does in these young peoples lives.



Laser Force Combined Youth Groups Night

Update on the Parish Hall Redevelopment

In April Tom Brady, Managing Director of Compton Fundraising Consultants, conducted a research study to assess the degree of interest in, and support for, the redevelopment of the Hall and the general fundraising climate in the Parish.

34 people primarily from Devonport, but also the wider peninsular, participated in interviews.

The interviewees all endorsed the need to earthquake strengthen the hall and, while doing that, to undertake deferred maintenance. All agreed that it was crucial that the hall became more inviting and better able to provide hospitality. Furthermore, the need for additional office space for staff, so that the vicarage could revert to its original role, was also endorsed.

There was a majority recognition that construction would never be cheaper and the funds made available by the sale of St Augustine's meant that the opportunity should be taken to address the Church's needs now.

The majority of feedback about the design of the project was overwhelmingly positive. The general view was that, as expensive work *had* to be done, it was better to do the lot in one hit and to do it well – *building for the future*.

The figure tested during the study was \$1.4 million over three years. This figure was based on an estimated project cost from concept plans of \$3 million less approximately \$1.6 million in existing funding. It did not include an additional \$250,000 of existing funding earmarked for restoration of the vicarage.

The approach of using a Scale of Giving as a means of raising the required funds was endorsed by the interviewees, provided the pledges did not delay building. Most agreed that the Church members should be seen to be giving first and suggested that between a quarter and at-least-a-half should come from them. Therefore, it was suggested that the Scale be used as a mechanism to test the congregation's giving ability based on pledges, prior to formalising the project.

Those we spoke with were asked in confidence whether they would give to a campaign for a project that met their concerns. Over 80% said they would.

So far three groups have been formed to progress the project: **A Fundraising Committee**; **A Property Committee**; and a **Prayer Chain** that is specifically focussed on the Hall.

If you would like to be involved in any of these please don't hesitate to speak to Geoff Walker, Jean McQueen or Rev Peter Jenkins.

Going Forward the plan of action is broadly as follows:

Phase 1.

Simon Forrest is to write a Business Plan for running and funding the new facility when complete.

The Property Committee will oversee the finalised plans for the project and apply for the final appropriate consents.

The Fundraising Committee will draw up the Campaign Plan, Budget and Scale of Giving. They will determine dedicated gifts and designation policies.

Vestry will approve governance and accountability processes; appoint a Campaign Chair and recruit a Campaign Office Manager

Phase 2.

The Fundraising Committee will oversee the Staging of Information Functions for major gifts prospects, make planned, personal approaches to secure major gifts and stage Information Functions for the congregation.

There will be planned, personal approaches as appropriate to congregation members and continuing discussions with Trusts.

Phase 3

Publicly announce the Campaign and launch the campaign with a 'Ground-Breaking' ceremony. Make planned, personal approaches to remaining congregation members.

Conduct Information Functions for other community prospects.

Make all gift approaches and follow-up appointments.

Aim to complete all visits by Easter 2019.

Finalise Trusts applications.

Phase 4.

Submit any appropriate Trusts applications Follow up any outstanding approaches not finalised .

Establish follow-up and accountability procedures. Confirm viability and scope.

Vestry decision to proceed with building.

We anticipate starting the build towards the end of 2019.



Our Hospitality Calling

One of the most memorable experiences I've had when visiting a new church was an occasion when I walked in the door and the poor sides-person was visibly startled to see someone new. Memorable but not the most encouraging welcome.

At the recent course on hospitality we discussed the three "doorways" that people usually pass through into our church: first, the door or pathway that brings them to a Sunday service; second, actually attending a service for the first time; and third, joining in the life and fellowship of the Parish. What studies and experience consistently show is that these doorways work best when there is a personal experience attached, an invitation or a welcome that connects people on a one-to-one basis.

So here's the thing, if we want to be a truly hospitable church—and we should—then this is something we all should be doing. It is as simple as being aware. Coming into a new church for the first time can be intimidating. But if you were hosting a party in your home, then you would pay attention to who knew others or who might need to be shown around. Well, the Church is our home and we are the hosts. All of us. So let's all accept our calling to hospitality and make Holy Trinity a truly welcoming place to be.

Peter Jenkins



Stamps for Mission

Anglican Missions sells stamps on Trade Me, in auctions and to dealers around the world. Thanks to everyone who has donated stamps to Anglican Missions. Keep them coming.

However, we no longer want the general use 'KIWI' stamps. While we used to be able to sell KIWI stamps, our stamp buyers have been overwhelmed by them and are no longer taking them. Please do keep sending us other NZ stamps and of course international ones too.

We are interested in mint and used stamps as well as collections.

Please put in the box at the church entrance

CONFIRMATIONS (see photo on front cover)

Maia Brown
Elise Wishart
Mia Hawes
Emma Taylor
Suzanne Stickney
Isla Forrest



GRADUATES OF THE UNDERSTANDING COMMUNION COURSE

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Matthew Kirk
Alyah Jonstone
Isabella Hunt

BAPTISMS

William Cubitt
Edward Cubitt
Joshua Delzenne
Gunner Weekes
Samuel O'Sullivan
Joshua O'Sullivan
Benjamin O'Sullivan
Emma Taylor
Maia Brown

FUNERALS

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Jean Brenton
Luris Harrison
David Iremonger
Betty Wildman
Edward (Ted) Hill

WEDDINGS

Ayla Fraser & James Burley
Manzi Chen & Penli Zhang
So Jeong & Woo Jeon
Helen Smith & Pieter Jacobs
Elizabeth Pawson &
Joel Carter
Aimee Staveley &
Lane Warner
Rachel Munn & Ben Moimoi
Sum Tang & Mark Choi
Erin Tan & Tzu Chang



Farewell lunch for Liz Pugh who is leaving NZ and returning home to England.
Liz has been one of our Community Shop Co-ordinators for the past three years.
We wish her all the best.