

THE MESSENGER

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Living Life God's Way

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DEVONPORT**

Church Community since 1856





From the Vicar's Desk

Rev Charmaine Braatvedt

For many years now, even before my time as Vicar of the Parish, August has been set aside to reflect on the finances of the church. It has been the month when we are given the opportunity to once again look at our personal giving to support the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church, Devonport.

This Faith Community is as vibrant and viable to the extent that we allow ourselves to be used by the Holy Spirit. The Church is as strong as the Spirit filled efforts, resources and enthusiasm for mission and ministry of those who call Holy Trinity their spiritual home. While the Auckland Diocese has oversight of what we do here and holds us accountable, it is not like a big rich daddy who will bail us out when we overspend or under-deliver on mission and ministry. We are the grown up adult child of a Church tradition that has limited resources. It is up to us, you and me, to ensure that the Church of Jesus Christ flourishes here in Devonport.

In any town or village, various organisations have a role to play in shaping the character of the society that inhabits that place. The Church has a very specific role. We have the sacred task of facilitating the expression of Christianity in the Devonport community, of nurturing spiritual growth and of extending the love of Christ. This is the most worthy and inspiring contribution we make to the life of Devonport.

The effectiveness of this contribution depends largely on the generosity and commitment of each person that make up this Faith Community.

Clearly this includes Geoff and me. We both love Holy Trinity and are committed to see it flourish and so we give as generously as we can to its mission and ministry.

We give of our time, our talents and our resources. We do this for 3 important reasons: Firstly because we value the work of the Church. The church is the body of Christ whom we follow in our daily lives. Holy Trinity in particular has supported and shaped our family over the years and has played a vital role in our spiritual formation. We are so happy to give back to what has been such a pivotal force in our lives.

Secondly, I believe that when we give to the church we are giving to God. It is the only way I can see that we can give back directly to God. God is very good to us, and always has been. As the Psalmist says, *everything we have is a gift from God* Psalm 24:1. Giving to the church is an opportunity for us to express gratitude for what God has done for us and to bring back to God what is God's anyway.

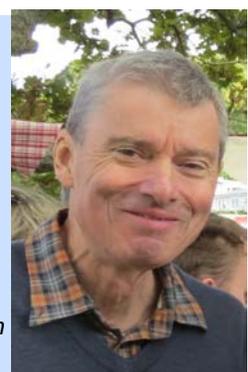
Thirdly, in the paraphrased words of Christian writer Randy Alcorn: *In my opinion there is no better investment than the Church. No other organisation has been operating continuously for 2,000 years and no other organisation will continue to exist throughout eternity. Other organisations are doing good work, but there is simply no other organisation with more potential to change the world for the better, than the church of Jesus Christ. The church is where the lost are found, the hopeless given hope, the chained set free, the broken restored, the hungry fed and the rejected accepted.* *The most beautiful thing about what happens in the church, is that God gets the glory for it all because he is the head of the church.*

And so this August as you review your giving and service to Holy Trinity Church, I thank you for your generosity in the year passed and encourage you to dig deep to resource the year to come. I believe it is the best investment of your time, your talents and your money that you will ever make!

In Memoriam

Edith Arthur
Mary Bandy
Muriel Blair
Irene Williamsn
Shirley Mc Neil
Geoff Walker (photo opposite)
Alan Peeperkoorn
Margaret Smith
Mary Pipes

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Hall Update from David Timmins Parish Client

Work is proceeding on the Parish Hall with the next step being the submission of the Resource Consent Application by a target date of the end of August. While the consent application is being processed over the next few months, an updated costing of the project will be prepared by an independent Quantity Surveyor.

The new costing information will be set alongside current and future fundraising initiatives in a process where we continue to compare the cost of the project to the funding available. When we reach a point where we can match the size and scope and cost of the project to the funding, we will then have a fully funded project. At this point a decision can be made by the Parish and the General Trust Board of the Diocese to give final approval for the project to proceed to construction.

In other news:

- **The NZ Institute of Architects contract between the General Trust Board (on behalf of Parish of Devonport) and the architect was signed on 20 June 2019** after extensive negotiation and rigorous drafting review by Rob Hay on behalf of the GTB/Parish. The contract provides for the appointment of a Client Representative to lead and guide all aspects of the design, approval, and construction phases of the project, on behalf of the Parish. Vestry has appointed David Timmins to the position of Client Representative.
- **The Faculty committee of the Diocese met on 17 July 2019 and approved a recommendation to the Bishop to issue a Faculty** for the Parish Hall project. The Vicar and Client representative attended on behalf of the Parish of Devonport, to answer any questions. The committee was very supportive of the project and complimented the Parish on the vision, designs, and overall management of the project.
- **Linkage with Funding programme.** The funding timetable information will be integrated into the project programme produced by the Architect/Project Manager so we gradually develop and iterate one project programme that displays all activities. The funding timetable will play a big part in when the next stages of project execution occur.
- **A project office has been set up at Holy Trinity** in the Vicarage. All drawings, files, contracts, are there available for viewing and discussion with David Timmins. davidtimmins@holyltrinity.gen.nz or Ph 027 58061



August 2019 Sermon Series Living life God's Way

Sunday 4th August

Rev Charmaine Braatvedt

The Spiritual Way

Colossians 3: 1 – 11 *Christ is all and in all.*

Luke 12: 13 – 21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Sunday 11th August

Rev Charmaine Braatvedt

The Grateful Way

Psalm 50: 1 – 8, 23 – 24.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me.

Luke 12 32- 40 *Where your treasure is*

Sunday 18th August

Rev Murray Spackman

The Giving Way

Malachai 3: 6—12

I will pour out a blessing

Mark 12: 41—44

The Widow's Mite

Sunday 25th August

David Allis

The Unconventional Way

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10

before you were born

I consecrated you.

Luke 13: 10 – 17

Jesus heals the Crippled Woman on the Sabbath in the Synagogue

Money Matters

Did you know?

It costs about \$35 per week per member of congregation to run our church and do what is being done. This includes Administration costs; salaries; building maintenance; outreach activities, church services and mission giving.

Did you know?

Just over half of the congregation gives something on our regular giving scheme. Only 25% of those giving on our regular giving scheme give \$30 or more a week .

What we give is all that Holy Trinity gets.

Did you know?

It would make a huge difference to our finances if each person who is already giving on our regular giving scheme via direct debit or envelope could increase their giving by \$5 more a week and if each person giving to the church on an ad hoc basis would join the regular giving scheme via direct debit or envelope.

Did you know?

The Mission of Holy Trinity Church is *to know Christ and to make Christ known.*

The Vision of Holy Trinity Church is to be *a Christ-centred faith community attracting all people into a relationship with God and inspiring them to serve.*

Our vision and the mission are realised by focusing on the following areas:

Worship

For example regular worship services; special choir led services; Taize services and Messy Church.

Discipleship

For example, Home Groups; Christian Basics Groups; Wedding Prep; Super Sunday Club; Sunday Youth Group.



Outreach

For example, special events like the carol services, Good Friday Procession; Neighbours Day; Community Shop; Book Fair; Christmas Lunch; Mainly Music; Friday Youth Groups; Food Bank.

Community

For example the Parish Meals; Parish Picnic; Pastoral Care Team and Home Communion. Friendship Lunch.

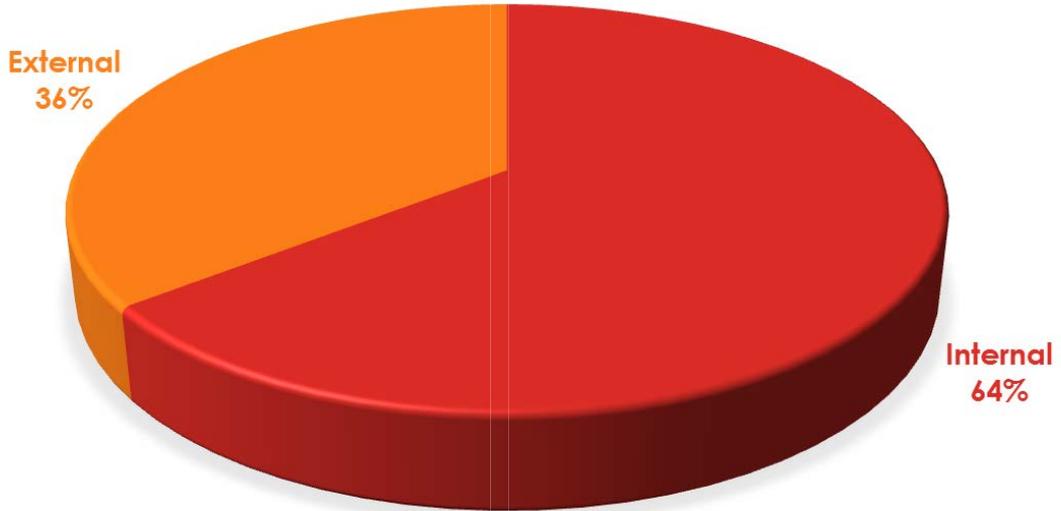
Here are some of the ways you can become more involved in the great work being done at Holy Trinity, Devonport.

- Welcoming Team at Church
- Reading the Bible in Church
- liturgist or liturgical Assistant
- Leading Intercessions in Church
- Preaching
- Joining a Music Group
- Singing in the Choir
- Arranging Flowers
- Mowing the Lawns
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Helping at Youth Group or Super Sunday Club
- Joining a Home Group
- Helping with Messy Church or Mainly Music
- Making pastoral meals
- Helping with Men's Breakfast
- Pastoral Visiting
- Working in the Community Shop
- And many more.

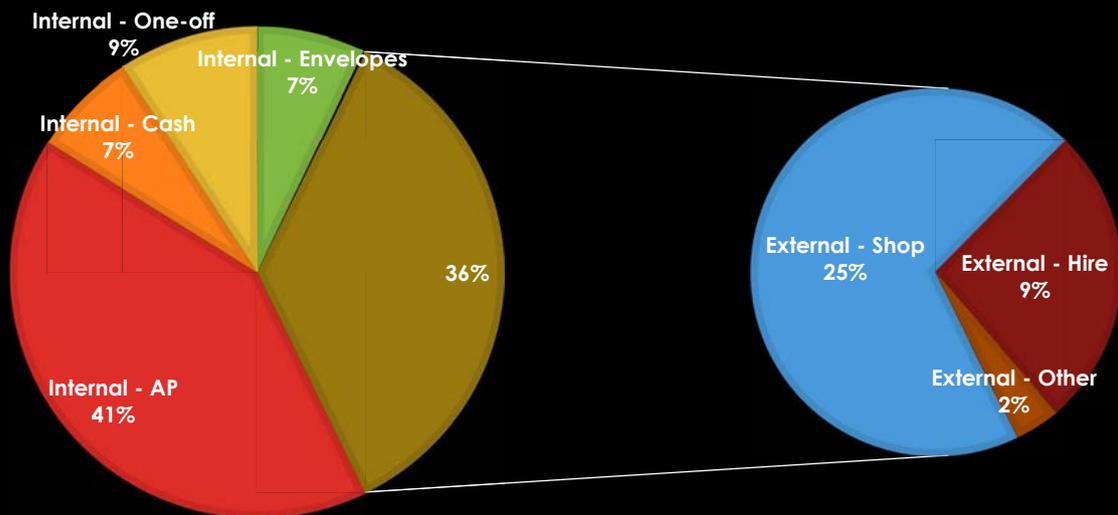
Speak to the Vicar for more information and options. 094450378
vicar@holtytrinity.gen.nz

The point is this, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and the one who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully
2 Corinthians 9:6.

Where does the Money come from?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM - DETAIL



If you are not already on the Parish Giving Scheme and would like to be, please fill out the form on the back page and return it to the Parish Office or join the AP scheme online yourself. **Holy Trinity Church Parish account Details:**

BNZ Devonport 020136 0017653 000

Youth Group Programme for Term 3

This term at Youth Group is all about relationship building

Sundays

Pancake Sundays will be led by Mia Hawes. This takes place during the sermon time at the 9.30am service.

Fridays

The Programme for Term 3 is as follows:

9th August

Game of Thrones or Fish Bowl
All Ages 7.30—9.30pm

16th August *no Gap or Youth Group*

Saturday 17th August

Op Shop Ball

23rd August

Combined Gap and Youth
Guest Speaker:s Mark Prendergast and Ethan Fasi-Mohenoa

On being comfortable with God

7.30—9.30pm

30th August

Gap 6—7.45 Shared dinner with Youth
Waffle Night 7.15—9.30

6th September

Privilege Dinner
All ages 7.30—9.30

13th September

Gap 6— 7.45pm

All Age Tear Fund Event

with guest speakers
Angelica Echivarre and Noel Pabiona
7.15—9.30pm

20th September

Big Monopoly or Fish Bowl
All ages 7.30—9.30pm

27th September Schools break up

Leaders planning night **no** youth programme

Anglican Youth Ministry Presents



**7.30pm - 10.00pm
Saturday 17 August 2019**

**Holy Trinity Devonport,
20 Church Street, Devonport**

Cost: \$20pp (door sales only)

MESSY CHURCH

You are invited to
Holy Trinity Church
20 Church Street
Devonport

Sunday 15th September
4—6pm

Creative activity for
all the family

for further info contact Beryl Spackman:
09 4450328
Email: familypastor@holymessytrinity.gen.nz

Fun!
LEARN ABOUT JESUS
ARTS & CRAFTS
FAMILY FRIENDLY
ALL AGES

There is such a thing as a free lunch.

**It is called
The Connecting Lunch**

There has been a spate of new people joining Holy Trinity Church of late and this is very exciting for all of us.

However, we are also aware that it can be quite daunting for those who are new, to work out what is on offer at Holy Trinity, who is who and where everything is.

With this in mind we have decided to re-introduce what used to be called the Newcomer's Lunch. We have called it a *Connecting Lunch* because the purpose of the lunch is to help those new to the church to connect into the community and also to help those who have been here a while get to know the newer people.

Beth Beard has taken on the task of facilitating this lunch which is set for

**Sunday 25th August
at 11.30am
in the Parish Lounge.**

At the lunch those new to the parish or those who have been away for a while and are wanting to reconnect, will have the opportunity to meet vestry members and others who have leadership roles in the Parish.

If you are relatively new to the church and would like to attend this lunch please let the Vicar know on vicar@holytrinity.gen.nz or 4450378 or Beth Beard know on beth@beard.co.nz



Bumper Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that the Book Fair held last weekend has broken all records. The sale of Books and the artwork from the Community Shop together netted a bumper \$10,086! God is good and his people are amazing! There are some expenses to come off that total but the balance of these funds will go towards the fund for the redevelopment of the Parish Community Hall. Well done Andie Levell and her committed team of workers. What a wonderful result!



**Friendship Lunch
Tuesday 27th August
11- 12.30
Parish Hall
All Welcome**



**Special
Choral Eucharist
Led by the Holy Trinity
Church Choir**

**on
Sunday 8th September
5pm**

**Holy Trinity
Church**



Bequests

A perfect way to help your Church in the years ahead

By Rob Hay.

For all of you who consider the Parish to be your spiritual home, there's something I wish to raise for your thoughts if you haven't considered it before - it's to leave a bequest to the Church in your will.

A bequest is a gift to the Church which has effect on your death. It's made by including the gift in a new will or adding it to your existing will by an amendment.

If you don't have a will, I strongly recommend you get one done. As a will needs to be signed and witnessed in a special way and have some clear wording for legal effect, I recommend it be prepared by a lawyer or the Public Trust. Lawyers usually have a relatively low standard charge for a straight-forward will, and the Public Trust will do it for nothing.

If you already have a will, an amendment to create a bequest is a simple, quick thing for your lawyer or the Public Trust to do.

Making a bequest to the Parish is a perfect way of helping the Parish in the years ahead. It could be stated in your will that the bequest is for a specific purpose - such as for the some aspect of Ministry or the upkeep of some part of Church property that you particularly treasure, or the bequest could be stated to be for the Parish's general purposes.

Making a bequest is another way of giving - of giving in the future, and it's a very good way, especially if you feel that you'd like to be giving more than you are presently able to do. It is a way in which you can make a difference to your Church - to help it be the spiritual home as much for future generations as it is for you now.

If you would like any information on how to leave a bequest to the Parish, please contact Rob Hay 021400981 or, the Vicar, Charmaine 445 0378 .

MY RESPONSE

I/we wish to support financially the ministry of the Parish of Devonport in the following way:

I/we would like to become/continue being a regular parish giver \$ of per week per fortnight per month

I/we plan to give by automatic payment, have completed the enclosed form and authorise you to send it to my/our bank.

Signed by me/us

I/we plan to give by automatic payment and will access Internet Banking.

I/we would like to give regularly using the Envelope System. Please send envelopes.

I/we would like to make a one-off donation of \$ Please find it enclosed.

I/we plan to make a bequest to Holy Trinity Parish in my/our will.

Holy Trinity Church Parish account details

BNZ Devonport 020136 0017653 000

Name

Address

Phone

Email

All details are confidential to Simon Forrest,
Parish Recorder Phone 445 3745