

# ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Notes from Rev. G Thorn

Greetings everybody!

We are now well into the 'Ordinary Time' period of the church's seasonal cycle, and I must say, the green looks pretty good in the sanctuary. Last Sunday we had a Management Team meeting and I was greatly heartened by the way that the Management Team have assumed the oversight of the ministry unit and are taking responsibility for all the key areas of the church's life. As I have said on a number of occasions, I think the strength of a church lies in the community's ability to care for itself and manage its own affairs from within the community as opposed to having a 'paid professional' do the things of the community on behalf of the community.

There are a couple of things, however, that I continue to 'think' about. One of those things is the ongoing issue of St Barnabas affording itself, however I am heartened by the response of the community this year so far and on the 16th of July we will have (had) an income and fundraising meeting over drinks and snacks to brainstorm ideas to increase our income over the next few months. The other thing that I constantly think about is the shape and development of the church. I have continually said that I think survival depends on St Barnabas' ability to change and adapt and that isn't always an easy thing for us to achieve but we need to keep it in our sights and steadily move towards it. Like all journeys, to do it successfully, we need to move at the pace of the whole community and it may seem at times as if there is little progress on a day by day basis but if we look at the distance have come over a period of time we can see that we have made significant gains.

As I see it, the secret of success lies in the whole community looking after each other and everyone doing the bit they are most able to do for the community. Enjoy your green times.

Yours in Christ

Gregory



## Bible Study

From last month:  
The Nicene Creed.



### This month

In Genesis 28, Jacob has a dream about a ladder reaching up to heaven. Jacob named the place Bethel. What does the Hebrew word Bethel mean?

Please ensure the church has your updated contact information – Names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if you have them. We would also like to celebrate that very blessed of days – the day you were born! Lyn Richards has the birthday calendar so, if you haven't already, please write down your birthday.



OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN  
"LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH  
"TRUST PEOPLE MORE"

(<http://www.mmiweb.org.uk/mmsite/humour/cartoons.html>)



## Our People

This month I have had the very great pleasure of talking with Pauline Tohi. Pauline is a member of the Management Team and is a regular face in church (even though she tries to hide in the back seats in the Anglican tradition!)

Pauline was born in Samoa. Pauline has been married to George Tohi, who is Tongan, for 32 years. She says she was baptised Anglican, confirmed Anglican and married Anglican. She has 2 boys and 1 girl and 2 grandchildren. Her daughter, Turea, and grandchildren, Julius and Laila, are also familiar faces around St. Barnabas.

Soon after moving to New Zealand, Rev. Peter Beck (then Vicar of St Barnabas) approached Pauline and her family about making their home in the vicarage. So, for 2 years, Pauline and her family lived in the Vicarage of St Barnabas. I asked her what was good about living there – she says, “It was close to church”!!

Pauline works for the Justice Department and was a policewoman in Samoa. Her hobbies are eating and reading (“Eating first, eating first!” she said to me!). She loves to sing.

Pauline loves St Barnabas because we are close. She particularly loves the service through song. She would like to see St Barnabas self-sufficient and capable of supporting a full-time priest. She would be ecstatic if we could have a steady source of income and thinks it would be so cool to be able to help the community, both the community of St Barnabas and the wider community. She'd like to see a paid administrative position and a daycare type of programme for children that would allow parents to have a bit of time off.



## Happy 80<sup>th</sup>!!



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, Gwen Howarth celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Gwen would like to thank St. Barnabas for our birthday wishes and flowers.



## Holiday Pictures

Some of you might have noticed Bruce and Alison were playing hookey from Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July – they sailed away and enjoyed a week of no rain on a beach near Bundaberg ...



**Wool Donations Needed** – Ladies with learning disabilities in a craft group whose main project is knitting squares for the SPACA. Do not have to be whole balls of wool. Please hand in to Shireen.

## In and Around St. Barnabas



**The Seafarers Centre:** The Auckland International Seafarers Centre is a partnership between the Anglican Mission to Seafarers, (who own the lease on the building), the Catholic Apostleship of the Sea and the Protestant Sailors' Society. We operate from 114 Quay Street and are open from 9.00 am each weekday until 10.00 p.m. each evening. On weekends we open at 12.00 noon until 10.00 pm.

Around 800 seafarers per month come through the Centre – the numbers varying according to the ships in port. If you Google 'Ports of Auckland and click on 'Vessels in port' you can see on any day just what ships are around. Each one has a crew of about 25, regardless of size, and ships are mostly in port for not more than 24 hours. We have four part-time chaplains and one of us is always on duty, especially in the evenings, and a team of around 20 volunteers who are rostered on duty in the evenings. We provide computers, laptop connections, phones, recreation facilities and a small shop with confectionaries, cosmetics and souvenirs. A small bar fridge provides canned beer. We offer advocacy and counselling for seafarers, seeking to promote their welfare, assist with personal issues, and help resolve problems on board. We work with maritime unions, safety associations and port authorities.



Seafarers come from all over the world but mostly from the Philippines, China, Eastern Europe and the Pacific Islands. We also host students from the Maritime School and retired seafarers from the Sailors' Home. We are part of a network of over 300 seafarer centres world-wide that seek to care for seafarers. With other groups we have been instrumental in achieving significant improvements in their pay and conditions over the last 30 years and much yet remains to be done.

We can make ourselves misunderstood in 30 languages and almost as many religions and

philosophies. We seek to communicate the love of God and the grace of Jesus by the hospitality we offer and the witness we share – such grace so freely given to us and shared with them transcends the barriers of language, culture and religion and has won the respect of seafarers of all nations.

Contributed by – The Ven. John Marcon

**6 August:** Teen Movie Night for 13–18 year olds at 7PM. For more information – contact [blackdove@outreach.org.nz](mailto:blackdove@outreach.org.nz)

**7 August:** Family Service. The children should wear their Black Dove T-shirts.

**14 August:** We will be celebrating the feast day of Mother Mary with a special service dedicated to women role models – not celebrities, but women in the community. We will be reflecting on the position of women in society and in scripture. Please mark this date in your diary and publicise it. We arrange for at least one guest speaker.

**21 August:** Management Team Meeting

**21 August:** Midwinter Feast 1–3pm. A combined celebration with St John the Baptist Northcote and Holy Cross Albany which will be lead by the Black Doves. There is no cost but places need to be reserved. Please speak to Shireen or Fr. Gregory.

**Your Pastoral Care Team:** Lyn Richards, Wendy Dowsing, Kathy Porter, Antoinette Van Schalkwyk and Noel Tresslor

**Your Management Team:** Alison Vedder (Vicar's Warden), Malcolm Heinrich (People's Warden), Bruce Vedder (Maintenance & Treasurer), Owen Cunliffe (Synod Rep), Kathleen Porter (Pastoral Care Team), Pauline Tohi (Synod Rep), Lyn Richards (Pastoral Care Team), and Shireen Tresslor (Vestry Secretary & Projects).

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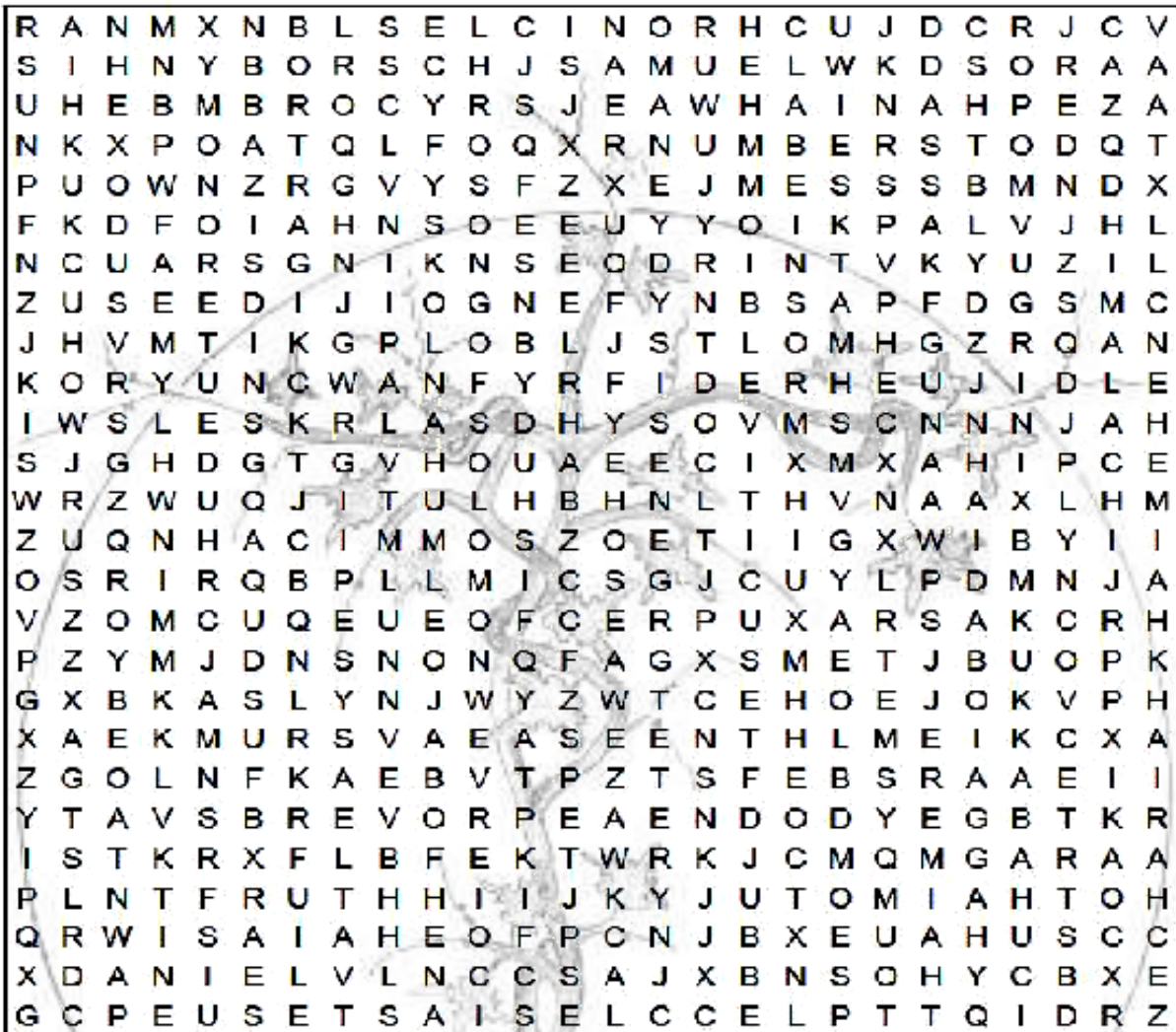
Deadline for material – 10<sup>th</sup> of the month

Tell me what you think of the newsletter! If you have anything that you would like to see included in your newsletter, please contact me – I would love to hear from you.



**A Puzzle!**

**Books of the Old Testament**



Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Joshua  
Ruth  
Chronicles  
Nehemiah  
Zechariah

Samuel  
Psalms  
Job  
Deuteronomy  
Judges  
Kings  
Ezra  
Esther  
Malachi

Proverbs  
Song Of Solomon  
Jeremiah  
Ezekiel  
Hosea  
Amos  
Jonah  
Nahum  
Zephaniah

Ecclesiastes  
Isaiah  
Lamentations  
Daniel  
Joel  
Obadiah  
Micah  
Habakkuk  
Haggai