

Logos

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The Past Meets Our Future!

*Living the way of Jesus.
Sharing our life together. Reaching out in God's love.*

From the Vicar

Its been a great month since I arrived in the parish, and I'm looking forward to remembering the Passion and Crucifixion and then celebrating Easter too in the next couple of weeks.

Easter is the most important of the church festival. It is the reason for our faith. Working back from the Resurrection, we realise that everything else had to happen - Jesus death, his journey from Palm Sunday to his trial, the ministry and signs that he performed, his baptism, the miraculous birth and the arrival of John the Baptist - all these occurred so that Jesus would return from the dead. Our faith is only what it is because we believe in a God that wills and restores relationship no matter what happens on Earth.

What does the Easter faith mean for us? It means celebrating the Resurrection every week - every Sunday is a mini Easter, but for the big event we rejoice that we have a God who doesn't view death as the ending of existence, but another step along our faith journeys. It means that even though we recoil from the horrors of the world, whether it is what we experience or simply read in the paper, we also strive to bring about a resurrection of life to the communities around us. That through disappointment and heartache we know that God is continually working to restore all things and bring justice into the world.

I pray that the blessing of the Risen Lord will continue to bring you hope and life these next two months.



Historic Cottage Arrives

After nearly twelve months of talks, negotiations and consent applications, the Prebbleton Historic Cottage has now arrived on its new site on Blakes Road. Gifted to the Prebbleton community by PGGWrightsons on the sale of their Ceres Research Farm, this cottage, with links to the Prebble family, will become a community focus facility on this new site recently purchased from our parish. The site is protected for the future by being titled as *District Council Reserve*.

Look forward to seeing the display of arts and crafts, items of district historic interest, and the provision of a local counselling services. Discussion is taking place on other uses for the cottage.

Other changes being planned and shortly to commence, will be the provision of new sealed driveways and car parking to be shared with our All Saints Church, along with enhanced landscaping and lighting. Our Parish will continue to have role in this planning and ongoing management as we will have two dedicated places on the local Board of Trustees overseeing this project

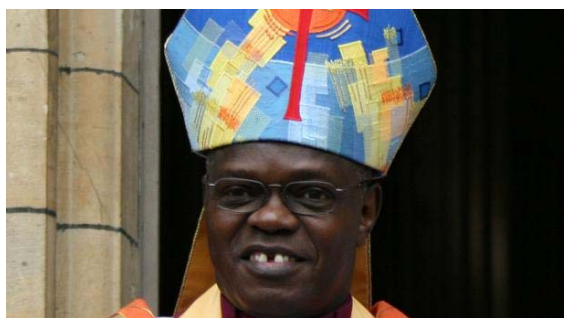
When all is completed, this will be a fine example of Church and Community working in unison towards a common goal.

Murray Foster, Vicar's Warden

Diocesan Conference Report

from Phyl Penney Synodperson

Vicar Bryan, Philippa and I attended this special Diocesan Conference held in St Margaret's School Chapel on Saturday 13th March, not only to welcome the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu and his wife Margaret, but to listen and



take part in his two key note addresses on Social Justice and Change. This is a passion of his having been born and brought up in Uganda in the regime of Idi Amin. He studied law and became a High Court Judge, until imprisoned for 90 days and then fled to England where he was called to the Priesthood.

After a welcome by Bishop Victoria and morning prayers, led by Jolyn White (Social Justice Enabler) and his team, Archbishop John gave his first key note address - 'The Church in the Changing World'. (Psalm 127, Mark 1: v15) *"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain"*.

- * build relationships, enter into partnerships, knowing and being sure of your values of truth and justice.
- * build with forgiveness and repentance entering into a new covenant with Christ.
- * build on conversations and commonalities over conflicts.
- * build with prayer and engage in the practical needs of human rights and social issues of the day, for Jesus is a force for good in our society.

The second key note address 'The Church as an Agent of Change' Romans 8: *'Take up your cross and follow me, for I am the way (walk with me); the truth (know me) and the life (live me).'*

Christians as agents of change, act as His body in the world, by being committed, inclusive, welcoming, listening, understanding, supportive and walking along side those in need, sharing in the power of the age to come through the Holy Spirit our Comforter and Enabler. The Gospel offers forgiveness for the past, new life for the present and hope for the future.

After each address we broke into discussion groups.

In the afternoon Mrs Sentuma delivered her address 'Diversity in the Boardroom'. She shared her twelve years of experience of providing strategic advice and support in all strands of diversity including recruitment, training, retention, of people management in the Church of England and the corporate sector.

A mentoring programme was presented by Phil Trotter (Diocesan Youth Advisor) and his team and the day finished with the Eucharist.

Archbishop John was not only a positive, dynamic, refreshing speaker, willing to share his experiences, but his warmth, good humour and gentle friendliness, made him very endearing and very challenging.



What's Happening

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

333 St Mary's Halswell (Thursday After School Programme)



We have had an exciting term. We are grateful that Judith came to teach us some songs. We would like to thank the parents that have helped and also Joan and Sandra for their hospitality. This term we have welcomed some new children and farewelled others due to shifting so we have 22 on the roll, with an average of 18 attending per session. The focus this term has been around forgiveness. At 333 we have games, songs, stories and other activities.

Last day of term 1 for 333 was 25th of March.

We begin again on Thursday 22nd April.

We have a planning meeting on the 1st of April. Persons interested in children's ministry are welcome to come along.

Anke Numan

KFC St Mary's Halswell (Sunday Programme)



During the first term we have been on a journey with Paul, seeing how God is with us wherever we go and what ever we do. The term will end on 27 March with a celebration of Palm Sunday and 'Easter Zonk' – a favourite game on Sundays!

It is exciting to see some of our children being baptised at Family

Services in March and April. This is very special for us all and we plan to focus on understanding a bit more about Jesus in Term 2. The term will start on 25 April and we will also celebrate Pentecost during this term as well.

Morning Tea on Sundays:



Our 'Upsized' Group have been great at making sure that morning tea is ready for the young folk, but if anyone can help by bringing a packet of biscuits (or drink) for the children from time to time that would be very much appreciated.

Jenny Lowe

KFC Upsized



We have met twice this term, as KFC upsized is a new group. We are still getting into the flow of it.

The readings for Sunday are being used and we are doing something interactive. For example: 7th March, the parable about the fig tree bearing figs (Luke 13:6-9) we ate some fruit and talked about living a fruitful life. We also talked about current events in relation to the parable.

We aim to have KFC Upsized twice a month, while on other Sundays we are encouraging young people to serve in church according to their strengths.

In The Parish ?



DOMINOS (Youth Programme)



This has been a great term. We have had quite a few new people along.

Two of the highlights this term:

Digital photo scavenger hunt - we sorted the young people into groups and gave them list of things to include in their photos. Some very creative photos came back.



Fork and Spoon Restaurant - for the night there were two areas:

'Fork Area'- table nicely set - they were served up a lot of food while in the 'Spoon Area' - bread and soup. We then talked about what the experience felt like. Then we heard from Gemma about her time in Uganda and something they did for the 40 hour famine. We are preparing for the 40 hour famine (May 21st-23) and working out what the young people would like to do for it.

On the 11-13th April we will be having a **Camp** at the Old Vicarage in Governors Bay.

Last day of Dominos for this term will be 1st April when we will join in with the parish activities for Maundy Thursday.

First day of Dominos for Term 2 will be on the 6th May. Details to come in Children's and Families Newsletter.

The Parish Annual General Meeting is a significant occasion in our life together as we reflect back on the year past, receive various reports and have the opportunity to raise any matters for discussion. Also we elect our Vestry for 2010/11 and we trust this is being given serious and prayerful consideration in advance. Nomination forms are available from the office and wardens.

The AGM follows the 10am service on **Sunday 18th April in the Parish Hall**. After the meeting we will enjoy fellowship over a shared lunch. Please bring a plate of food to contribute.



The **MEMORIAL LAMP** dedicated to those who have cared for the grounds at St Mary's has been refurbished after having been the rather sad victim of age and maybe vandals. There is a slider switch on the stone base on the side nearest the church. Please use this lamp to aid night time movements to church and cars etc.

At this time I have held the cost from the treasurer in the hope that members of the congregation might like to make a contribution towards this restoration. The total cost was \$160.00. An envelope marked "Lamp Donation" would be gratefully received by myself, Hugh or at the office.

Murray Foster, Warden

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 1st April, we will begin at **6.00pm** in the Parish Hall, when food is brought for a shared tea, during which we will include a remembrance of the Last Supper, the meal Jesus had with his friends. From there we will move to the church for the stripping of the altar and sanctuary and the 'Service of Shadows', or Tenebrae.

St Mary's will remain open till late and parishioners are invited to spend some time there in prayer and meditation.



We recall the words of the Lord,
'Could you not watch with me one brief hour.'

The **GOOD FRIDAY** services will be held at:

10am at St Mary's Halswell
2pm at All Saints Prebbleton.



EVENTS at HALSWELL QUARRY PARK

"Where His Steps Led", an Easter drama written by David Winfield and directed by Lesley McMillan will be performed at the Halswell Quarry on:

Fri. April 2nd: 2pm & 3.30pm
Sat. April 3rd: 11am, 2pm & 3.30pm.

The **EASTER CROSS** installation at the Quarry is Open from 10am-4pm each day

LENTEN STUDIES

I had seen the film "*Stranger than Fiction*" when it was first released in 1996 and thought it was a bit quirky but great viewing. Harold Crick (Will Ferrell), an IRD Auditor, suddenly finds himself the subject of narration only he can hear which begins to affect his entire life. He co-stars with Maggie Gyllenhaal, Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman.

Little did I know that this movie could be interpreted in such a way as to provide a basis for a Lenten Study. We watched the movie over 4 nights and the question of who each character was representing in biblical terms sparked lively discussion. The film finished with very much an Easter theme.

The bible studies from the Gospel of John (chapters 1,2 & 12) and Matthew's Gospel chapter 5, helped us see that some themes occur at all times as we go about our daily lives. The Spirit of Jesus is alive today and works through us.

It was a worthwhile lead into Holy Week as we made Palm Crosses on the final night. I look forward to next year's study!
Hilary

PARISH BREAKFASTS

We have breakfast on the **1st Sunday** of the month in the Parish Hall at **St Mary's at 9am** - between the 8am & 10am services - (except for Easter Day).



Now we also have breakfast in the Tosswill Lounge at **All Saints at 8am** on the **3rd Sunday** in the month when our Vicar joins us. All welcome.

**Association of
Anglican Women**



Wednesday AAW

After the usual 10am communion on **28th April** and the following lunch, we will visit St John of God Chapel.

On Wednesday **26th May** Heather Morris will speak to the group on Autism. We will have a 'Bring & Buy' at this meeting.

*Judy Palmer ph 322 7768
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Thursday AAW

The Thursday AAW meets on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7-45pm in the Parish Lounge. The next meeting will be on **8th April**, when our speaker for the evening will be Noeline Grandi. She will be telling us of a very different Christmas she spent in Europe. There will also be an update on the proposed AAW Banner with Phyl Penney. The programme for our meeting on the 13th May is yet to be arranged. New members welcomed.

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From the PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

All Saints Church, Prebbleton

10 January: Neve Rosaria HEFFER,

Ardra Amanda HEFFER

Paige Elisabeth HEFFER.

7 February: Jacob Bell KAY,

Kobe John KAY and Tayla Jay KAY

St Mary's Church, Halswell

3 January: Ashleigh Tania-Rae MEYER

21 February: Thomas FILSELL

BAPTISMS

St Mary's Church, Halswell

21 March: Neihana NIHONIHO

and Mariana NIHONIHO

FUNERALS

St Mary's Church, Halswell

May They Rest In Peace

3 February: Ivy May McGUIRE

2 March: Michael Sydney TESTER



Worship Services

Midweek Service @ St. Mary's
Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion

	<i>St. Mary's Halswell</i> 8.00 am	<i>All Saints Prebbleton</i> 9.00 am	<i>St. Mary's Halswell</i> 10.00 am
4th April Easter Day	See below for Easter Day services		
11th April Low Sunday	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
18th April Easter 2	Eucharist	Eucharist	Family Service
25th April ANZAC DAY	Eucharist	Eucharist 10am (note change of time)	Eucharist
May 2nd Easter 4	Holy Communion	Eucharist	Eucharist
9th May Easter 5	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
16th May Ascension	Eucharist	Eucharist	Family Service
23rd May Pentecost	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
30th May Trinity Sunday	Eucharist	Combined Service Union Church Prebbleton 7pm	Eucharist

On **EASTER MORNING 4th April** we start at **6:30am** with lighting of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows in **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PREBBLETON.**

Breakfast will follow in the Tosswill Lounge at about 7am.

(Daylight saving ends that day hence the early start!)



Easter Day Eucharist will be celebrated at:
8.00am All Saints, Prebbleton
10.00am St Mary's, Halswell

