



All Saints
Anglican
BIRKENHEAD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

From the Vicar...



Though we are not yet barely out of August it seems like the springtime sun has come early. What a difference it makes to have some sunshine after a long and wet winter. With the change of season comes a renewed sense of hope especially after what has been a difficult winter of illness and bereavements for us as a Parish. With these new signs of hope we are optimistic that we may be able to hold some of our long running events. The main event we are anticipating is our annual Church Fair. You will see I use the word 'tentatively' about holding the Fair for as you know these past few years have taught us to be flexible around holding events. That being said we have begun planning for the Fair and would love your support as mentioned. Finally, we will be celebrating the coming of Spring with a Creation service. Please join us as we give thanks to God for the many gifts we receive.

In Christ,

The Reverend Jordan Greatbatch

DATES FOR DIARY

Women's Group

Saturday 10th - 8am

Men's Group

Saturday 24th - 7.30am

Contemplative Service

Sunday 25th - 5.00pm

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 28th – 10am

QUIET / RETREAT DAY

Saturday 1st October – 9am-5pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH FAIR

Saturday 15th October – 9am-12pm

WHAT'S COMING UP

**2022 CHURCH FAIR – SATURDAY
15th OCTOBER 9.00AM -12NOON**



Due to the Pandemic, we did not have our usual Fair in October last year. This year we are looking (tentatively) to hold our Fair once again. With case numbers dropping and the warmer weather approaching we are hopeful that we will be able to hold the Fair on the **15th October**. Of course, the success of the Fair always depends on our wonderful volunteers. So firstly, would you please put the date in your diary and secondly think if you will be able to assist us with the Fair this year. An email will be sent soon with further details and the roles required so please watch this space.

THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION SUNDAY



Each year the Church celebrates the gift of Creation around the time of the Feast of St Francis (4th October). We will be giving thanks to God for the coming of Spring as well as the many gifts we have in creation at both services on **Sunday 2nd October**. Please join us.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sundays – 8am & 9.30am, Holy Communion

Wednesdays – 10am, Holy Communion

Contemplative Service –

4th Sunday of the month, 5pm

Visit us online at:

<https://allsaintsbirkenheadanglican.com>

for more details

WOMEN'S GROUP



The goal of the Women's Breakfast is to get to know one another better so we meet once a month for a continental breakfast. The next breakfast

is on Saturday **September 10th at 8am** in the church lounge. We have cereal and rolls or croissants and then will listen to our speaker who this month is Pauline Matthews talking on The Legacy of Words. Please bring \$3 for the breakfast and some extra for a donation if you would like to for Days for Girls. Please email Margaret if you can attend at mandebowater@gmail.com

MEN'S GROUP



The Men's Group usually meets monthly on the 4th Saturday of the month at 8am for a cooked breakfast or a social event on another day.

This month we are again meeting for breakfast on **Saturday 24th September at 7.30am** with a guest speaker TBA. Donation of \$10 towards breakfast. Please RSVP to Jordan at vicar@birkenheadallsaints.org.nz Also let Jordan know if you wish to join the mailing list.

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE - TAIZE



Our contemplative service takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month. The service uses elements of Taize worship incorporating chants, silences and scripture. The next service

is on **Sunday 25th September at 5.00pm**. All are welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION



Join us for the Mothers' Union service on **Wednesday 28th September** at 10.00am (all welcome), followed by our monthly meeting in the church hall lounge. The meeting for

September will be our *Girls Day Out*. Please contact Pamela Ferry the Mothers Union Leader if you are interested in joining Mother's Union or for more information at paferry13@gmail.com

QUIET / RETREAT DAY



Rev. Jordan is planning to lead a quiet / retreat day for the Parish on **Saturday 1st October** at Vaughan Park Retreat Centre, Long Bay. This will run

from 9am to 5pm including a break for lunch. It will be a day of reflection and quiet in the peaceful surroundings of Long Bay. Cost will be \$20 for lunch. The retreat will be dependent on how many attend. If you are interested in attending or more information, please email Jordan at vicar@birkenheadallsaints.org.nz

THE LIBRARY CORNER

September - Spiritual Leaders

Our new title this month is "Spiritual Masters for All Seasons," (2009), four short biographical accounts by Michael Ford, based on his



interviews with these outstanding pastoral theologians. All four were Catholic priests in different countries, who struggled with orthodox doctrines as they developed their faith in response to the life-issues they faced. Thomas Merton was a monk in a Trappist monastery, who took part in campaigns for civil rights in America. Henri Nouwen, born in Holland, became a clinical psychology professor in USA, and gave up academic life to live among people who were severely disabled. Anthony de Mello, born and raised in India, was trained by Jesuits and integrated many aspects of Eastern religion into his faith and work. John O'Donohue was an Irish priest and poet profoundly involved in Celtic myth and love of landscape. This little book is an excellent introduction to major themes in Christian faith today.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SILENT MONDAY RETREAT DAY

This is a day retreat open to all which takes place at Peacemakers Retreat in Parakai. **26th**

September 9.30am to 4pm or with the option to stay Sunday

night. Share some silence together, walk the labyrinth, contemplate. Please contact Rae if you are interested.



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