



All Saints
Anglican
BIRKENHEAD

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

From the Vicar...

I think we can all agree that this has been one of the worst summers in living memory. The weather of course has not just ruined summer plans and holidays but also brought great destruction across Auckland and even the loss of lives. We continue to remember and pray for those affected by the recent flooding. Apart from the awful weather the other thing on my mind is that this will be my last newsletter article as I prepare to leave the parish and take up my new role in Christchurch. The next few weeks will be a busy time as I prepare to hand over to your Priest in Charge, the Reverend John McCaul. I do however hope to connect with all of you as I prepare to leave and particularly on my last Sunday. Do take note of the farewell service on the 19th of February as well as it being a combined 9am service. An opportunity to not only say goodbye but also to celebrate our life together as the People of God in Birkenhead. I hope to see you.



We also have a few of our ministry groups starting back this month such as the Women's Breakfast. The Men's Breakfast is still looking for some help as noted, and with the changeover between myself and John the Contemplative service will return in March. The Mother's Union also returns by way of a morning tea.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Jordan Greatbatch

WHAT'S COMING UP

REV. JORDAN'S FAREWELL SUNDAY



Vicar Jordan's last Sunday at All Saints will be the 19th February. This will be a combined 9am service to gather together, followed by a shared morning tea in the hall. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which can be left in the hall prior to the service.

WOMEN'S GROUP



The February meeting is Saturday 11th, and we meet at the church hall at 8am for a continental breakfast followed by a discussion/sharing time on Spiritual development: what has been a significant experience whether big or small? Come prepared to share with our group about something meaningful in your Christian walk and to learn from and encourage other group members. Please bring along \$3 for the meal and if you would like a donation towards Days for Girls. Susan Maclaine is hosting so please contact her on spmaclaine@outlook.com to let her know if you are attending

DATES FOR DIARY

Women's Group

Saturday 11th - 8am

Mothers' Union

Thursday 16th - 11am

FAREWELL SERVICE VICAR JORDAN

Sunday 19th - 9am combined service

Men's Group

Saturday 25th - 7.30am (TBC)

Contemplative Service

4th Sunday of the month (returns March 2023)

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THE LIBRARY CORNER

FEBRUARY - AGEING

This month we add to the library a new reprint of an old favourite, 'Living with Purpose in a Worn-out Body,' by Missy Buchanan, a series of



gentle meditations for frail elderly folk and those who care for them. In large print, she reflects on the day-to-day struggles of her life and offers them to God, along with fitting quotations from the Psalms and the New Testament. This is a gem of a book, offering spiritual encouragement for life in the 'slow lane.'

MEN'S GROUP



The Men's Group usually meets monthly in the Church Hall on the 4th Saturday of the month at 7.30am for a cooked breakfast or a social event on

another day. Presently we have no volunteers to cook and organise the breakfast. However, if this changes those on the Men's Breakfast email list will be notified about the February Breakfast which is scheduled for Saturday 25th February.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

The ministry of All Saints is only possible by your generosity. If you wish to give by auto payment or a one-off donation our account is: 12-3035-0541134-00 Please reference your payment if you wish to receive a tax receipt for a tax refund.

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. Due to the

change over from the Rev. Jordan leaving to the Interregnum this service will return in March.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Sundays – 8am & 9.30am, Holy Communion

Wednesdays – 10am, Holy Communion

Contemplative Service –

4th Sunday of the month, 5pm

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for more details

MOTHERS' UNION



The Mother's Union gather for a monthly service and meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month. However, this month we will be gathering for a special morning tea to farewell Vicar Jordan. The meeting will be taking place on Thursday 16th February at 11am. 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