

Anglican PARISH OF KAPITI

15 October 2017

The Old Testament reading today presents some of us with an old theological conundrum; Is God subject to change or not? The old hymn Immortal Invisible God only wise might suggest not "But naught changeth thee". We want the security and consistency of an unchangeable God, (it does make God slightly more predictable), but what about God's sovereignty to choose, does that not render God somewhat unpredictable? I want to suggest that by God's own loving purpose God chooses to be subject to influence or changeable, but that he is not capricious like the other gods, changing his mind on a whim or a fancy. Our God in his sovereignty and love chooses to enter into a loving and faithful relationship with his people and as we all know from experience, love and faithfulness can require us to change. God's very nature is love and so God acts consistently according to his nature, but that means he is also open to change in line with that nature. This is why he has made prayer so efficacious. Prayer changes things- Can I risk saying, prayer changes God's action? Time and time again we see, as in the Exodus reading today, that God changes his mind in response to the fervent prayer of his servants. Today with Moses "And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people". But we can think of Abraham and Lot, David, many of the prophets. The ultimate indicator of the lengths God is willing to go to "change" for the world is in the incarnation. God the Son is born into humanity, taking on our frailty to redeem it. God will find any way he can to show us who He is as love- and thanks be to Him that this is so. Let's keep praying, God chooses to allow us to influence him

Julie

The Sentence of the Day: "O give thanks to the Lord, he is good and his steadfast love endures forever." (*Psalm 106:1*)

The Collect of the Day: Kind and generous God, you prepare a feast for all people; may we prepare for your banquet by putting on the garment of love that springs from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith. Help us to bring the lost and lonely, the poor and those in need to your feast where all are fed; we pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**



A special welcome to all who are visiting with us today. Following worship you are warmly invited to stay on for morning tea.

Readings	Today	22 October
1st Reading	Exodus 32: 1-14	Exodus 33: 12-23
2nd Reading	Philippians 4: 1-9	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22: 1-14	Matthew 22: 15-22

**Intercessory
Parish Prayer**



Please contact **Marion Henderson** with any **Parish 24/7 Prayer Chain** requests—ph 04 905 1171 or email marionhenderson@xtra.co.nz

Parish Diary

Mid day Eucharist at St Paul's EVERY FRIDAY ONLY

23 Oct	Mon	10am	Labour Day Parish Fair,. St Paul's
29 Oct	Sun	10am	Parish Combined Service with Bishop Ellie. St Pauls
29 Oct	Sun	4pm	Messy Church, St Paul's
3 Dec	Sun	<u>9.30am</u>	Parish Combined Service & AGM, St Paul's

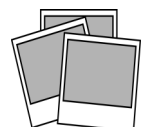
Friday PRAYER Group, who meet on Fridays in the Searle room at St Paul's, 11am. All are welcome to participate.

Parish Fair is coming together but help still needed—to set up, sell on the day and clear up. If you helped last year and want to do so again—**PLEASE** email Christine and she can give you a definite job. As St Paul's Hall is in use now, **drop off of 'quality sellable' items needs to be on 19 October in the afternoon.** Any queries or offers of help, please contact Christine on ph 902 3320 (evenings) or email christine.bull@paradise.net.nz

Photographs wanted

Please email any digital images to: ce@kapitianglican.org.nz and give any physical photographs to Carrole Lewis or the Parish Office for scanning with a note of what each image displays, the Parish Fair display.

For more info, contact Carrole



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COMBINED PARISH SERVICE

at St Paul's

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017

Due to recent changes at Synod, Parishes are now able to split the regular AGM into 2 meetings.

Our first meeting, which will see the ANNUAL REPORTS being presented and the NEW VESTRY decided, is on **Sunday 3 December at 11am, sharp!**

All documents will be out in due course.

The second meeting will see the FINANCIALS presented early next year, as usual.

At our next Parish Combined Service on 29 October

we have Bishop Eleanor with us to preach and celebrate and do some other episcopal things! It is a great opportunity for us to celebrate Confirmation, Reception and Renewal of Faith as well so if you have never publicly affirmed your faith and been



commissioned for service (confirmation), or if you have come from another

denomination (reception) or if you feel that you are at a time in your faith Journey where you would like to renew your baptismal vows and recommit your life in Christ's service (renewal), please let Rev. Julie know. We will have a bring and share lunch following the service and we will also be celebrating the big 'O' birthdays and anniversaries from the last year or so. If you know of folk with big 'O's please dob them in to Christine Bull ph 04 902 3320.

Our Parish **Climate Change Catalyst** is Adrian Tofts. We are looking for people who are passionate about the care of creation to meet monthly together to discuss and action ideas for how the Parish can reduce its carbon footprint. If you're interested in being a part of this group please contact Adrian 021 068 0550

Can you help Kapiti Foodbank with empty 500g margarine containers? If you can, please put them in the food bkets in a plastic bag. Many thanks.

LIGHT PARTY @ MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 29 October at St Paul's 4-6pm.

A Light Party offers an alternative to the Trick or Treat tradition of Halloween that is becoming widespread in NZ. A light party celebrates the 'Light of Christ' in our midst and gives families the chance to dress up and gather together for some fun music, games, storytelling and a light meal. A chance to celebrate Christ's light with your children or grandchildren. For further info. Contact Carrole at ce@kapitianglican.org.nz or 904 7300.



Lectionary Readings for Sunday 15 Oct 2017
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 A 'Hallelujah psalm', praising the Lord for his mercy in pardoning his people when they had worshipped the golden calf in the desert.

Exodus 32:1-14 Whilst Moses is up in the mountain for forty days, receiving the Commandments from God, the people despair. They talk Aaron into casting a calf out of gold, which they worship. The Lord is angry, and threatens to destroy the Israelites, but Moses pleads with Him to remember His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Philippians 4:1-9 Closing his letter to the Philippian Christians, Paul urges their leaders to be of one mind in the Lord, giving thanks and praying to God always. Focusing on all things just, honourable and pure will bring them the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

Matthew 22:1-14 In the parable of a wedding banquet, Jesus rejects those chosen guests who found personal excuses not to accept their Lord's invitation to attend. So too, if the Jews refuse the Lord's calling, the invitation is thrown open to all – who must still follow the Lord's requirements, to be accepted.

Chris Durrant

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Parish Administration is located at St Paul's Church, cnr of Langdale Ave & Kapiti Rd, Prm

Parish Office open: 9am-12noon Tues to Fri ph: 04 904 7300

PARISH FAIR @ St Paul's Complex

Labour Day - Monday 23 October, 10am-2pm



Preparations are continuing & people are volunteering, but there's still room for more offers of help!

Favourite **STALLS** - books, cakes, sweets, plants, produce, toys, used clothing, games, "Tombola", raffles, FOOD, & the ever-popular white elephant are all taking shape. And all need contributions from you.

Due to storage problems there's a limit on items we will sell. We are unable to accept large items of furniture like beds, lounge suites, chairs or wardrobes. Sadly, we can't accept white ware items such as fridges & washing machines, nor computers or accessories, TVs etc. Please no video tapes or audio cassettes either, as they don't sell and take up a lot of room. We're happy with small working appliances & other small white elephant items that you believe are genuinely "sellable". If you're unsure, phone Christine. As a guideline - all white elephant items should be easily "carry-able".

A special request from the **USED CLOTHING STALL** – *please* ensure your donated clothes are clean & in good condition. We cannot accept any underclothing.

Can you help?

We're looking for a couple of people to run the **Toy** stall, & we'd love at least two more people to help on the **Used Clothing** - we've got someone co-ordinating this stall but she needs some help.

Could you help set up on Saturday or Sunday, or clear up afterwards?

Could you help on a stall for an hour or so, or all day?

Also, we want you to do some baking, and donate quality items you believe to be genuinely "sellable" for our various stalls.

Contact Christine to offer your support.

Here's hoping that our Fair will be a success, and that we can all have a lot of fun and fellowship, while at the same time making some money for the Parish & interacting with the wider community.

Christine Bull, ph 902 3320 (evenings) or email christine.bull@paradise.net.nz



House groups

Joining in the regular gathering of a group is a great way to make friends; enjoy fellowship, learn about the Bible and explore what being a Christian means today. Our Parish house-groups welcome new members any time but 12 members is usually the maximum that can be accommodated.

Tuesday 3pm	Kathleen and John Fleck 23 Glen Loch Place, Paraparaumu	04 298 5630 meets weekly
Tuesday 2pm	Christine Vaughan-Dawkes Sevenoaks	04 905 4261 meets fortnightly
Wednesday 10.30am	Ann Brown Pre-schoolers welcome 57 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu	04 902 2378 Women's group meets weekly
Wednesday 7.30pm	Rev Maureen Ellis Parish Lounge, St Paul's	04 905 9424 Women's group meets weekly
Thursday 7.30pm	Willie Brown & Cliff Mundell 66 Hillcrest Road, Raumati Beach	04 902 2378 / 04 902 2064 meets weekly
Thursday 7.30pm	Jan & Mark Gosnell Parish Lounge, St Paul's	04 293 2016 meets weekly
Thursday 7.30pm	Sharmla & Sheridan David 6 Manhattan Court, Paraparaumu	04 298 1358 meets weekly
Friday 1.30pm	Anne Pattison & Kathleen Fleck Parish Lounge, St Paul's	04 902 3354 / 04 298 5630 1 st and 3 rd weeks

To find out more, please speak to a group leader or
Kathleen Fleck, House Group Coordinator: 04 298 5630