



# The Bream Bay Anglican

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## Knowledge corner

*This month culminates in Holy Week and the Great Triduum (Three Days) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. 'Maundy' has roots in the Latin 'mandatum' or 'commandment'. This is the day Jesus gave us the great commandment, to love one another (Jn 13:34). We signal that love through washing the feet of others. This evening also celebrates the Last Supper, or first eucharist. That important service ends with the stripping of the altar of the church, leaving it bare and exposed, representing how Christ was stripped before his crucifixion.*

*The two services on Good Friday represent different ways to be with Jesus at the cross: the ecumenical walk in the morning, and the Anglican service in the afternoon.*

*The Easter Vigil service is the most dramatic of any service in the Christian Church: we light the new fire, baptise, and proclaim Christ's resurrection with bells and joy.*

*Please plan to walk these three days together.*

*Thank you to so many!*

## A New St Peter's Church

On 10 March the BBAMD will have our first opportunity to see the newly renovated St Peter's Church. There is safe access to the balcony now, accessible toilets, better storage, a refurbished kitchen/tearoom and new carpeting. There is a long list of people to thank for this very significant project. Firstly, to Fr **Richard Hancock** for guiding the planning stages of the project, coordinating the Diocesan Faculty (approval) process, and the architecture and District Council approval to go forward.

**Wendy Boyd** has worked absolutely tirelessly for the last year to identify builders, and put in time at the coal face with wall-sealants, polyurethaning pews, paint brush in hand, working with the builder, carpet layers and countless other tradespeople, and, in a word, made it happen. Wendy has not worked alone—somehow, she convinced **Ross Boyd** to make countless trips to the tip, waterproof walls, apply polyurethane, move and store furniture, make countless trips to Mitre 10 and Bunnings, and so very much more. This congregation and the community owe a massive debt of thanks to Wendy and Ross.

But wait, there's more. **Ron and Kay Dixon; Norm Cave, Christine Anderson**, put in many hours demolishing, dismantling existing structures, and, (continued, p.2)

## From your Parish Council

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is 17 March at St Pauls, following the 9:30 service. At this meeting we will hear reports from BBAMD's various ministries, and elect members to Council and Diocesan Synod. Why not consider standing for an office? If you are interested, please speak with Mark or Essie immediately so we can get your name on the ballot. Success will come when we work collaboratively, constructively, and cooperatively to build up the Body of Christ in Bream Bay for which we are responsible.

An oral summary of the annual reports will be provided at the meeting; the full reports will be available on the website. The only printed documents at the meeting will be the agenda, proposed budget, and voting papers. Our trees and climate will thank us!

**We are currently looking for someone who is willing to upskill in Christian Education and who can work with the growing number of young people we have in our congregation.** If you might be interested, please talk with Mark or Essie Leech

## Welcome to the newest members of BBAMD:

Danny Bridge, Katie, and Bobby (OTP)

## Services this month at BBAMD

*Lent continues this month through Holy Week and Easter.*

**Sunday, 03/02, Lent 3**  
9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

**Sunday, 10/03, Lent 4**  
9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's;  
Celebration of the renovated space

**Sunday, 17/03, Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)**  
9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's  
followed by AGM

**Sunday, 24/03 Palm Sunday**  
9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's (please bring palms and branches); KW singers will join us

**The Great Triduum**  
**Maundy Thursday, 28/03**  
7:00p Eucharist and Foot-washing

**Good Friday, 29/03**  
10:00a Ecumenical walk beginning at St Peter's  
2:00p Good Friday Liturgy, St Paul's

**Easter Eve, 30/03**  
7:00p Lighting of new fire, baptism and first Easter Eucharist, St Paul's (bring bells)

**Easter Day, 31/03**  
9:30a Easter Eucharist, St Peter's

### More thanks

Many people have contributed not only time but treasure to the upkeep and worship life of both churches.

- You will have noticed the new 'branded' signs which are nearly identical at both churches. Thank you to the **anonymous donors**.



- Mary Wilson** made a financial donation to the renovations and repairs.
- Thank you to **Cynthia Remacha** who donated the new Paschal Candle and other lights at St Peter's this year (we are renewing the Paschal candles at each church in alternate years.)
- Norm Cave** contributed the cost of fixings and many hours of craftsmanship to create the freestanding altar at St Peter's.
- Thank you to **Annette Hebert** and **Richard Hancock** for conducting monthly home eucharists in Waipū during construction.
- Sincere apologies if we have missed anyone—there is a lot of gratitude to distribute! We are happy to acknowledge them in future issues.

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### Thank you to so many! (continued from page 1)

together with **Jack Prima**, moved furniture and appliances again, and again, and again. **Essie Leech** and Wendy have scrubbed the cupboards in the kitchen, and some of the old appliances have gone to their final resting place, thanks to Ross. Christine has also improved the appearance of the entry doors. Thanks also to **Tony Fry** for exterior help at both churches, **Stephen Lea**, and **Ian Hanna's** staff, as well as a few anonymous helpers. Thanks also to **Sue** and **Richard Hancock** for all the gardening work at St Peter's, eliminating the noxious plants. There's more gardening once the rain starts.

A massive thank you to **Norm Cave** who fashioned the new freestanding altar out of timber salvaged from the walls of St Peter's. (See the article and photo below). See the sidebar on the left for other donors who have contributed to the renovations and maintenance.

There is still important structural repair work to be done at St Peter's. The frame of the large window at the west (entry) end to the church needs significant repair, because it has been leaking for years. This will be an expensive fix, and the decision was made to defer it for a few months while we find the money. There is still some exterior repair work to address, mostly related to age and rot. They are on the list!

### New freestanding altar to trial at St Peter's

St Peter's is trialling a new altar. The new altar will not replace the existing altar, but will be placed in the crossing (the space in front of the steps to the high altar) and will be used routinely on Sundays. It is on wheels, so can easily be moved for weddings, funerals, performances, and other large events. It is constructed out of wood recovered from the renovation of the church, so is both sustainable and very sympathetic to the architecture of the church. It is also constructed so that the high altar can easily be seen beyond it. On entering the church, the eye of the viewer remains drawn to the high altar, and only gradually does the freestanding altar become visible.

**Why trial a new altar?** There are several reasons: firstly, it recovers the ancient church tradition of locating the action of the eucharist in the midst of the people where it belongs. There is no longer a very great distance between the presider at the altar and the people. The congregation can now *see* and more actively *participate* in the action. Perhaps even more importantly, the congregation can *hear* the presider, since the presider will be standing in the midst of the people. There will be no need for ministers or people to go up any steps, so the new altar will be very accessible to anyone who uses a wheelchair or who feels unsteady on their feet.

**There are a couple of other adjustments.** The candles on the high altar will remain on that altar, as will the seasonal hangings. We have pillar candles (which are lower and 'fatter' than taper candles, so more proportionate) for the freestanding altar. Seating in the congregation will be similar to the previous arrangement, but in a slightly more semi-circular arrangement to support easier hearing of the service. Most of the seating will be in chairs, which will allow for greater flexibility of arrangement.

**What do we mean by trial?** Any change to the interior of a church must be approved by the Diocese through a process called a 'faculty'—the renovation is an example of a very significant faculty. If the faculty is granted then the altar will be installed and eventually be consecrated by the bishop on his next visit, so it requires the Bishop's permission.



**New altar in Norm Cave's workshop**

The Worship and Liturgy Committee, the Parish Council and the Wardens of BBAMD have all supported the Faculty application, as has the archdeacon. We will trial the new arrangement to see how it will work best for us while we await the outcome of the Faculty Committee. Norm has done a stunning job for the church, and we encourage you to come and trial it out.