



# The Bream Bay Anglican

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### Knowledge corner

#### Why is the Eucharistic prayer so long?

The Great Thanksgiving, as the modern Eucharistic prayer is known, includes a number of elements which are grouped in three parts:

**Remembering:** Sometimes called the *anamnesis*, or memorial. A core part of all Christian worship is remembering our history. We inherit this part of our worship from the ancient Hebrews, who erected rocks and altars to remember important events. In our Eucharist we recall God's actions in history, and the saving actions of Jesus' Passion, Resurrection and Ascension in order to locate our place in that history.

**Words of Institution:** These are the words that we believe Jesus said over bread and wine ("This is my body/blood") at the Passover supper that transform ordinary bread and wine into something extraordinary.

**Invoking the Spirit:** Called the *epiclesis*, these words call the Holy Spirit to come down on the offerings of bread and wine and upon the congregation, to bless and sanctify it ("Send your Holy Spirit..."). Sometimes the sign of the cross is made at the time of the epiclesis. The epiclesis is more obvious in some versions of the Great Thanksgiving than others.

See if you can identify these elements in the Great Thanksgiving used each week!

### From your Parish Council

Parish Council met on 26 September with a full agenda. Here are some highlights:

We are delighted to welcome **Danny Bridge** to your Parish Council. He has accepted an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Council. More about Danny in the next newsletter.

The Revd **Viv Goldsmith** has notified the Bishop of her resignation from licensed ministry, and notified Mark of her resignation from BBAMD, to attend to family matters. We thank her for her tireless service to the parish, particularly during Covid, and wish her well in her next steps.

Council considered a **revised budget** to expand the Treasurer's hours. **As of 31 August we are over \$7200 below target in giving** (automatic payment and envelopes) and \$3600 below our fundraising target. It is important to remember that **the AGM adopted the existing budget, and meeting these budget targets is the responsibility of every member of BBAMD**. This year we have the advantage of the West window repair costing far under budget, and the GST refund was not included in the adopted budget, so we will probably be OK for this year, but this is not sustainable. Parish giving is an urgent issue.

Endorsed the **Membership Census 2025** in order to comply with the new Parish Statute 2004 and the Privacy Act;

**Foodbank hours** are now Mondays and Fridays 10:00am-3:00pm only;

**St Paul's carpark** will be striped; entry will be off Karawai St only, and exit out Tamingi Street. Watch this space.

**Exterior signage** will be updated at both churches to reflect the Parish Statute 2004; There is a new cleaning service at St Peter's.

The PC considered the report of the **Worship & Liturgy Committee** and endorsed the recommendations to begin the process of creating and installing a tabernacle at St Paul's in collaboration with a kai whakairo (traditional carver), in consultation with local iwi; to set the community lessons and carols on 15 December. There will be no Christmas Eve service at either church, but there will be concurrent Christmas Day services at 9:30a at both churches.

*Council minutes are available at each church.*

### Diocesan Synod

Synod was held 5-7 September at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Auckland (see photo, bottom of p.2). Your elected delegates Essie Leech and Sally Haigh attended with Mark. A number of important actions were taken at Synod including the new Parish Statute 2024 (which replaces the former Ministry Unit Statute 2013). A consequence of this new Statute is that most ministry units will now be called *parish*, and all ministers in charge of parishes will be called *vicars*. This change takes effect on 1 January 2025. In addition, while there will still be one elected and one appointed warden, they will both be known as 'churchwardens'. The parish must maintain a roll of baptised persons who have regularly

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🕒 The **Fellowship Group** meets at 11:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pavilion of St Paul's. The next meeting will be 2 October.

### This month at BBAMD

#### Sunday, 06/10, 27<sup>th</sup> in Ordinary Time (OT)

9:30a Blessing of Animals, St Paul's (not a Eucharist)

2:00p First Sunday Hymns, St Peter's

#### Sunday, 13/10, 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

18 October, Feast of St Luke

#### Sunday, 20/10, 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT

9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

2:00p Dizzy Fingers 2 at St Peter's

23 October, Feast of S James of Jerusalem

#### Thursday, 24/10

5:00p Parish Council meeting, St Paul's

#### Sunday, 27/10, 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's



"Pastor, 'confirmed' means we only have to attend church on Christmas and Easter, right?"

### Confirmation Service

There will be a service of Confirmation at Holy Trinity Cathedral (Auckland) on 8 December at 5p, Bishop Ross presiding. If you are aged at least 16 and have been thinking about reaffirming your faith in this way, please contact Mark as soon as possible so we can so we can notify the Bishop's Office and begin a process of preparation.

*(And no, confirmation doesn't mean that we only see you twice a year!)*

### St Paul's all keyed up

Interior doors at St Paul's have been rekeyed. If you require access please contact Essie Leech or Christine Anderson



Friends of the Organ invite you to join us in singing favourite hymns.

### First Sunday Hymns

St. Peter's Church, Waipu

2.00 - 3.00 pm, Sunday 6 October, 2024

Hymns will be introduced by Richard Hancock.

Organ: Anne Connolly-Munt

Tea & Coffee will be served after the singing.

*This is a free event*

All welcome

Future sessions in the series -  
2.00pm, Sunday 3 November 2024

### Villy Day Out

Saturday, 23 November, 10:00a to 3:00p is the Villy Day Out celebrating children in Ruakākā. The event will be held on the fields behind the new Recreation Centre. BBAMD have signed up for a stall with the theme 'Garden to Table'. **Please collect egg cartons and small seedling six-packs and bring them to church** so that children can plant seeds and take them home. Vegetable seed packets are also welcome. Ray White realtors have generously lent us a marquis to protect us from the sun.

If you can volunteer for a few hours on the day, please let Mark know. You will be working with children and helping them to plant seeds—gloves will be provided. We will also want you to be ready to talk about God and the church. It is a great opportunity for outreach and to establish our presence in the village. Come and have a great time!

### Diocesan Synod (continued from p. 1)

participated in the worship and life of the parish over a six-month period and expressed in writing their wish to be included in the roll. The Chancellor's determination was that this 'writing' must be a hard copy. We will be preparing a process for Bream Bay to comply with this condition.

Other important motions that were passed include:

- Appreciation for Anglican Missions, and a target budget of \$175 000 to support mission work;
- Encourage mental health awareness;
- Calls for parishes to learn about and understand the story of the land on which Anglican churches are situated.

Mission:

- Supported the increased development of church websites and social media presence;
- Develop a plan for strategic consolidation and closure of ministry units in the Auckland region and the formation of clergy teams; this includes a request to Diocesan Council to establish a working group to develop and implement the plan, and to appoint an archdeacon to lead the process;
- Establish a Diocesan working and strategic plan for outreach and to report back to Synod in one year;
- Consider the rationalisation of local church properties and ministry units, and explore non-parish-based models of mission.

Young people:

- To increase the number of youth leaders around the Diocese and encourage youth ministry;
- Encourages ministry units to have at least one member under the age of 40 on the parish governance body.

Synod also heard from the Auckland City Missioner/Manutaki Helen Robinson on the impact of the current Government's defunding of food banks throughout the country. It also directed the Bishop to write the Prime Minister about the concerns of the Diocese about the proposed Treaty Principles Bill. (This communication is separate from the national letter sent to Parliament by many in the religious community expressing concerns about the proposed Bill.)



Diocesan Synod in session

### 🕒 Upcoming Events

A **Blessing of Animals** service will be held on **Sunday, 6 October**, at St Paul's. Michele from Wandering Angels will be our guest speaker.

On **20 October at 2 pm** Anne Connolly Munt and Stephen Beech of St George's Church, Takapuna, will present **Dizzy Fingers 2, a programme of organ and piano solos and organ/piano duets** by a variety of composers.