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From your Parish Council

Most Council members attended a leadership training workshop on 17 May at St James' Church in Kerikeri. About 30 people from vestries and councils throughout Northland (see photo below) heard a presentation by Archdeacon Liz Martin and learned that the many challenges we face at ACBB are shared by most other small parishes in the region. After reviewing the Diocesan structure and its relationship with parishes, Archdeacon Liz emphasised that the role of councils and vestries is governance (that is, setting policies), not management. It is the role of the clergy and ministry support team to carry out the strategic vision of the councils. There was discussion about the relationships between empowerment of the vicar and ministry support team and the accountability of that team. In passing, the meeting heard that the maximum length of any council meeting should be 90 minutes. Notes from the day will be made available by Archdeacon Liz.

At the Council meeting on 22 May, Council addressed financial, structural, and insurance-related business. A new church Foodbank account has been opened, which enables the finances of that ministry to be more transparent to Council. Health and Safety matters and Op Shop charitable giving was reviewed. A planning retreat is scheduled for 13 Sept.

Once Council minutes are approved, they are available in a binder at each church.

(Below) Some of the people who attended the 17 May workshop at St James' Church in Kerikeri



Attention Knitters or Crocheters



If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, this message is for you!

If you might be interested in forming a Prayer Shawl Ministry at St Paul's, contact **Sandy Hall** at 022 399 3457 or zinelady1814@gmail.com.

What's a Prayer Shawl Ministry?
Contact Sandy and find out more!

Days and times will be determined by those interested but we could meet in the Pavilion at St Paul's.

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 4 June.

Worship this month at ACBB

King's Birthday weekend is 31/5-2/6

Sunday, 01/07 7th of Easter
Sunday after Ascension
9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

Sunday, 08/05 Pentecost
9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's
You are invited to wear something red!

Sunday, 15/06 Trinity Sunday
9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's
We will use a Church of Ireland liturgy

Matariki holiday weekend is 20-22/6

Sunday, 22/06, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OT)
(We will use the related First Testament readings throughout OT)
9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

Sunday, 29/06, Patronal Feast of Sts Peter and Paul
Pita Tapu rāua ko Pāora Tapu
9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's, Archdeacon Liz Martin preaches
You are invited to bring a plate to a festive Morning Tea

Knowledge corner

Advanced Planning (Part 2)

From Dr Sue Hancock

Last month Mark wrote about Advanced Care Planning (ACP) for funerals and this month we will look at ACP for all of life and particularly the end of life period.

We all (should) make a will to direct the distribution of our possessions and (hopefully) nominate an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA). But does that person know our wishes for how we want to be cared for? As with funeral arrangements discussed last month, so with particularly end of life care – family members can disagree about the decisions that need to be made.

We can lose capacity to make our own decisions or communicate our wishes, from many causes – having a head injury from falling off a chair when changing a light bulb, a car accident, a stroke, or dementia to name a few.

The end-of-life period may take hours, days, weeks or even months or a life changing event may play out over many years. In that time, carers need to know what is

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Patronal Feast

June 29, the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, is the patronal feast of our parish. If you would like to help plan events for this special weekend, please contact one of the wardens, **Sue Hancock** or **Danny Bridge**. There will be a shared morning tea at Eucharist. **Archdeacon Liz Martin** will preach at St Paul's that morning.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year Aotearoa NZ observes this week between Ascension (29/05) and Pentecost (08/06). This year it marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 CE. For resources and more information go to: <https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/news/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-1-8-june-2025/>

Blessed June birthdays to

Wendy Boyd, 1/06

Joy McKay, 7/06

Phillipa Taylor, 10/06

Jack Prima, 20/06

James MacGee, 23/06

Sue Forsyth, 25/06

Jan Pirihi, 27/06



WE NEED YOU!

If you are available on Sunday mornings to greet people, read lessons, lead intercessions or (especially) provide hospitality, please contact Mark or one of the Wardens! The more volunteers we have the less each individual needs to do!



Waipu Presbyterian Church
Saturday 14th June
Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start. All ages welcome
Bring teams of 6-8 or join a team on the night
Supporting Tear Fund
Suggested Koha \$10pp
Supper and prizes
RSVP on Facebook or to waipupresby@outlook.com

A message from the New Zealand Blood Service

A huge thanks for having us last week [1/5]! On Thursday, we received 42 donations!

As we use all 3 components of blood (plasma, platelets, and red cells), Ruakākā's donations will go on to improve the lives of 126 New Zealanders. We couldn't have achieved these numbers without your help so thank you so much! Your help has been invaluable.

Looking forward to the next one 😊. Have a lovely evening!

Thanks

Alec Coles

Donor Relations Coordinator
New Zealand Blood Service

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The blood service regularly uses the Hall at St Paul's for blood drives. Come and support them if you are eligible and able!

Advanced planning (cont'd from p.1)

important for us. Do we want to have lots of medical interventions – drips, antibiotics, hospital admissions to extend our life for as long as possible? Do we wish to make a “do not resuscitate” order?

After you make an ACP it can be altered by you as time passes and your situation changes. What was important at 40 may not be so relevant at 90.

It is important that our family members are involved in the conversation as we construct our ACP. It is a chance for all to discuss faith, love and relationships, hopes, dreams, and fears. Then when decisions have to be made on our behalf, our families are united and working together to fulfil our wishes as much as possible.

The link below provides resources and a template for you to explore this important area of planning. If you or your family strike difficulties, you may like to talk with Mark or your own GP.



<https://www.myacp.org.nz/> (Click on 'learn more', or scroll down to 'Start your plan')

Skytower Climb for LBC NZ

Danny Bridge and his colleague Rahul Gupta represented Ruakākā in the Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge on Saturday, 24 May. Participants had to wearing full firefighter gear weighing 25kgs and while they climbed 1,103 steps up the Auckland Sky Tower.

This event is an annual fundraiser for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer (LBC) New Zealand. Eight Kiwis are diagnosed with blood cancer or a related condition every day. It is tough for patients and their whānau. Backing Danny (and other participants) means supporting LBC NZ's mission and vision for a cure. Every dollar helps with vital patient support, funding research, and raising awareness.

Danny says “I raced up the Sky Tower in full firefighting kit to raise vital funds and awareness for LBC. LBC is the national charity dedicated to supporting patients and their families, this support can last months or even years. LBC receives very little government funding, so please donate and help me support this great cause. It's simple, fast and totally secure and LBC will email you a tax-deductible receipt. Thank you for your amazing support!”

It's not too late: donate to support Danny at <https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/danny-bridge>, and don't forget to congratulate him on a massive effort!!

