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Time for Christians to vote

Election Day is 7 November, and it is time for Christians (and everyone else) to vote. Christians do not leave our faith at the door of the voting booth, and our votes should be informed by our Christian values.

The Diocesan magazine *Anglican Taonga* highlights voting guides produced three Christian organisation in Aotearoa which 'connect to Christian shared values and the mission direction of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. The Interchurch Bioethics Council, the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services, and Common Grace Aotearoa have produced accessible resources design to inform and engage voters as they make decisions. Link to the resources here:

<https://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/news/justice-advocacy/26vote-climate-tiriti-poverty>

In addition, the World Wildlife Fund has resources that mirror the focus of General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui's on the Anglican Church's Care for Creation. They are available at the above link.

Poverty is a major issue in Aotearoa New Zealand, the NZCCSS and the Child Poverty Action Group released a joint report on child poverty on 17 October that found 1 in 7 children (that's 170 000 children) in Aotearoa are living in material hardship. Find the report here:

<https://www.cpag.org.nz/our-campaigns/a-manifesto-to-reduce-child-poverty-2026>

From your Vestry

Vestry have been advised by Friends of the Organ that the new organ at St Peter's has been paid off. It will be formally handed over the Vestry at a date in the new year. The old organ will now be transferred to St Paul's.

The date for the 2027 AGM has been set as 21 March. We are aware that this is Palm Sunday.

A Nominations Committee has been formed to encourage nominees to Vestry in 2027.

The Treasurer's report was received with some questions to take back regarding the P&L statement. Money is tight, and motions were passed to address cash flow. A contents list has been prepared for each church for insurance, and will be sent to the Diocese.

A Calendar of Key Dates for 2027 has been prepared and is available with Vestry minutes.

Full vestry minutes are published after they are approved and are available at each church.

Magnolia Project update

The final drawings will be completed within the next week so we are hopeful that the application for Building Consent will be submitted early in November.

The Diocesan Architect, Andrew Barrie, has been helpful in contributing ideas for the plans ensuring that the final Faculty Committee approval will be given quickly.

Although we would have liked the building to be on site before Christmas, it is likely that it will be January before that happens.

Thank you, Tony Stroobant!

A huge thank you to the Rev. Dr Tony Stroobant who has been wrangling the worship participants roster for the last 18 months. This is quite a complex job, balancing an array of things to make Sunday worship happen as if by magic. He has now stepped back from the role, and Mark will take it up again.

If anyone is interested in this usually thankless job, please put your hand up!

Villy Day Out

This annual community celebration of children and young people will be held in Te One Reserve, behind St Paul's Church on Saturday, 14 November. It is always a fun (and exhausting) day.

ACBB will host a stall again there this year, and will offer seed planting in recyclable cups to passersby.

If you can volunteer for a shift of a couple of hours please sign up at St Paul's or see Mark.

Thank you to Aaron Ratcliffe of Ray White who once again has loaned a gazebo free for the day to ACBB.

November Worship at ACBB

Sunday, 01/11, Feast of All Saints, with commemoration of All Faithful Departed

9:30a, Eucharist, St Paul's

Sunday, 08/11 (OT 32, Proper 27A)

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

Sunday, 15/11 (OT33, Proper 28A)

9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

Sunday, 22/11 (Christ the King)

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

Thurs. 26/10, Vestry meets at St Paul's

Sunday, 29/11, First Sunday of Advent

9.30a Eucharist, St Peter's

Year B Lectionary cycle begins

Looking ahead:

Sunday 6/12 (Advent 2)

9:00a Community Lessons and Carols
St Paul's

NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME!!

Thursday, 24/12 (Christmas Eve)

7:00p Eucharist, St Paul's

Friday, 25/12 (Christmas Day)

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

And even further ahead:

10/02/27, Ash Wednesday

✂ The **Fellowship Group** meets at 10:30a on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pavilion of St Paul's. The next meeting will be 4 November ✂

Blessed November birthdays to...

Lee Hanna, 9/11
Cynthia Remacha, 15/11
Carol Wakerley, 28/11



In Memoriam

The condolences and prayers of the church are offered to Suniti Fry on the death of her beloved mother, ZZZ Moses.

Mrs Moses, along with Suniti and Tony Fry, gifted the piano at St Peter's Church.

Christian Mediation Course at St Paul's

A six-week interdenominational course on Christian meditation is being offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00p from 14 October to 18 November.

The group is led by **the Rev Jon Clarke** of Waipū Presbyterian and **Anne Foley** of Holy Family, and meets in the Pavilion at St Paul's. Everyone is welcome.

It's still good to be Anglican

Bishop John Bluck, retired bishop of Waiapu, offers a reflection on the quirks and charms of the Anglican Church, even though it is being tested internationally as never before, and has some local synodical embarrassments.

Find Bishop Bluck's reflection [here](#)

Eldernet

Mark writes one of the invited expert perspective substacks (blogs, or articles) for the Eldernet Group, one of NZ's most trusted resources for older persons. You can visit their website at www.eldernet.co.nz.

Mark's blog this month is on the importance of relationships in our older years. Did you know, for instance, that there is now generational crossover for the first time in history? That means that there are now more people over age 65 than under age 5. This has implications for housing, pensions, national budgets, immigration policy, and more. Link to the substack [here](#).

We need you!

We are in urgent need of volunteers to support worship and hospitality at both churches. We are especially looking for:

- Hospitality hosts (*not for women only!*)
- Greeters/Sidespeople
- Readers

Of course we also need sacristans, intercessors, and people who can help with flowers.

The more people who are available to roster, the less the burden falls on any one or group of people. Please don't ignore this. If you want a cup of tea after the service, someone needs to prepare it and clear up after you. Your help every couple of months (six times a year!) would go a long way to help. Greeting people and welcoming them into the church is one of the most important ministries of the church. Don't leave it to someone else! See Mark to let him know your preferred role and availability.

INVITATION

Christmas Party!

To: All who read *The Bream Bay Anglican*, and their friends and family!

Please bring a tin for the Foodbank & a contribution to refreshments.

RSVP: breambayanglicans@gmail.com



Friday, 18 December 2026, 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
St. Peter's Anglican Church, (Opposite the fire station) Nova Scotia Drive, Waipū

Regional Death Cafés

There were no expressions of interest in attending or hosting a Death Café in Bream Bay, so if you are interested (and really, who wouldn't be?) you will need to travel to Mangawhai (<https://gowithgrace.nz/product/death-cafe-mangawhai/>; email hello@akeakeshrouds.co.nz)

or Whangārei, usually held at the Hundertwasser Gallery (visit the Whangārei Death Café Facebook site for more information.)