



# PARISH WEB

Stay Connected

The building is closed but the church is open.



## Vicar's Blog:

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020,

St. George's Anglican Church  
Gate Pa, Tauranga.

The readings for your Together in Prayer next week are:

Monday 25 May – John 16: 29 - end

Tuesday 26 May - John 17: 1 - 11

Wednesday 27 May – John 17: 11 - 19

Thursday 28 May – John 17: 20 – end

Friday 29 May - John 21: 15 - 19

Saturday 30 May - John 21: 20 - end

Sunday 31 May – the Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Te Rā o te Petekoha/Penetiko (Fijian)

- Acts 2: 1 - 21
- Ps 104: 24 – 34, 35b
- 1 Cor 12: 3b - 13
- John 20: 19 - 23

## Collect for the Day of Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God,

Blowing through creation:

No door can keep you out.

Unlock our hearts,

breathe on us anew;

that we may speak God's words of life.

With the Father and the son,

you live and reign,

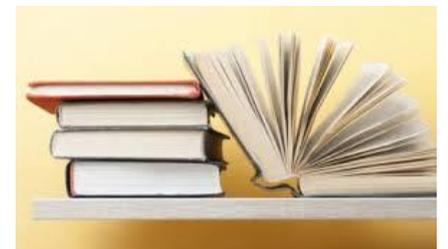
one God, now and forever. Amen

Be kind to yourself and others. Stay safe. Stay calm. Wash your hands.

John Hebert PSSF.

## *In Covid-19 Weeks 20 Things I am Thankful for:*

1. The strong, measured, positive, informed, and compassionate leadership of Jacinda Aderm and Ashley Bloomfield.
2. *Music in all its forms and formats including live Zoom performances*
3. The inspired creativity of musicians, sportspeople, and our fellow New Zealanders.
4. *Free fruit from neighbours left in a box outside their properties.*
5. A very special Anzac commemoration.
6. *Lots of conversations with friends and family online or phone.*
7. Being appreciative of being part of the lives of loved ones and friends who have passed during this time.
8. *The wonderful community spirit that I have seen every day on T.V. and experienced in my neighbourhood.*
9. John and Bonnie for the Sunday services
10. *Zoom meetings of all kinds.*
11. You Tube for amazing Covid-19 adaptations of well known songs.
12. *Early morning walks in the fresh autumn air.*
13. The Teddy Bears in the windows.
14. *The humour and warmth of both teams of T.V One's Breakfast presenters.*
15. Having the time to read a wide variety of books.
16. *Solving the word puzzles in my daily newspaper*
17. A warm cup of spicy Chai on a chilly morning.
18. *My Tabitha getting my groceries every week, including special treats*
19. The first Bubble break when I could be with family.
20. *The strength and comfort of our faith and the St Georges community*



Arohanui kia koutou Love and Blessings to you all

*Faye Mayo*



**Together in Prayer on Sunday.** At 9.30 on Sunday mornings we will use the service starting at p.476 in the prayer book. This can be found at <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/476e>. Or you can email Patricia for the Service Booklet sent out this week. Again, you are invited to join with me in your own home praying the service and reading the lessons together. I will provide some notes for the sermon each week.

We will also try livestreaming the Sunday service from John's house. We will be using our [Facebook page](#). Go to <https://www.facebook.com/GatePaAnglican/>. And hopefully you will see us, and you can join us in the service.



Tauranga Community Foodbank are accepting donations online: <https://taurangafoodbank.co.nz/>

During Level 2 we will still be operating as we have been so far.

- Open to take referrals 9am to 2pm - Monday to Friday.
- Open for people to **collect food parcels 10am to 12pm** - Monday to Friday.
- We are still not accepting food donations directly to the foodbank but will be making arrangements to have some drop off points around the city. If you would like to be one of the drop off points, please let me know.
- Please continue your on-line donations

There is no doubt that demand on Foodbank is growing. We have issued 1,039 food parcels since Level 4 Lock Down started. I can't even begin to tell you how proud I am of our Foodbank Team and Whanau, for really going above and beyond to make sure we continued to be able to operate. Now it is time to focus on the future and I will be back in touch as things evolve. Looking forward to hearing from you all.

Kindest regards

Nicki

## Fascinating life story of Archbishop Norman Lesser of Waiapu

### About the book

How did Norman Lesser, a boy from a terrace house in Liverpool, become the Archbishop of New Zealand?

The answer lies in sheer native ability, great energy, a talent for leadership, a happy outlook on life and a bit of luck – or if you prefer, the Grace of God.

Following effective ministry in different English parishes, he served as Provost of Nairobi Cathedral for seven eventful years before coming to be Bishop of Waiapu in 1947.

Lesser's 24 year tenure saw the building and consecration of the Cathedral in Napier, the establishment of several old people's homes and rapid growth in the parishes.

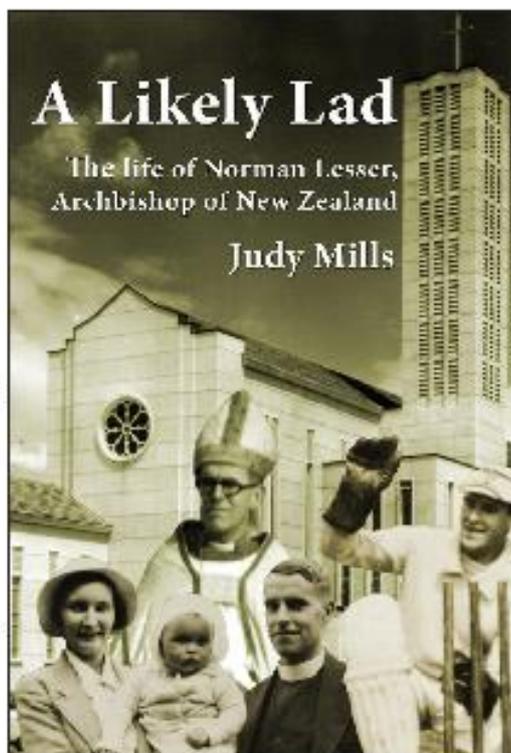
A gifted preacher and speaker, and blessed with the common touch, his quickness of mind, sense of humour and dramatic story-telling are still vividly remembered. As Archbishop he guided the church through the tumultuous changes of the 1960s and for years was at the forefront of Church Union negotiations.

Norman Lesser's world might seem different from ours. But the values of faith, resolution and compassion that we see in his life-story are still relevant today, offering challenge and inspiration.

### Praise for A Likely Lad

"...Knowing and honouring our past is important to our faith journey, and this book will be of interest not just to Anglicans but also the wider community who loved and respected Norman Lesser. He was in fact an 'extra-ordinary' man and I commend this timely recognition of his life of devotion, humour, and compassion."

*Andrew Hedge, Bishop of Waiapu, Lent 2020*



### About the Author

Judy Mills is a retired teacher, social worker and local body politician. She graduated with Honours in English from Auckland University where she encountered the Student Christian Movement, and it was here she first learned that you must love God with your mind as well as with your heart and soul.

Her interest in Norman Lesser, beginning in 2008, led her to include Liverpool, Barrow-in-Furness and Nairobi in overseas travel, and these visits have significantly contributed to a greater understanding of his world before his arrival in New Zealand.

She enjoys music, especially the piano and singing, good conversation, time with friends and family, and the outside world.

She has held leadership rôles in the National

Council of Women and the Association of Anglican Women and remains actively involved in caring for the environment and issues of justice and peace.



### Book details and Ordering

316pp, b/w, 6"x 9," soft cover. ISBN 9781988572314

**Publishing early May 2020.**

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# MYSTERY

by Bev Milne

Always I am drawn to the unknown,  
allured by mystery, mysticism,  
the invisible to our eyes. Atmospheres,  
places suffused with more than we can see,  
larger than the visible space they occupy.

Stonehenge: holding veiled its origins,  
Delphi – omphalos – navel of the world.  
Delos: island of light, birthing Apollo,  
Glastonbury, place of the Goddess,  
Island of apples, Arthur's Avalon,

A physical being in a spiritual body,  
the soul a bridge between seen and unseen  
the reality of the imaginal realm  
limitless depths there for the knowing  
when we learn to see with the eyes of the heart.

Mystery may be pierced, not held  
in fullness in the confines of the mind -  
just glimpses of Essence drawing us deeper  
into the wisdom way of heart knowing:  
Mystery is in the drawing itself.





**Our Vision:** To enable everyone to experience wholeness, enrichment, and transformation of life through Jesus Christ

**Is Titoki only for Christians?** Definitely not, everyone is welcome

### Personal Retreat & Prayer Ministry

We offer personal retreat for healing prayer / ministry, Christian counselling or to purely take time out from your busy life. Many people come to Titoki throughout the year for ministry and healing prayer, spending a few days to experience God's healing grace.

A resident counsellor is available for those needing spiritual growth and healing. Pastors, Ministers, church workers and anyone who needs time out from their demands of constant daily life will find a relaxing haven here at Titoki Christian Healing Centre.

### A Cosy Home in a Peaceful Rural Setting

Accommodation is available in comfy motel styled rooms, some with ensuites, located in the main house (all meals are provided in accommodation rates), and self-catering cottage set in the garden. There is the option to have all meals provided in the main house, Fergusson House, if you so wish.

Titoki is set on ten acres of quiet and peaceful park like grounds and is central to Whakatane township, Awakeri Hot Pools and Ohope beach, all within 20 minutes' drive. Please bring your togs along for your stay if you wish to take advantage of the nearby hot pools or beaches.

A weekly chapel service for worship, healing prayer and communion is held each Wednesday morning at 10.00am in the chapel. Everyone is welcome to join our guests and community for this service. What is lost?

# Poems for Lockdown

--Anne Powell

## Estuary

In the monastery of the heart  
we seek the thread  
that leads to knowing.  
It may be a thread of gold or song  
or trimmed flax or cello.

We follow the yearning to go deeper  
into the heart of the heart.  
Merton calls, "Let the trees speak."

Walking by Waikanae River  
beyond the estuary  
where white baiters reveal the patience of God,  
we welcome the speaking of trees.

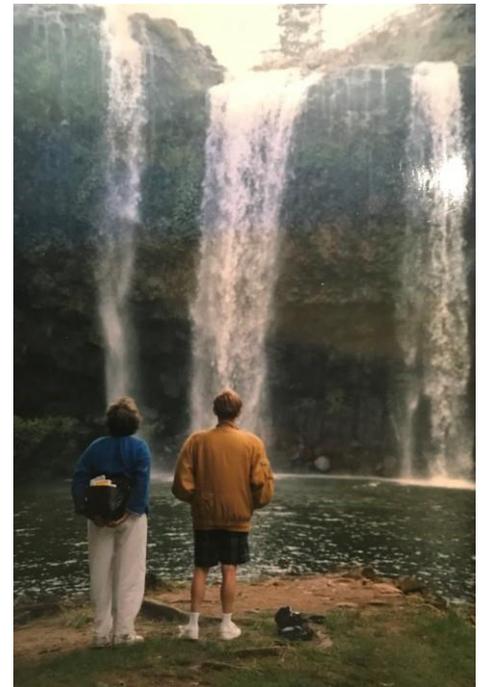


## Living in the round

It is all in the choosing  
this season as teacher and friend.  
It is all in the choosing the  
once unquestioned pathway  
allowing its voice through turmoil of dreams and days.  
It is all in the choosing  
once fearful depths to shape new spaces  
in the soul's shyness.

In this season of invitation  
beyond the familiar visible  
beyond the lost art of connection  
with all creation

Surely rises the sun and moon of peace over fresh hemispheres.



*Anne Powell has three previous collections of poems: Firesong (1999), Enough Clear Water (2001) and Tree of a Thousand Voices (2010), for which she was runner-up in the Ashton Wylie Book Awards.*

*Her poems have appeared in several anthologies of New Zealand poetry, and some of her work has been set to music by Leonie Holmes and sung by the King's Singers (UK) and Voices NZ. She was born in New Plymouth and lives in Waikanae in the community of Cenacle Sisters.*

# Coronavirus Jokes to Lift Up Your Spirits During Self-Isolation



What is the least spoken language in the world? Sign language

Justice is a dish best served cold, if it were served warm it would be justwater.

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom? Because the pee is silent.



Two guys walk into a bar, the third one ducks.

What did the buffalo say to his son when he dropped him off at school? Bison.



Two peanuts were walking down the street. One was a salted

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