



PARISH WEB March 2022



**St. George's Anglican Church
Gate Pā, Tauranga.**



The Lord is good to the soul that seeks God.

***Let us examine our ways for the love of Christ;
be renewed and restored to God.***

Lord, bless to me this Lent.

***Let me fast most truly and profitably
by feeding in prayer on thy Spirit:***

Reveal me to myself in the light of Thy holiness

May my whole effort be to return fully to Thee

Oh, make it serious and sincere;

persevering and fruitful in result

with the help of Thy Holy Spirit

and to Thy Glory, my Lord and my God.

Amen.

(adapted from Prayers for Sunday Services).



Vicar's Blog

We are now well into our liturgical year. Like much of the last two years this year is shaped with such uncertainty and hope. Uncertainty about what the next few months hold. Hope that things might change for the better this year. In all this uncertainty an important word for me is gratitude. I am finding it good for the soul to try and focus on what I give thanks for, rather than all that might drag me down.

I am grateful for our creative Christmas. We found ways to that allowed us to gather while adhering to the Covid health requirements. From the Carols on the Lawn, Follow the Star Children's event, an online Carols and "midnight" reflection, to our in-person communion services on Christmas and Boxing Day, we offered times for people to engage with the Christmas story in new ways. Thank you to all who helped all that happen.

I am also incredibly grateful for a break over summer. I hope you all were able to enjoy the summer break which for nearly all of us was unrestricted.

It was a joy to share your company at the picnic at the end of January. Thank you to Ainsley and Mihi for the work you put into the desserts.



This year I am grateful for the privilege of being vicar of this parish for 10 years – the longest I have been in any position. And I am thankful that we have found ways to welcome those who chose not to vaccinate into our life as a parish, even if only in small ways.

While enjoying the summer and all that brought, there was always a bit of an omicron shadow to some degree. That shadow made us more hesitant in some of the events we might normally have offered. Sadly, this year we did not feel able to offer our Pukehinahina history lectures. We hope to do that later in the year. And our pancake evening and ecumenical Ash Wednesday service were again not held. As we look ahead it is unlikely, we will hold our traditional Maundy Thursday meal either. Despite this I am grateful for the restrictions that have been

put in place by the government on the advice of the Ministry of Health and the panel of science advisors, and for how our bishop have interpreted that. It allows us to continue to meet and be part of God's mission in ways that keep us as safe as possible. We will continue to navigate our way through this temporary landscape and gather to reflect on the story as we make our way through Lent in into the Easter Season until Pentecost. Lent always begins with the story of Jesus being tested in his identity in the wilderness. In the early church lent was originally a time when those going to be baptised at Easter were led into their own wilderness experience. It was a time for them to prepare let go of all that had shaped their identity and priorities as they went into the



baptismal water. Then as they came out, they were clothed with the new identity with new priorities as beloved children of God. Lent for us is a time to slow down and reflect on how we might answer the big questions; who is God and who are we? What shapes our identity and how we live out that sense of who we are? What helps us know that we are all beloved children of God, and what prevents us knowing that? The traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and alms giving are shaped by these questions.

I am grateful for Lent every year. It offers me a chance to stop and pay attention to what gives me life, and to pay more attention to those things, that I might live in and live out God's life the rest of the year. This year I would also like to suggest that we don't engage with Lent out of a sense of duty. Instead, I hope we can engage in these practices and reflections to find life. What gives you life? What do you need to let go of that sucks life out of you? What might you spend more time with that allows you to know God's life?

One of the life-giving things for me is our Lenten studies. We are also offering Lenten studies each Sunday after the 10am service. And I am thankful for the ways each year, as part of our giving we support both the Foodbank the Anglican Board of Missions Lenten Appeal.

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we are offering extra events and services to help us fully enter into and stay with the story of Jesus entry into Jerusalem, last days with his disciples, arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. We are invited to move slowly and allow them rub our sense of who we are like sandpaper.

The Season of Easter traditionally begins with the Eight Days of Easter – from Easter Sunday to the next Sunday. Eight is about new starts, abundance, and resurrection. Like those baptised into a new identity long ago, these eight days offer us a chance to restart living as beloved children of God and living God's generosity, love, and mercy for all creation.

One of the delights of being vicar of this parish has been joining with you in finding ways to honour the story of this land. One of the gifts of this parish to the city is our Remembering the Battle service at 4pm on April 29. We are hoping that we can again offer out of this hope born from the time we take in Lent and Easter.

By the time this comes out we will have held our AGM. While these can be a bit humdrum, they give us an opportunity to give thanks for all God did through us in this last year and to look ahead to a new year. I want to thank Clark and Faye who have worked hard as our wardens, and to the rest of the vestry for the hours spent in meetings and then picking up what needed to be done. These have been a hard couple of years, and they have worked tirelessly. I am also grateful to Ainsley and all those involved in the pastoral care, and to Debbie who is offering such a life-giving ministry at this time.

While on holiday I was surprised and saddened to receive Nevi's resignation. I have so enjoyed having her in the office, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you to Cliff who in consultation with the wardens contacted the diocese and got the process going to appoint a new parish administrator. Welcome Charmaine McMenamin. Charmaine is already getting a grasp on the role. I am looking forward to your ministry among us over the next few years in this role.

May this Lent and Easter be seasons for taking time to rest in God's life-giving presence. May we be people of hope, living generosity and aroha for all.

Peace and all good

John Hebert PSSF.

Vestry Notes...



People's Warden

Clark and I have met on a regular basis, with Rev John Hebenton and Rev Debbie Garrett. The matters discussed have been the ongoing Covid measures for services and church events.

Vaccine passes are now required for the two Sunday services and the Tuesday 9.30am service. We have an open to all service on Thursdays at 6pm and with the high rate of fully vaccinated parishioners this has all been working well.

Other matters have been the preparation of reports for the upcoming AGM. This includes the five-year maintenance plan for all St Georges buildings: the church, lounge and hall, the vicarage, St Francis Shelter, Centrepont and the grounds.

Clark was kept busy with the electrical fit-out of the Tauranga Special School kitchen refurbishment. This proved to be a bigger task than anticipated! Thanks to Clark for all his hard work.

I have been working with St John's and Papamoa Anglicans in preparation for starting Senior Chef at the end of April. The date is dependent on our chef being confirmed and Covid not impacting more than it has already.

I have also been representing St George's as part of the planning for the design of the new Gate Pā Community Centre to be built next to Anzac Park. The group is facilitated by Tauranga City Council staff. Representatives from many local community groups, including local iwi, have been consulted on the needs of the community. There are two designs currently being considered. More to come on this project.

Faye Mayo

People's Warden

AGM Update

The vestry and Centrepont committee were appointed at the AGM on Sunday 6th March:

Vicar's Warden: Clark Houlton

People's Warden: Faye Mayo

Synods Rep: Cliff Simons

Alternate Synods Rep: vacant

Regional Conference Rep: Andrea Andresen

Alternate Regional Conference Rep: vacant

Vestry members: Faye Mayo, Patricia Price, Cliff Simons, Paula Simons, Peter Williams, David Elliott, Andrea Andresen

Centrepont Committee: Peter Williams, Dianne Elliott, Sandy Houltram, David Elliott

The Three Graces

It was a rare occasion at Nevi's farewell to see our three St George Parish administrators together. Past, Present, and Future - Patricia Price, our administrator for 2020-21, who set the standard for office efficiency and organisation, left us for the legal world and full-time employment last June.

Nevi Fernandez, whom we were saying goodbye to, has done a great job over 8 months, during very trying times. Many parishioners were there to wish her well and we had a yummy morning tea - the first for 2022.

Our new parish administrator, Charmaine McMenamain was warmly welcomed and will become a familiar face to many. Do pop into the office to welcome her. We wish her all the best in her new role and the challenges that lie ahead.



Hello! My name is Charmaine and my husband, and I have been members of St. Georges parish for a couple of years. On 17th February I started work as your new Church Administrator, so I thought I'd share a bit about myself.

Donald and I have been married for 43 years and have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. We are very blessed to have 2 of them close by, the others are in Feilding with our son and his wife Sarah, who is the Vicar at Feilding Anglican Church. And we have a fluffy Shitzhu Maltese called Lucy. We moved to Welcome Bay from Auckland 6 years ago and love it here.

I have had several careers; I've been a hairdresser, a midwife and an early childhood teacher. I have done lots of administration work through these positions and am really enjoying learning the ropes at St. Georges.

My favourite things to do include sewing, singing baritone in a women's barbershop chorus (Keynotes), gardening, playing games and spending time with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better and being of service to you. Please just ask if I can help in any way!



Centrepoint Catchup

Another crazy year has begun and so far, so good. Covid has left Centrepoint and all who work here alone. A few of our volunteers have chosen to step back from the shop, due to feeling unsafe being around so many people. Hopefully they will be able to return soon.

The effects are being felt all around Greerton, the streets and the shop are very quiet and with many children being absent from the school we are not seeing our usual number of customers. But for now, we will do our best to keep the shop open and running, and our staff and customers safe.

Over the Christmas break we installed a new kitchen in the upstairs of the building, which is being leased by the Ministry of Education and used by Tauranga Special School. This is a great addition to the space and will be helpful when teaching the students, who range in age from 18-21, cooking and life skills. Other upgrades are happening to the upstairs space thanks to the Ministry, these include new toilets, a shower area, and some painting. This will make the space a lot more functional for the staff and students and adds value to the building.

At present we are setting up a collectables area within the shop. Faye Mayo is helping with this as she has knowledge of, and an interest in this area. We have started with a small number of coins, stamps, and books. If anyone has any collectable items that they are willing to donate they would be gratefully received.

We have welcomed a handful of new volunteers to the Centrepoint family already this year, which is fantastic. Centrepoint is a happy and welcoming place to spend time. Many volunteers come because they want to give back to the church or the community, but they also gain a lot from the company and being part of a team. Many great friendships have been created here and doors have been opened for new opportunities. One example of this is that I am learning to play the ukulele with help from a volunteer and we have been invited to join a ukulele group by another. It is a fabulous opportunity to meet new people and improve skill level. So, if you think that volunteering at Centrepoint might be something that you would be interested in, and you want to become part of a great team, call in sometime and have a chat with me.

Kate Heselden - Centrepoint Manager



Market Day - 2022

Due to the cancellation of the Greerton Blossom Festival in April, of which our Market Day was to have been a part of, we had to change the date twice and it was finally held on Saturday 18th December.

We had the following stalls: bric-a-brac, clothing and accessories, plants, jams and preserves, baking, Christmas decorations, toys, a sausage sizzle and drinks. Leftover goods were given to Centrepoint to sell.

We made \$800, which considering the blustery weather (and so close to Christmas) was a good result. I would like to thank members of vestry, also Helen, Bev, Patricia, Bonnie and my family for their hard work on the day.

HELP PLEASE. The Fundraising Committee is always looking for helpers to organise and run any fundraising events we do this year. Please contact the office or me if you would like to help.

We meet, usually at a nearby café when planning is required. **Faye Mayo - Market organiser**

He Taonga Ataahua (A beautiful treasure)

You may have noticed the beautiful gold and black framed artwork recently restored and hanging in the Lady Chapel. It is the remains of the white altar frontal from the previous church that was nearly destroyed in the 1992 fire. The frontal was made in Belgium and purchased for St George's from Church Stores in Auckland.

Elizabeth Roelofsen, a parishioner at the time who incidentally also crafted the current hangings we use today, rescued it but it was in a badly blackened state. Elizabeth passed it on to her friend Florence Mainwaring, who is a very competent embroiderer. Florence restored the frontal to its current state. She contacted Rev. Joyce Crawford and it was returned to us in 2021.

The vestry felt it was a significant item for our parish and had it framed and it now hangs in the Lady Chapel. This is the only part of the previous church that survived the fire.

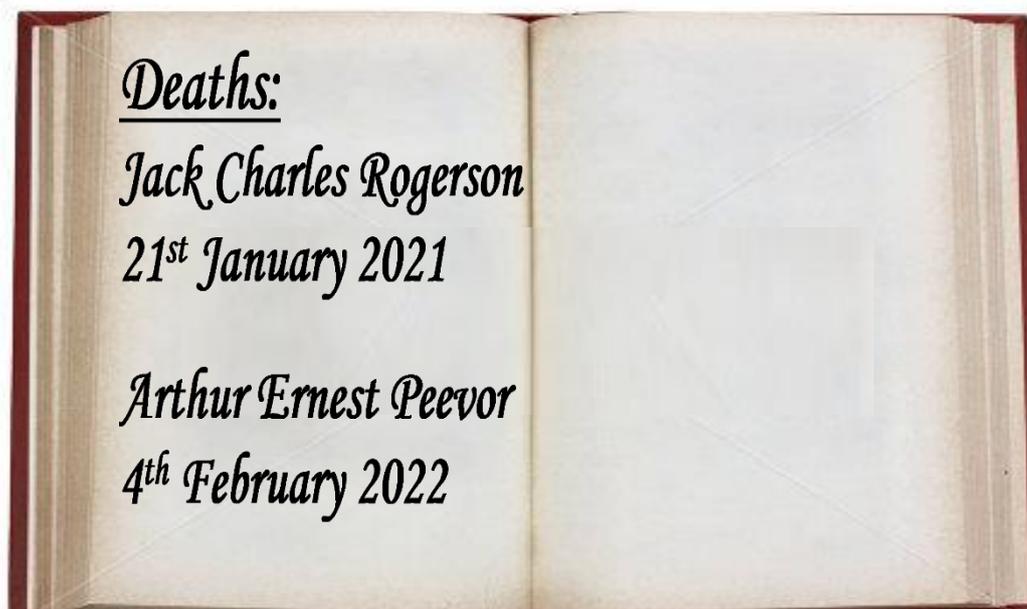
Did you know the current church was built to Rev Joyce's design ideas? Our other altar frontals were adapted by Joyce to fit the new altar. We owe a debt of gratitude to both Elizabeth for saving the frontal and to Florence for her painstaking restoration.

I would like to thank Joyce for her time in providing me with the background history to this article.

Faye Mayo



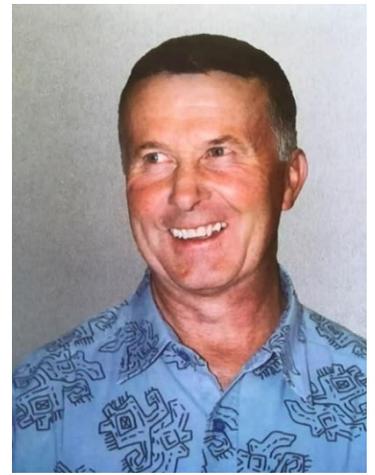
From the Registers



In Memoriam –

Arthur Ernest Peevor – (19.05.1942 - 28.01.2022)

Arthur was a dearly loved husband for 57 years, a cherished father of Karen, Angela and Elaine and father-in-law of Barry, Pat and Bryce, adored Granddad of Jarad and Kari, Kelsey, Melissa and Jordan, Ashleigh, Max, Maddi, Ethyn, Kaleb and Petra and treasured Great Granddad of Ronan, Eden, Cael, Thea and a fifth baby due this month.



Arthur was a member of St George's Church for over forty years since moving to Tauranga from Turangi in 1978.

Reverend David Moxon was the Vicar at that time, and it wasn't long before Arthur was asked if he would go on the vestry and accepted the challenge. Same as today there was a never-ending list of jobs that needed doing and I don't recall paid tradesmen being called; either the vestry members or members of the congregation used to attend to them as they were all much younger then. You would often find Arthur and Peter Fuller (don't know what happened to > Peter but he talked of doing missionary work) making seats and benches for the car park and church grounds and repairing whatever needed fixing.

Sunday mornings after church Arthur would take the very elderly their cup of tea or coffee to save them getting up after seating themselves. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Arthur. Until David moved on to greener pastures, they both enjoyed the odd game of chess together.

A serious work accident to Arthur's arms and ribcage when he was forty put him out of action. He had continuous operations for approximately ten years and was never allowed to return to full time work again.

Arthur had a history of attending church and as a young lad in England was in the Boys Brigade. On finishing his apprenticeship, he sailed to New Zealand at the end of 1963 and sent for me in 1964 and we were married by Reverend Peter Ritchie in St Mathew's Anglican Church, Brooklyn, Wellington. After a move to Kilbirnie we attended St Jude's Anglican Church at Lyall Bay where we had a momentous occasion, a "three in one" so to speak, when Arthur was confirmed on 26 September 1965, it being also our first wedding anniversary and Karen's christening.

High rents saw us moving to Turangi in 1966 where we attended The Church of the Cross, a co-operating parish and Angela and Elaine were christened there.

By a cruel twist of fate, and what is thought to be a hereditary factor, my loveable fellow who always had a twinkle in his eye was diagnosed with Alzheimer's dementia in 2017 and was lovingly cared for at home by myself and family, and towards the end, by two wonderful carers.

Arthur's funeral was held at St George's, and I apologise to those who would have liked to attend, but being allowed only 25 people it was a family affair with a few close friends. My thanks go to all who helped at and after the funeral especially Ainsley and Patsy and to all who sent sympathy cards, special thanks go to Adrienne, Helen, Dawn, and Janet who gave food items. God bless you all. He is greatly missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. *Written by Miriam Peevor*

Reflections on being an EMT by Bishop Andrew



Greetings e te whanau a te Karaiti o Waiapu.

As many of you know I have been involved with St John Ambulance over the past 11 years as an Ambulance Officer (EMT) covering occasional shifts in Hawke's Bay. This month as part of the preparedness that St John are undertaking in advance of what are expected to be high numbers of cases of Omicron in the community. The experiences of Ambulance Services in Australia, UK and other parts of the world show that there is going to be significantly increased demand for Ambulance services due to Omicron. They are also expecting a significant number of their staff to be affected by the virus as well. They have made a request for any Ambulance Officers (EMT) that currently work outside of St John to consider their availability to work on frontline Ambulance shifts for 8-10 weeks to better help establish the capacity that St John are expecting to need to meet the demand of Omicron in the community.

I have considered this request carefully and having discussed it with my family, Vicar General and Diocesan Registrar I have decided to make myself available for that purpose. St John advised me this week that my offer of support has been accepted and I will take up Ambulance work for 8-10 weeks from 14 February.

As I begin this time, I thought I'd share a few things about my involvement with St John and what I'll be doing over the next couple of months. I'll hope to share a few reflections with you over that time. Here goes in a Q&A style ...

How long have you been involved with St John Ambulance and what is your role?

I started out with St John in 2010, when I was Vicar of Cambridge, initially as a Chaplain for the station and then soon after starting I began my training to be a qualified Ambulance Officer. I've continued as both Ambulance Officer and Chaplain since in Cambridge and then in Hawke's Bay since moving here in October 2014.

So what do we call you? Ambulance Driver, Paramedic, EMT?

Definitely not 'Ambulance Driver' please ... we all do so much more than that! My qualification means that I am an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). The EMT studies at Diploma level for a year provides a wide scope of basic training across physiology, anatomy, differential diagnosis, pharmacology, use of various techniques for assessing and managing patients across every kind of emergency you can imagine and of course advanced driver training. A Paramedic trains at Degree level for 3 years with advanced training all these areas and access to more interventions in the field.

If we called for an ambulance and you arrived what would we see you doing?

Ambulances are crewed by two Ambulance Officers and we share the workload and work together as a team. You may find a mixture of skill levels between EMTs, Paramedics and ICPs (more about them another day). Together we will assess a patient, determine the treatment

we can offer and make recommendations about transporting the patient to further levels of care, e.g. Hospital, GP.

During a night shift do you stay on station or respond from home and do you get to sleep?

Our night shifts are 12 hours long beginning at 6pm/7pm and concluding 6am/7am depending on which station we are working at for the shift. The stations have spaces available for rest areas during night shifts and we can take some time during the shift to rest when we can. In practice it is uncommon for us to have long periods of time to rest during a night shift aside from two assigned half hour breaks. The workload is generally steady throughout the night and the one advantage of that is being able to enjoy the stunning sunrises and dawn chorus early in the morning!

Are you still around the Diocese?

I'm still available in my office 1-2 days a week depending on my Ambulance roster and of course still available by text, phone, and email to my immediate team. So we will stay in touch easily and manage things as we go. ... For the most part will restrict my travel outside of Hawke's Bay until I finish my time with St John at the end of April.

Primates Ukraine message and prayers

The invasion of the Ukraine

Rangimārie! Rangimārie! Ahakoa te utu!
Peace! Peace! No matter what the cost!



This was Archdeacon Tiki Raumati's oft repeated korero, speaking out of his people's lived experience of the inter generation impact of naked aggression and the greed for land.

As the Russian army invades Ukraine without provocation, the world must again defend the innocent. We call on all Christians to pray for the people and leaders of Ukraine and for the people and leaders of Russia. This act of war will create suffering and destruction and will win nothing. We must pray for, and support, world leaders in responding with wisdom, compassion, and resolution for the protection of the innocent and the restoration of justice and peace.

We also encourage you to pray daily for the Ukraine and to participate with the wider church in Pope Francis' s call to make Ash Wednesday, 2 March, a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Eternal Creator,

You have made us in your image, though we often obscure it;

You have made us stewards of the earth and guardians one of one another.

Give the people of Ukraine Your protection, strength, and assurance,
Give us the courage to support and defend our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, and
Give world leaders wisdom, compassion, and resolution in their decisions.

In this crisis, remind us again of the need to always strive for peace,
that the people of Ukraine may once again know peace and justice, and
that all your children may know the perfect freedom found in serving one another.

Amen.

Prayers from around the church...

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

*Archbishop Justin Welby,
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

Sovereign God,
We pray for the nation of Ukraine, its leaders and people.
We pray that you would make your presence known to them at this time of strife.
We pray for their protection and for an end to the Russian invasion.
We pray for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed,
and those who have lost loved ones, homes and family.
We pray that you would bless the endeavours of those who work for peace
and an end to this conflict.
Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine.
May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all.
Continue to stir up the leaders of the world to work together for the good of all.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

*Archbishop Geoffrey Smith
Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia*

Sovereign Lord,
you observe all those who dwell on earth.
Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer
the miseries of a war not of their own making.
Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted;
confound the hatred and madness of those who make war;
guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world.
Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace,
before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account,
and in whose name we pray.
Amen.

*Archbishop Kanishka Raffel,
Archbishop of Sydney*

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

*Archbishop Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh,
Catholic Primate of All Ireland*

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing. May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace.
Amen.

*Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding
Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Glenn J Barclay - A Traveller's Tale.

On an American Road Trip with my friend Sara Wengerd from Indiana, I came across a town called Berea in Kentucky – noted as 'A TOWN LIKE NO OTHER'.

We had already visited Chicago, the windy city of North America, renowned for its architecture and Impressionist Art Gallery with links through the Arts and Crafts Movement via famed architect, Frank Lloyd-Wright; seen the Obama's home – we had shopped and found very friendly people and stunning arts and craft on display and for sale at Nashville, world famous for country music then stayed at an unique community where formerly Shakers had expressed their special brand of Christian living with a strong emphasis on simplicity and homely craft work amid a thriving farming lifestyle..... therefore, finding yet another town which claimed to be "like no other" I was keen to discover what made it so.



This is the home territory of good old Daniel Boone. His original log cabin is in the museum.

We were to stay at the Boone Tavern hotel, one of the grandest expressions of Berea's fame. Nearby is an Ecumenical Church – built especially as such. Berea has a thriving artisan community interwoven with the dynamic history of Berea College, home to a student crafts programme that preserves

traditional Appalachian arts.

The College was founded in 1855 as the first inter-racial and co-educational college in the South. The town grew up around it.

Berea has a long-standing tradition of diversity, social justice, environmental responsibility and community service. All are very strong on sustainability. There is an 'off-the-grid' eco-village for some students to live in. Eco-tourism is the town's mandate.

My journal from that trip noted that sponsors pay to cover the cost of students' education.

People come from 'all over' to visit Berea and stay at the grand hotel. The students earn money waiting on tables at the award-winning Restaurant – the food having been grown by them – "a very green, ecologically aware town", I wrote. Cherry, hickory, walnut, maple timbers are used to create beautiful hand-crafted furniture and craft items. The mohair and wool throws on the bed were woven on a fly-shuttle loom; were knotted and fringed by hand.



We went to an elaborate dining room and ordered 'Southern' food. I had grits, tricky pork chops, Teaspoon Bread. All very healthy.

We explored the Old Town Artisan Village watching artists at work. One of them made settler style brooms in a huge variety. Some of the many craft shops sell the students' items.

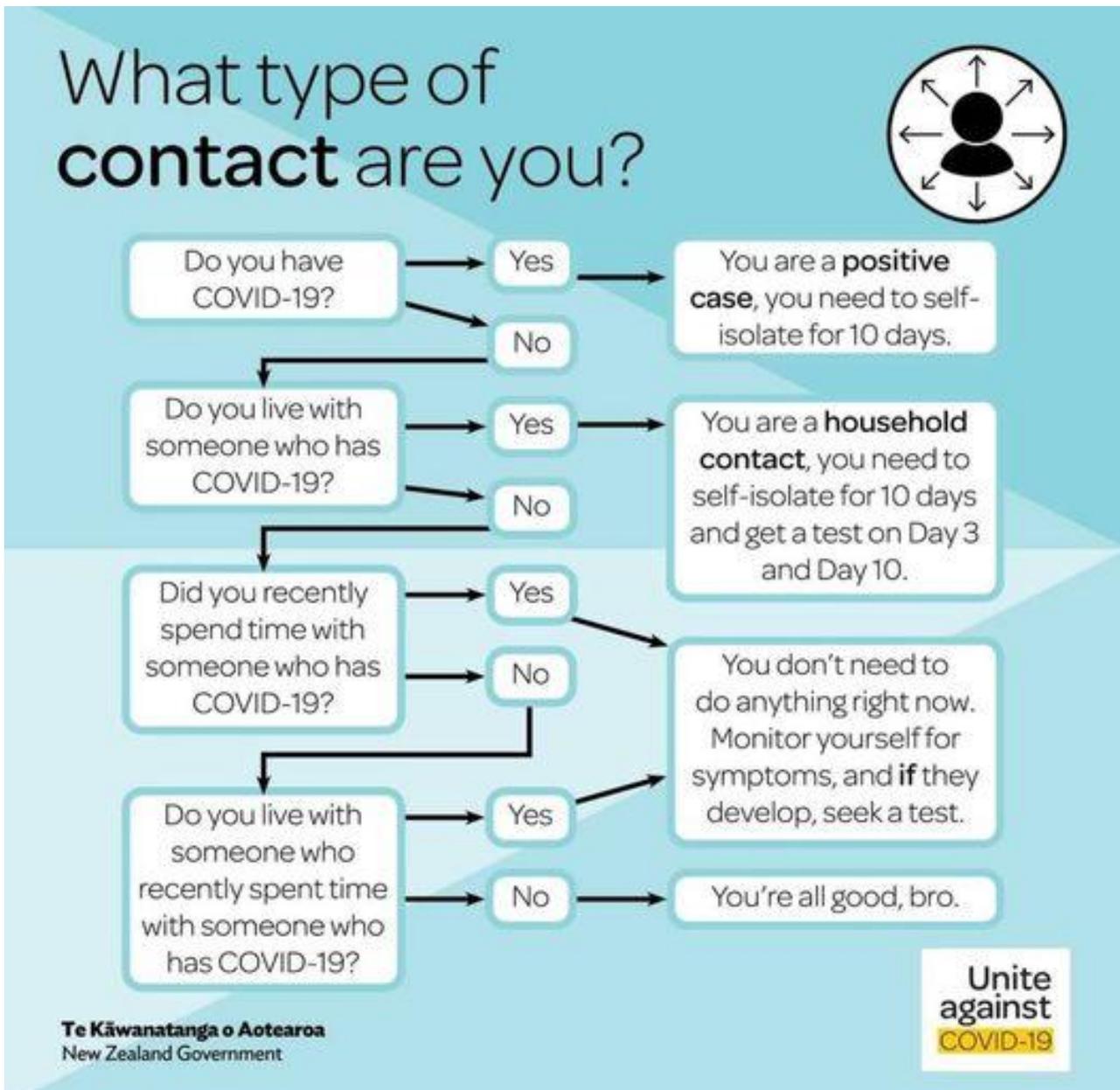


To me, Berea is a Gospel town. Established prior to the Civil War it lives out the call of Jesus to live for all others in a holistic, just and loving way.

It truly proved to be **“A town like no other!”**

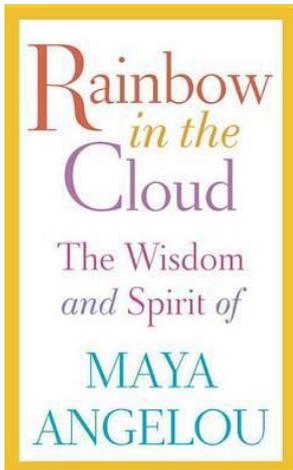


Thanks to Glenn Barclay for this interesting insert from her travels.



□ *Book Review by: Patricia Price*

I read various genre's and one book I was fortunate to read many years ago and continue even now to refer to was "Rainbow in the Cloud". Check it out of your local library or download for some inspirational reading.



*"Words mean more than what is set down on paper," Maya Angelou wrote in her ground-breaking memoir **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**. Indeed, Angelou's words have travelled the world and transformed lives--inspiring, strengthening, and healing.*

Through a long and prolific career in letters, she became one of the most celebrated voices of our time.

*Now, in this collection of sage advice, humorous quips, and pointed observations culled from the author's great works, including **The Heart of a Woman, On the Pulse of Morning, Gather Together in My Name, and Letter to My Daughter**, Maya Angelou's spirit endures.*

***Rainbow in the Cloud** offers resonant and rewarding quotes on such topics as creativity and culture, family and community, equality and race, values and spirituality, parenting and relationships. Perhaps most special, Maya Angelou's only son, Guy Johnson, has contributed some of his mother's most powerful sayings, shared directly with him and the members of their family.*

*A treasured keepsake as well as a beautiful tribute to a woman who touched so many, **Rainbow in the Cloud** reminds us that "If one has courage, nothing can dim the light which shines from within."*

And God said, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9.13 & 16

MAYA ANGELOU (1928 – 2014): "Be a rainbow in the cloud."



Lions Tree Grove

An exciting New Lions Club for environmentally minded people.

I am a Lions member and have been since 2009. A really exciting initiative that has been started is a NEW Lions club. The Bay of Plenty Lions Tree Grove Club, will be a speciality club. A club with only one project. A club not restricted by its geographic location. If you are a Lion in a club at the moment, you can become an associate of this club (as I will be). It is a Lions Legacy Project – Caring for our Environment

“Poipoia te kākano kia puawai” (Nurture the seed and it will bloom and grow)

A little history behind the Lions Tree Grove at TECT All Terrain Park.

Ten years ago we had the opportunity to regenerate, a sad 2.4 hectare cut over pine forest into a living example of New Zealand Bush. Now boasting Kowhai, Manuka, Punga, Totara, Rimu plus many other NZ Native species. The Lions Tree Grove at TECT All Terrain Park is the legacy for the Lions members who founded it.

The Park is now home to many native birds which have returned to the area, these include North Island Robin, Tomtits, Fantails and Tui.

This family friendly park has walking tracks that we have installed to make it easier for visitors to come and see the trees and explore the grove while getting back in touch with nature, hear the sound of the native birds and surround yourself in tranquillity. Along the path ways you will find park benches, built by Lions members and the best part, it is open to ALL, not only Lions, it is free and is accessible to all. Take a picnic and sit awhile amongst nature.

We are building a forest of the future for the future. We know we will never see the forest completed in our lifetimes, but we are dedicated to getting the forest ready for future generations to enjoy and that's where you come in!

Do you have the Courage and Passion to be part of our enthusiastic Team? In forming a Specialty Lions club to carry on our initial work and safeguard the tree grove for the future, we hope to realise the dream of a few for so many. More team members are needed!

Come see for yourself, contact one of our dedicated team members listed below for details of our next working bee at TECT All Terrain Park Highway 36 Weld Road, (adjacent to Adrenalin Forest). The new club will be online meetings and open to ALL ages.

“The one who plants trees knowing that they will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life.

Rabindranath Tagore

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A family of North Island Robins was seen last week at the Tree Grove.

So exciting to see native birds returning!

8 Feb 2022 - Patricia Price, (Past Parish

Administrator



Ode to Autumn

(John Keats)

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves
run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft



The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

Diary Dates for

Clergy in-service training - Lay Learning Days

Will be available in E-News and from your Archdeacon.

We are planning for a mixed economy – some by Zoom and some in-person, depending on Covid levels.

Safeguarding/Boundaries training will be offered in the first part of this year for both Clergy and Lay people (licenced lay ministers and office bearers).



2022 Clergy Conference

Tuesday 11 to Thursday 13 October

Venue: Holy Trinity Tauranga

Put this in your diaries now – Further details to follow.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our Parish Web this quarter. We have received many articles and items this time which could not be used due to limited space. We will keep them on file and use later. Photos are always great to accompany articles or news items.

Please keep them coming in, send to Charmaine: admin.gatepa@waiapu.com anytime.





St George's Anglican Church

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 10th April

8.30 am and 10.00 am Communion Service

7.00 pm Taizé Service using the Stations of the Cross

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

5.30 pm Short Holy Week Communion Service



Thursday 14th April

5.30 pm Short No Vaccine Pass Holy Week Communion Service

7.00 pm Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Good Friday 15th April

9.00 am Reflective Service

12 noon- 3.00 pm 3 Hour Quiet Interactive Service—come and leave at any point

Easter Sunday 17th April

8.30 am and 10.00 am Communion Service with reaffirmation of baptismal vows

All services require a vaccine pass unless stated. This may yet change.

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