



# LOOKOUT

Magazine of the Anglican Parish of St Luke, Greytown. June/July 2010

*A new commandment I give unto you: That you should love one another.  
Just as I have loved you (John 13:34)*

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## St Luke's spaghetti fundraiser is a storming success!



Thanks to an enormous amount of hard work from so many of those in our church family, St Luke's Spaghetti Fundraiser was a huge success!

Over 120 people packed out Greytown's Left Bank café in April for an evening of fellowship, live music and of course spaghetti ... the event raised a stunning \$1270 for our church.

Whilst the guests enjoyed a delicious meal of spaghetti, sauce and meatballs, Andy joined with Left Bank Café owner Pat McKenna, and fellow local musician Gerard Taylor to give an unforgettable performance!

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Rosters for June and July

St Luke's Church invites you to a

### Mid Winter Dinner

**6.30pm, Saturday 31st July**

**Come and join us for an evening of  
good food and great fellowship!**

**See back page for full details.**

A large number of Greytown businesses sponsored the successful evening - without their support it would simply not have been possible. Our heartfelt thanks go to Left Bank Café, Breadcraft, The Greytown Butchery, Greytown Community Store, Greytown Pharmacy, Mondos and Magie B's, who all contributed food or raffle prizes. Many members of our church's congregation worked tirelessly throughout the evening cooking, serving and washing up - thank you, everyone!

# Loved like that

I am writing this at the end of a very hard week for me personally and for the Parish. The trials began with the freak little accident in my backyard that resulted in me breaking a bone in my foot. I'm sure many people, including myself are beginning to think I am the most accident prone priest in New Zealand! As many of you will know firsthand, life in a plaster cast is difficult, frustrating and annoying. Add to the equation: the inability to walk, the pain and the need for crutches, and it can be a very disheartening experience.

But it turns out that my injury was to be shadowed by the struggles of others and the deaths of two very special people under two very different circumstances.

The first was the shocking, sudden demise of our beloved Kirstie Icke. I was stunned when I got the call. I thought of all the conversations we had shared and the many prayers we had prayed together. The past year had been difficult for her physically and emotionally, but the last time I had been with her she looked better than I had seen her in a long while and her new shop had seemed to give her a sense of direction and focus for her life. Then suddenly she was gone. Leaving Peter, her children, her family and friends devastated.

The second was a dear friend and inspiring soul Joy Singleton. I met Joy soon after arriving in Greytown. She was in Greytown Lifecare, convalescing. Joy was a battler. She'd had a life filled with suffering, She'd endured the death of her son, a horrific car accident in which she suffered massive head trauma and was given a very slim chance of survival, an abusive marriage, and finally a long hard fought war against cancer. In the face of all this Joy was somehow able to remain positive and philosophical about life which by her own declaration, was due to her deep spirituality and trust in the love of God.

As I sit here now I am faced with preparing for two funerals, and have found deep comfort and peace in the passage of scripture we have chosen to read at Kirtsie's funeral. The passage is from Romans 8 and it speaks of the greatest hope mankind has. It is a message that exposes the hopeless arguments of the atheist, inspires the creativity of the artist and comforts the broken heart of the world weary soul, God's unconditional and inseparable love for us.

The passage I am speaking of is Romans 8:31-39...

*What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:*

*"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

These words define the heart, hope and mission of our church: "We are loved therefore we love." But this love is not the fickle, shallow, worldly love of soap operas, gossip magazines and reality TV. It is the kind of Love that transcends the logic of the self-centred and reveals the mysterious paradox of our faith. William Barclay\* attempts to explain it this way...

*Before Jesus came no man knew what God was like; men thought of God as king and judge, as justice and holiness, as wrath and vengeance; but they never conceived of the supreme wonder of the love of God. So in Jesus Christ God comes to men, and he says: "I love you like that."*

*When we see Jesus healing the sick, feeding the hungry, being the friend of outcasts and sinners, this is God saying: "I love you like that." ... And, if Jesus had stopped before the cross, it would have meant that there was some point beyond which the love of God would not go. ... It means that God in Jesus Christ says: "You can betray me; you can hate me; you can misjudge me; you can scourge me; you can crucify me; and nothing you can do can alter my love ..." He died to show men what God is always like, not that he should threaten us into a prudential response, but that at*

**Loved like that**  
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*the sight of him we should be moved and compelled to love him as he first loved us.”\**

Therefore I can face the week ahead and every week thereafter with hope, courage and joy and so can you. Because we are so deeply and unconditionally loved. My prayer is that this kind of love would be the essence and character of our Parish. That everyone who comes through the doors of our building or meets the living church on the street would know that God loves them like that.

*Andy*

\*William Barclay, *The plain man looks at the Apostles Creed* (London and Glasgow: Collins and Fontana, 1967. P 331-332.)

**Scrumptious spaghetti!**

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Getting stuck in: Kaleb Little and Amelia Morrison



St Luke's next fundraiser promises to be just as exciting – turn to the back page for details of our Mid Winter Dinner, with a very special guest speaker!

Wondering about the point of it all?

Do you dare to ask about **God?**

Then try:



**Feedback**

Safe, friendly forum for **teens**

5pm Sundays at St Luke's Parish Hall,  
Greytown

For more info text Mark and Sonia on 027 664 9486  
or call 06 370 8568

**Here is the latest from the Feedback team ...**

Since March this year, Feedback has provided a small group of teenagers the opportunity to grapple with some of life's bigger questions. From questions about whether all religions lead to God and how can we know God's will, the group has also considered how we might read Psalms differently to Paul's letters to the churches or John's Revelation. Some of their favourite or most vexing verses were tossed into the mix and, just recently, Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount' has been explored in depth.

Encouraged by pizza, fish and chips, soda and chocolate biscuits, some of Greytown's sharpest teenage minds have been exercised. If their enthusiasm, creativity and thirst for knowledge are any indication, we can expect verbal 'feedback' to walk hand in hand with the work of the kingdom from this bunch.

*Mark and Sonia Bromley*  
06 370 8568 or 027 664 9486

## Review of Sunday morning liturgy

We are in exciting days for our parish. We are seeing younger families coming along and the future is looking good. Some of the things that we love about working in this Parish is the forward thinking, desire to be fruitful for the Kingdom and openness to change of our congregations.

We all recognize the need to engage and connect with contemporary Greytown culture and to make the worship experience relevant and meaningful for people that do not have experience or understanding of the formal, traditional Anglican style of liturgy. For many the Prayer Book is daunting and confusing, and this is why we are putting our services on the big screen.

I have been considering for a while if it might also help the accessibility of our worship by predominantly using one form of liturgy on a regular basis, instead of alternating week by week through the various services in the Prayer Book. For the past few weeks, you may have noticed that the Liturgy form has been the same. I have received some positive feedback about the services, but no one has mentioned they noticed the change. The form we have been using is predominantly based upon the 404 Prayer Book liturgy, with some things taken out and some words changed to make it flow better; it's less wordy yet still powerful in its theology and reflective nature. You will probably have noticed that I have taken out the Nicene Creed, which for some people is difficult to sincerely confess. But we still have the powerful truths of the gospel and all the essential elements of the Eucharist which are, I believe non-negotiable.

I realize that our liturgy is precious and deeply personal to us. I never want anyone in the parish to feel as though their Vicar is forcing the congregation to submit to his desires. I believe Unity is essential to a healthy happy church, and I desire consultation with you about any significant changes. Obviously opinions and preferences are varied across the broad spectrum of ages and religious cultures of our parish.

So I invite your feedback in regards to our liturgy. Please feel free to speak to me personally, write to me, email me or phone me. I sincerely desire for us to move forward in a loving and unified way to the Glory and worship of our awesome, loving God.

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## Treasurer's report

The following information comes from the financial report approved by Vestry on 18 May 2010.

### Financial Information for the Year to Date 30 April 2010

Our YTD income is \$28,959. This comes from offertories of \$19,671 (cash, envelopes and direct credits), interest \$825, donations for the use of our church & hall \$697, rent received from St Luke's vicarage \$3,950, general purpose donations \$1,985 and fund raising \$1,831.

Our YTD expenditure was \$34,103 of which stipend and related items were \$19,378. Our other costs were Diocesan levy \$3,925, worship costs \$468, education - credit from Atrium (\$208) communication and administration costs \$3,150, outgoings for the church and hall were \$1,084, parish costs of mission giving \$324, outgoings for the parish owned vicarage \$622. The costs for our rented vicarage were \$5,360.

For the first four months of this year our expenses exceeded our income by \$5,143. The budgeted deficit for this period was \$8,057 which means our financial situation is looking a little better than we expected, by \$2,914.

It has been very encouraging to note the positive response to the recent letter from our Vicar which highlighted the financial challenge we face. We are also grateful for the fine fundraising efforts that have taken place recently. These have been financially successful as well as enjoyable. Thank you everyone.

### Envelope Recording

Avon Innes is the Parish Recorder. She keeps the records of giving and provides receipts for parishioners at the end of the tax year which enables parishioners to claim a tax rebate. If anyone requires envelopes or a giving number they can contact Avon on 304 9360. She is also able to help with automatic payment information.

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What's On  
at St Luke's in June and July?

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# Playground grant gives green light for project

The upgrading of the playground at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Greytown will soon begin thanks to a \$3,000.00 grant from the Wairarapa Families Anglican Trust.

The grant has come in response to an application made by Justine Eldred, who is coordinating the project.

"Our little playground is for the children and families of the community. We want to create a space that is not only fun to play on but will also allow for story telling and flights of imagination. So watch this space!"

The playground, created by Elizabeth Clements in memory of her late husband's love for children has seen an increase of use due the rapid growth of the church's ministry to children and groups, such as a the Plunket playgroup that meets at the church hall. The upgrade will include creating a story telling space, complete with handcrafted wooden thrones, a wooden airplane for kids to fly around the world in, a wooden fort with swings, a covered sand pit and more seating for parents and caregivers. For the future, a secret garden is envisioned. The Parish has also received a \$500.00 grant from the Greytown Interchurch Council for the project.



Our very own Justine Eldred with Richard Clatworthy of the Wairarapa Families Anglican Trust.

St. Luke's Vicar Andy Eldred is very enthusiastic about the project. "Our St. Luke's family is ardent about supporting children and families. We are very excited about supplying young families with an easily accessible, safe and fun place to enjoy. We also hope that this upgrade will speak to the children of our community of how precious and important they are to us. This new improved playground will also enhance our Music and Movement programme and our Sunday Morning Kids' church."

Construction on the upgrade will begin soon, and will hopefully be complete before winter ends.



# Fellowship Notes

Carol Needham from "Operation Christmas Child" spoke to us at our April meeting. She showed us articles to put in our boxes and urged us to start collecting now. She showed us scenes of children receiving these boxes and the joy on their faces at the receipt of their gifts.

Maureen Hodder from Carterton, a trained Reflexologist, told us how she came to the Wairarapa and explained to us how the massaging of hands and feet can bring relief to sufferers of a number of ailments.

Our June meeting will be a lunch meeting following the 10am Service and will be held at Ngaire Chamlet's home, 179 West Street. Ngaire will show us a video of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience". Lunch will be provided by the Committee. This meeting is on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

July is our Party Day when we entertain other Groups in the Wairarapa. This is on the fourth Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Could members bring a plate of food, a small wrapped parcel for the raffle and something for the Bring and Buy.

**Please note the change of date.**

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Garage Sale which we held in the sunshine between the periods of wet weather. We raised nearly \$600 for the refurbishment of the kitchen which is a 'work in progress.'

We still require shoe boxes for our "Operation Christmas Child." These can be left on the shelves in the Church foyer. They should fit inside the measurements of 18 x 30 x 13, the size of an A4 sheet of paper. This is so that they can be stacked safely within the transport container. We would also be grateful for any contributions towards our boxes. Toys, pencils, crayons, note books, jewellery, stickers, marbles, facecloths, combs, hair clips etc. Information about all can be found in the pamphlets on the table in the Church foyer.

*Isobel Garrity*

**A big thank you to Phil Russell** for taking on the responsibility for future editions of *Lookout*. Phil already plays the drums for St Luke's Sunday evening worship, *The Gathering*, so he is going to be even busier from now on!

The deadline for the August/September edition of *Lookout* is Sunday 25th July. Articles, photographs and ideas to Phil on 021 02693521. You can e-mail [lookout@stlukesgreytown.co.nz](mailto:lookout@stlukesgreytown.co.nz). Hard copy can also be left in the box labeled "Lookout" in the church foyer (although electronic copy is preferred).

It is with sad heart and teary eyes that we announce that our beloved Editor of the *Lookout*, teacher of Children's church, Member of Vestry, visionary parishioner and faithful loving friend, Kate Morley and her family are leaving Greytown for a new adventure in the Great White North of Alberta, Canada.

Kate, Chris, Leo, Rosie and Max, you will be dearly missed and will leave a big Morley shaped hole in the Greytown universe. But know that you go with our love, prayers and blessing. We love you and will miss you.

Your Church family of St. Luke's.





# What's on at St Luke's

## June/July 2010

If you're a newcomer to Greytown, or haven't made it to church for a while, please consider paying us a visit. We'd love to see you!

### Regular stuff.....

#### Sundays

##### 9.30am - Family Eucharist

*Expect a traditional Anglican service - in a relaxed atmosphere, with an increasingly contemporary feel! Music includes traditional hymns as well as more modern songs – Andy's acoustic guitar is becoming a regular feature. Shortly after the start of the service, teenagers and children (from 4 years old) are invited to go to the church hall for "Kids Church". Caregivers of children aged 3 and younger may choose to make use of toys and activities in a special room at the back of the church. The service lasts about 75 minutes – morning tea is served afterwards.*

##### June 6th and July 4th — Family Service

##### 5pm - Feedback, Parish Hall (during school terms)

*Safe, friendly forum where teens can ask questions, share thoughts and ideas concerning spirituality and faith.*

##### 7pm - The Gathering - Praise and Worship

*Expect contemporary music and time to pray, reflect, and share thoughts and ideas.*

#### **Mondays**

##### 3.15pm—BLAST, Parish Hall (during school terms)

*Youth group for 10 -13 year olds. Hot chips, Bible study, art and craft, games and prayer!*

#### **Wednesdays**

##### 10am - Eucharist

##### 7.30pm - New Believers Bible Study, 18 Mole Street

*We are starting a new believers discussion/bible study at the Eldreds' house, for six weeks starting Wednesday June 9th. If you are a new or renewed follower of Jesus, or just a curious seeker please feel free to come along.*

#### **Fridays**

##### 10am – Pre-school Music and Movement, Parish Hall (during school terms)

*Come along with your pre-schoolers and enjoy a good dance to their favourite tunes! Then chat with other Mums during morning tea whilst the children play. Gold coin donation.*

#### **There is also ...**

Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June will be a lunch meeting following the 10am Service and will be held at Ngaire Chamlet's home, 179 West Street. Ngaire will show us a video of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience". Lunch will be provided by the Committee. Wednesday 28th July, at 2pm is our Party Day when we entertain other Groups in the Wairarapa. Could members bring a plate of food, a small wrapped parcel for the raffle and something for the Bring and Buy.

Pre-loved clothing sale: Thursday 3rd June and 1st July: will be held as usual in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:30. Come join us for a cuppa. We also sell linen, toys, books and puzzles. Donated goods are always welcome, as are volunteers to help from 10:30 to 11:45. Thank you!

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# Mid Winter Dinner

6.30pm, Saturday 31st July  
St Luke's Parish Hall  
Main Street, Greytown

**Come and join us for an evening  
of good food and great fellowship!**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Karen Gazely**  
Author of *My Everest*

After just seven months of marriage, Karen was widowed when her husband died in the Southern Alps during an RNZAF training exercise.

Karen will share her journey of survival and discovery as she lived on to explore the mountains for herself, and climbed many Everests in her search for Peace. Her story will be an inspiration to us all.

\$30 per person.  
Enjoy a delicious meal lovingly prepared by the legendary St Luke's ladies!  
Drinks will be available.

Tickets are available from:

Greytown Library, Main St

Jill Baker 304 8367

Judith Major 304 7119

**This is a fundraising event for St Luke's Church.**