

Saint Mary's Newsletter: Aug 2020

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10am SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday 2nd: Family Communion

Refreshments: Trish Smithson
Readings: Trish Smithson
Intercessions: Trish Smithson

Sunday 9th: Family Communion

Refreshments: Melanie Holdsworth
Readings: Melanie Holdsworth
Intercessions: Melanie Holdsworth

Sunday 16th: Family Communion

Patronal Festival of St Mary



Refreshments: Adrienne Calderwood & Noel Wilson
Readings: Adrienne Calderwood
Intercessions: Adrienne Calderwood

Sunday 23rd: Family Communion

Refreshments: Majella Heaton
Readings: Majella Heaton
Intercessions: Majella Heaton

Sunday 30th: Family Communion

Readings: Sally-Ann Riddell
Intercessions: Sally-Ann Riddell
PARISH LUNCH @ WOODLANDS



ANNUAL CALF SCHEME FUNDRAISER

In July each year we welcome our new born calves. Thank you to everyone who support this fundraiser each year. It is greatly appreciated and a HUGE THANK YOU for that. Once again we are asking for your support in participating in this fundraiser by either donating a calf (if you are a farmer), or for the non farmers by donating \$250 which will cover the costs of purchasing a 4 day old bull calf and the rearing costs. (Calf/milk/grain/grazing) Or you can wait until the calves are sold and then donate the average cash price of what all the calves are sold for. It is an easy and low maintenance fundraiser that has the potential to raise \$500 per calf sold. The better the calf, the higher the price we get for it. You don't have to be a farmer to participate in this fundraiser. This year we have a huge number of Friesian bull calves available for you to purchase from one of our farming parishioner families. The church will purchase some calves with the money you donate. These will be reared for us by the farmer until they are 100kg. When the calves are at least 100kg and weaned, they will be sold at the sales or sold privately in late October/early Nov. Our church relies on donations from those on the Parish roll and community so we can continue to be a sustainable and vibrant parish. We do not receive funds from any other sources except from fundraising events and cash donations pledged by our congregation through the weekly Sunday offertory collection and through internet banking donations pledged regularly by some families each month. If you would like to support this fundraiser please fill out the RETURN SLIP and email or hand it to Richard and Sally-Ann Riddell rriddell@xtra.co.nz or ph 07 8243850 or 022107756

What does scripture say about trust?

The words translated “trust” in the Bible literally mean “a bold, confident, sure security or action based on that security.” Trust is not exactly the same as faith, which is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8-9). Rather, trusting is what we do because of the faith we have been given. Trusting is believing in the promises of God in all circumstances, even in those where the evidence seems to be to the contrary. Hebrews 11 talks about faith, which is accepting and believing the truth that God reveals about Himself, supremely in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, the practical consequence of faith in God is trust, which we prove by living out our full acceptance of God’s promises day by day. Furthermore, it is by this trust that we are promised peace: “You will keep in peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you” (Isaiah 26:3).

The classic verse regarding trust is Proverbs 3:5: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” This verse sums up the Bible’s teaching on trust. First, it is the Lord in whom we are to trust, not ourselves or our plans, and certainly not the world’s wisdom and devices. We trust in the Lord because He and He alone is truly trustworthy. His Word is trustworthy (Psalm 93:5; 111:7; Titus 1:9), His nature is faithful and true (Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 25:10; 145:13; 146:6), and His plans for us are perfect and purposeful (Isaiah 46:10; Jeremiah 29:11). Further, because of God’s nature, we are to trust Him with all our hearts, committing every aspect of our lives to Him in complete confidence. Finally, we are not to trust in ourselves because our understanding is temporal, finite, and tainted by our sin natures. Trusting in ourselves is like walking confidently across a rotten wooden bridge over a yawning chasm thousands of feet deep. Disaster inevitably follows.

Trust in God is a feature of many of the psalms of David. There are 39 references to trust in the Psalms alone, whether referring to trusting in God and His Word, or to not trusting in riches or the things of this world. It is on the basis of this trust that David finds deliverance from all the evil he encounters. Many of David’s psalms describe situations when he was pursued by Saul and his army, as well as his other enemies, and always did the Lord come to his aid. One thing that can be noted about biblical trust is that it always engenders further trust in our God. The man of God never stops trusting in God completely. His faith may be knocked, He may stumble, or He may fall into the foulest of sins, but “though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand” (Psalm 37:24). The man of God knows that, though trials will beset in this life, his trust will not waiver because that trust is based on faith in the promises of God: the promise of eternal joy with the Lord and the promise of an inheritance that “can never perish, spoil and fade” (1 Peter 1:4).



CHEQUES TO ST MARY'S:

If you are writing a cheque out for the parish, please ensure it is made out to: "Gordonton Anglican Church"

This Month in Christian History:

1744: English religious leader Ann Lee and a small band of her followers arrive in America at New York City. Her sect, the United Society of Believers in Christ’s Second Appearing, is commonly known as the Shakers.



Seismic Strengthening Fund:

If you are wanting to donate to our Seismic Strengthening Fund to strengthen our beautiful little church, the Parish Bank Account is:

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Please mark your donation with the reference as "Seismic Strengthening"