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ST ANDREWS

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FOR OUR
JOURNEY TOGETHER

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a diverse community called together by
Jesus Christ to welcome, love, serve and care

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GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

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St Andrew's Church, 176 Cobden Street Gisborne
Matawhero Church, Church Road, Matawhero

Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends

On our Transitional Journey together my task is to keep you focused on discerning God's will for the future, as well as ensuring that things run smoothly in the present. I am close to the end of my first nine months here and I have just a two year contract with you – so I have to keep focussed and moving.

In my monthly meetings with the Parish Councils of both Gisborne Presbyterian Parish (GPP) and St David's Presbyterian Parish, I report on how I see things are going and what we need to do together. In GPP there are also many committees tasked with particular responsibilities and I meet with all of them too and keep them informed. When I lead services and preach at St Andrew's and Matawhero, I also focus on the heart of parish life which is about our corporate worship of God. I seek to provide encouragement, inspiration and education – so that everyone has the opportunity to grow in their knowledge of God and their relationship with God.

I understand that some people felt a bit shocked by announcements made on 6 May about decisions of the joint Ministry Settlement Board (MSB) and wondered whether these were decisions forced on the parish by presbytery. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The actual decisions were:

1. That the joint MSB confirms to the Leadership Work Group of Presbytery Central that all the members endorse the desire of St David's Kaiti Parish Council and Congregation to be recognised as a parish suitable for Local Ordained Ministry and discern this as an appropriate way forward.
2. That from 1 September 2018, the Memorandum of Understanding between the two parishes be adjusted at section 1:1, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the parishes and Rev Mary Petersen be adjusted at section 3, to reflect that for the second year of Transition Ministry, GPP would pay 75% of stipend and costs, St David's 25%.

My task is to help both parishes find a way forward. These decisions reflect much work behind the scenes with both parish councils and other committees, including the GPP Finance Committee, discerning what is the most appropriate way of being, for the two parishes in the future.

When I first came to Gisborne in September 2017, it was obvious that St David's wanted to recognise Richard Rangihuna in some way as their pastor and leader. I have encouraged them in their desire to see Richard accepted for the Local Ordained Ministry process of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ). In order for that to happen, the parish needs to be declared as a suitable place for Local Ordained Ministry leadership – but, because of the way PCANZ works, it was the joint MSB that needed to authorise that. This decision, however, relates to St David's only. Richard will become their ministry leader. He will not have any role at all in GPP – unless you wish to consult him for his expertise in Maori language and culture!

However, in order for Richard to take a greater part in the leadership of St David's, while I am here to mentor him, it is appropriate that he takes more services and is paid for more time at St David's.

Accordingly I will spend less time with St David's and more with GPP – which is actually very appropriate and necessary given the much greater numbers here and the wider range of activities, groups and committees to relate to. The GPP Parish Council and the Finance Committee were well aware of the implications of this before the recommendations were put to the joint Ministry Settlement Board. They had already agreed that the finance could be found for one year, to enable more of my time to be allocated to GPP so that we can focus together on what God might be saying to you. This does not commit the parish to any financial decisions beyond that one year.

The practical implications of this include that I expect to be able to lead the worship service and preach at St Andrew's for three Sundays most months of the second year that I am here, as well as the two Matawhero services a month.

May God continue to guide and inspire you all.

God bless you.

Mary Petersen

BIRTHDAYS IN June

Duncan McIntyre, Trudi Alldred,
Eva Richards (who will be 100)
Bev Smith, Mary Franklin,
Dawson Hillyard, Garth Hibbert,
Seton Clare.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, STUDY AND DISCUSSION - DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Exploring the Bible, a three week Monday evening series,

5.30 - 6.30 p.m.

on 11, 18 and 25 June

Exploring Worship - a Saturday morning Workshop

Experience on 7 July

in St Andrew's lounge

for all who want to think about what Worship is

and why we do things a certain way

10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. including food and fun!

If you are interested in, or already involved in, **leading some aspect of worship** - including as a reader, musician, writer of prayers, service leader or preacher, please come to St Andrews lounge on **Fridays 13 and 27 July 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.** beginning with a cuppa (and maybe dessert)

WALKING GROUP Departs St. Andrew's 9:00am each Monday morning – whatever the weather. Do join us for an hour's exercise followed by a 'cuppa'.

OPEN DOOR Tuesdays at 10:00am

PASTORAL CARE

If you need transport to the Church Service at St Andrews please give Val Hall a call 868-8226 early in the week If you are able to offer a ride.

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish GARAGE SALE will be on 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 - maybe you could think about planting vegetable seedlings ahead of time so they are ready to sell on that day? Or sorting out things you no longer need that might become someone else's treasure? Thank you

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish WEBSITE has been completely redeveloped and is now our internet connection sharing information and photos with the world! If you have not yet had a look, please go to standrewsgis.org.nz

Volunteers needed

DO YOU LIKE MEETING PEOPLE? DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR AND A HALF TO SPARE OCCASIONALLY?

COULD YOU HELP US OPEN THE DOORS OF ST ANDREW'S TO WHOEVER WANTS TO COME IN, SIT AND PRAY, OR JUST LOOK AT THE BUILDING?

We would like to be able to open the doors and welcome people in for about an hour and a half each weekday at least - from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. We claim to be a church that welcomes everyone and yet the doors of the church building itself are firmly shut for most of each week. Yes St Andrew's is a city church building and there are sadly people who want to vandalise or steal whatever they can, so we cannot just leave the doors open, but if someone, preferably two people at a time, were willing to sit in the church occasionally and welcome people in, we could create a roster that meant we could do this. The more volunteers there are, the less often you might need to be 'on duty'. Talk to your friends and see if you could be a team of two to be available occasionally.

We are starting with opening the doors on Fridays at present, while the choir is practising – so at least with a door open there is a welcoming feel.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LET LIZ KNOW YOUR NAME, CONTACT DETAILS, AND WHICH DAYS YOU MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. Thank you.

FROM THE MODERATOR

May they rest in peace

Last week, we marked Anzac Day. My grandfathers both fought for the peace they enjoyed, one in WW1 and the other in WWII. Neither wanted to go, but both felt compelled to do their duty. My father's father was so traumatised by the experience that he would not speak of it to me or, I believe, to anyone. When I asked once what it was like he became irritable and brushed me off in a manner I was not used to. I never asked again.

My mother's father was in his late 30's when he volunteered. He became a medical officer and saw action removing wounded from Crete, Egypt and Italy before he could return to his family. My mother did not recognise him when he returned and it was some months before she came to accept him as her father. This was not easy for him, but worse was to come. He returned ill and died in his early 60's of the illness – a tragedy for his wife and family. I have fond memories of him though I was only four when he died.

War is an ugly and merciless way of dealing with our disagreements and the improvement in weapon technologies make it even worse today. We must work with all our energies to avoid war. But we must also honour those who gave their best to bring peace to these shores. We honour their sacrifice that has created what we enjoy today. We live well because they gave their lives. This we should never forget.

Richard Dawson.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

1/07/2017-30/04/2018

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Month

30/04/2018

Income

Giving & Donations	5864
Fund Raising	971
Other Income	<u>7371</u>
	14206

Less Expenses 15082

Cash Deficit for month -876

Year to date

July 2017 to 30 April 2018

Income

Giving & Donations	54428
Fund Raising	13585
Other Income	<u>32254</u>
	100267

Less Expenses 112924

Cash Deficit Year to date -12657

2018 WE ARE...at the Well an extract from May 2018

Bushfire. PWANZ Executive are bringing a series of regional gatherings to you over 2018, supported by CWM with a “building capacity” grant.

Dr Deborah Bower will be at all the gatherings so we can all hear one of our Presbyterian women treasures. She holds a Doctorate in Theology from Otago University, is a Church Leadership Support Advisor at Southern Presbytery & Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland. Deborah has worked across all streams of Christian expression, and with various groups. Her area of expertise is in encouraging and equipping people to regain, or develop, spiritual and emotional insight. She is Convenor of the Leadership Sub Committee of PCANZ, and she sits on several national committees for the PCANZ. Deborah is the founder and Director of SoulScape, which has PCANZ Presbytery recognition.

Deborah will speak on:

"In John's gospel Jesus encounters a woman at a well (John 4.4-42). She has a past, and her present is less than perfect. In this unusual encounter Jesus connects with the woman's heart, and she is never the same again. Where is Jesus in our story?

Do we have a well experience?

Let's go on a journey of discovery and explore the terrain that is our heart." A new generation of Presbyterian Women. Come meet with us at the well for nourishment, engagement, inspiration and connection. **MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY** at the venue nearest you (see below) and organise to bring others too.

Central Presbytery Saturday 14th July St Andrew's Hastings for a full-day of activities, (10:00 – 3:30) including presentations with Dr Deborah Bower and Caren Rangi - Chartered Accountant Fellow (FCA), Trustee for the Te Matau a Maui Voyaging Trust and Eastern and Central Community Trust, Director Cook Islands Investment Corporation, Board Member Charities Registration Board and Council Member Creative New Zealand

To assist us with planning and catering please register in advance email: pwanz2016@gmail.com

If anyone is interested check out the latest Central Presbytery Newsletter and link through to Bushfire.

Let Liz Lyell or Jan Ewart know if you would like to go and we can look at pooling transport .

Brief Report from Pastoral Care Group

- We appreciate Rev Mary's presence and guidance.
- Over 90's Morning Tea – Greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all, including one member from St David's. Resolved to include St David's in next year's invitations.
- Missing Birthday info'- Some progress in trying to fill some of the gaps.
- Over 80's Visitors–List to be updated in readiness for the Spring Flower Service. All visitors to receive a letter asking for confirmation of their ongoing willingness to do this task and to include dates of birthdays of those they visit.
- Terms of Reference – A Review of Clause 5 'to encourage recording funeral preferences' led to discussion. This has not been actioned for some time.
- Decided to indicate in Signpost an invitation for church members to discuss funeral preferences with the minister (or a member of the pastoral care group), or at least to record details of Where ? Hymns? Readings? etc.
- Also to invite members who live alone to record a local family / friend contact 'phone no with Liz – in case of illness or accident. Confidentiality to be respected and access limited.
- Spring Flowers for Over 80s –Service to be Sunday, 16th September subject to suitable flowers being available.
- Assembling at 1.30pm on Saturday, 15th September. Donations towards the cost of flowers would be appreciated. Can be given to Pastoral Care group members or left in the Office.

Pastoral Care Group is Seton Clare, Margaret Graham, Gwenda Gray, Val Hall, Grace Johnstone, Barbara Larsen, Jenny Lawton and the Minister.

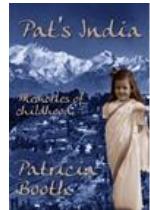
PURSUING PEACE IN GODZONE – Christianity and the Peace Tradition in New Zealand. – Philip Fountain, Snr. Lecturer in Religious Studies, Victoria University.



Historian Peter Lineham explores through the lens of cultural development, of how the early arrival of the missionaries in Aotearoa, set the scene for a new ‘moral colony’.

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Patricia Booth -daughter of N.Z. Baptist Missionaries memoir is revelatory in important ways, casting light on the purposes and organisational arrangements of the missionary enterprise.



There has been so much conflict in the world because of religion. Tolerance means agreeing to sit together. You can't really stand the person you're not sitting with but agree to tolerate that person.

Tolerance is not a good word. Respect should be our priority. In the biblical story of the Great Flood, God destroyed the world because it was full of violence and disrespect. As a sign God wouldn't do this again we were given the rainbow. A rainbow is full of different colours beside each other. If you follow the example of the rainbow you keep your colours, your identities, but are beside each other in respect and harmony and produce something beautiful. A world in which there is no diversity makes no room for creativity

– Rabbi David Freilich, Perth -President of Christians and Jews in Western Australia.

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We are aware that many of our Church family are unable to attend our Sunday Services on a regular basis, and so we are attaching below, a tear off slip to enable you to continue your financial support to our Church.

Or if you would prefer to make a donation electronically our a/c details are:
GPP 030638 0462917 00 for internet banking

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Name:

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NOTICES

JUNE 2018 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Friday	01	1.00pm	choir practice
Saturday	02	11.00am	Baptism at Matawhero (nee Larsen)
SUNDAY 03 <i>(Rev Mary Petersen)</i>		9.00am	Communion at Matawhero
		10.00am	Sunday Service
			<i>(Rev Dr Clive Yates)</i>
(Public holiday Mon 4th)			
Monday	04	9.00am 12.30pm	Walking Group St Andrew's Lunchtime concert – Piano extravaganza 6 pianists playing
Tuesday	05	10.00am	Open Door
Wednesday	06	9.45am	mainly music
Friday	08	1.00pm	Choir practice
Saturday	09	8.00am	Car Boot Sale
SUNDAY	10	10.00am	Communion – Celebration & Refugee Sunday
<i>(Rev Mary Petersen)</i>			
No Service at Matawhero			
Monday	11	9.00am	Walking Group
Monday		5.30pm	Exploring the Bible – Session 1 (lounge)
			Rev Mary Petersen
Tuesday	12	10.00am	Open Door
		1.30pm	Rymans Service
Wednesday	13	9.45am	mainly music
		3.00pm	Te Wiremu Service
Matariki			
Friday	15	1.00pm	Choir practice

SUNDAY	17	No Service at Matawhero	
<i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>		10.00am	Disability Sunday & Matariki
		3.00pm	Sea of Faith
Monday	18	9.00am	Walking group
Monday		5.30pm	Exploring the bible – Session 2 (lounge)
Tuesday	19	10.00am	Rev Mary Petersen
Wednesday	20	9.45am	Open Door
Thursday	21	3.30pm	mainly music
Friday	22	1.00pm	Dunblane Service
Saturday	23	8.00am	Choir practice
			Car Boot Sale
SUNDAY	24	No Service at Matawhero	
<i>Sister Cynthia Kearney</i>		10.00am	Pentecost 5
Monday	25	9.00am	Walking Group
Monday		5.30pm	Exploring the Bible – Session 3 (lounge)
Tuesday	26	10.00am	Rev Mary Petersen
Wednesday	27	9.45am	Open Door
Thursday	28	2.00pm	mainly music
Friday	29	1.00pm	Leighton House service
Saturday	30	4.00pm	choir practice
			St Andrew's concert series – ‘Confetti’ Hawkes Bay trio playing flutes & cello
JULY			
SUNDAY	1	9.00am	Matawhero Service Communion
<i>Rev Mary Petersen</i>			
<i>Rev Dr Clive Yates</i>		10.00 am	St Andrew's Worship

HELEN BULL'S APPLE CAKE

**1 cup peeled, cored & chopped apple
1 cup Sugar
125 gm Butter - melted
1 Egg
1½ cups Flour
1 tsp Baking Soda
½ tsp Salt
1 tsp Cinnamon
½ tsp Nutmeg
½ tsp Allspice
½ cup raisins, walnuts or sultanas (optional)**

METHOD

- Put apples in bowl and sprinkle with sugar – stand 3 minutes & shake
- Blend melted butter and beaten egg into apple
- Sift flour, soda and spices and add to mixture
- Add sultanas or ?
- JUST mix (don't overdo)

**Bake 50 – 60 minutes at 180 ° in well-greased ring tin
Cool and wait 10 minutes before turning out
Sprinkle with Icing Sugar**

JAMES K. BAXTER: SONG TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,
Inside and outside the fences,
You blow where you wish to blow.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,
You warm him gently, you give him life,
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the mother eagle with her young,
Holding them in peace under your feathers.
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,
Above the valley, above the storms of the world,
Where no hunter ever comes.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide,
In whom we know already that the battle has been won.
You bring us to our Brother Jesus
To rest our heads upon his shoulder.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,
Driving us out like sparks to set the world on fire.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
In the love of friends you are building a new house,
Heaven is with us when you are with us.
You are singing your songs in the hearts of the poor
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.

COLIN GIBSON: LAY PREACHER

Best known as a prolific composer of contemporary hymns, for which his versatile gifts of word and melody have attracted international renown, it is the people of the Dunedin Methodist Parish who benefit on a regular basis from Colin Gibson's equal gifts as a worship leader and preacher.

The recent award to Colin of a twenty-five year certificate by the Lay Preachers Assoc. presents a good opportunity for one who regularly profits from his meticulously prepared lay ministry to place on record a paragraph or two of warm appreciation.

For many of us in his faith community Colin's services are an adventure, never predictable, always original, and often surprising. This emeritus professor of English at Otago delights in research, dipping into rich recesses of scholarship, whether it be the classics of literature, poetry, art or music, or the newest of whatever genre – anything that serves the overall theme of the service.

Occasionally the worshipper might be forgiven for thinking the Bible has been bypassed, the lectionary readings nowhere to be found, only to find the reflection carries a span of resources so wide as to include biblical insights the like of which s/he had never discovered before. An instance of this was in September last year when Colin led a service entitled 'Walls or Welcomes? The Refugee Crisis.' It was a service where a rich assembly of hymns and prayers delivered a powerful invitation for participants to identify with the world's ever-growing refugee population. References from the Bible and the Qur'an were cited, all speaking of compassion from the heart of God. There was also a major foray into the often avoided book of Numbers to explore the strange story of King Balak of Moab, Balaam, his eccentric but perceptive witch doctor, and the remarkable talking donkey whose wisdom often outshines them all. Despite the weirdness, and with the help of a modern poem attempting to make sense of the story, Colin succeeded in putting it in its context: "the unstoppable progress of a nomadic people on their way to the promised land." But far from being stuck in Hebrew legend, the service created a compelling obligation for all of us to heed the plight for the millions on the move today. The service spared no punches. "Here is a message for Trump and his Mexican wall; for the Hungarian state with the razor wire barricades; for Britain and its anti-migrant policy; for Australia and its detention centres; for all attempts to shut out and exclude the other person."

I have more than once referred to Colin Alexander Gibson as "More Methodist than John Wesley" and wish I had more space to expand that thought. But I leave it to his much esteemed collaborator and fellow hymn writer Shirley Murray to sum him up in verse, part of a 2007 hymn written in his honour.

Honour the life that leads another to believe,
A life that teaches, touches base with all we may achieve,
Whose theatre is the heart, who gathers and includes:
A life well-seasoned to expound no bland beatitudes.

Ken Russell

Bishop Michael Curry's wedding speech for Prince Harry & Meghan Markle.

(Here is part of his speech):

"And now in the name of our loving, liberating and life-giving God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

"From the Song of Solomon, in the Bible: Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

"The late Dr Martin Luther King Jr once said, and I quote: 'We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way.'

There's power in love. Don't underestimate it. Don't even oversentimentalise it. There's power, power in love.

"If you don't believe me, think about a time when you first fell in love. The whole world seemed to centre around you and your beloved.

"Oh there's power, power in love. Not just in its romantic forms, but any form, any shape of love. There's a certain sense in which when you are loved, and you know it, when someone cares for you, and you know it, when you love and you show it - it actually feels right.

"There is something right about it. And there's a reason for it. The reason has to do with the source. We were made by a power of love, and our lives were meant and are meant - to be lived in that love. That's why we are here.

"Ultimately, the source of love is God himself: the source of all of our lives. There's an old medieval poem that says: 'Where true love is found, God himself is there'.

"The New Testament says it this way: 'Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and those who love are born of God and know God. Those who do not love do not know God.' Why? 'For God is love.'

"There's power in love. There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can.

"There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will.

"There's power in love to show us the way to live.

"Set me as a seal on your heart... a seal on your arm, for love is as strong as death.

"But love is not only about a young couple. Now the power of love is demonstrated by the fact that we're all here. Two young people fell in love, and we all showed up.

"But it's not just for and about a young couple, who we rejoice with. It's more than that.

"Jesus of Nazareth on one occasion was asked by a lawyer to sum up the essence of the teachings of Moses, and he went back and he reached back into the Hebrew scriptures, to Deuteronomy and Leviticus, and Jesus said: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.'

"And then in Matthew's version, he added, he said: 'On these two, love of God and love of neighbour, hang all the law, all the prophets, everything that Moses wrote, everything in the holy prophets, everything in the scriptures, everything that God has been trying to tell the world... love God, love your neighbours, and while you're at it, love yourself.'

"Someone once said that Jesus began the most revolutionary movement in human history.

"A movement grounded in the unconditional love of God for the world - and a movement mandating people to live that love, and in so doing to change not only their lives but the very life of the world itself.

"I'm talking about power. Real power. Power to change the world.

"If you don't believe me, well, there were some old slaves in America's Antebellum South who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform.

"They explained it this way. They sang a spiritual, even in the midst of their captivity. It's one that says 'There is a balm in Gilead...' a healing balm, something that can make things right.

"There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul."

"And one of the stanzas actually explains why. They said: 'If you cannot preach like Peter, and you cannot pray like Paul, you just tell the love of Jesus, how he died to save us all.'"

"Oh, that's the balm in Gilead! This way of love, it is the way of life. They got it. He died to save us all. (**To be continued...**)

Children..... in Church

"How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said,
4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories.

She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The Flight to Egypt , " was his reply.

Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said,

"That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

The Sunday School Teacher asks,

"Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?"

"No ma'am," little Johnny replies, I don't have to.

My mom is a good cook."

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago"

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed,

"God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



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or more at a time...**

Queen's Birthday Monday 4 June

12.30 pm



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Saturday 30 June 4pm.

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