

# SIGNPOST JUNE 2021

## Gisborne Presbyterian Parish

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER



#### *Life in Colour of Christ*

Recently I watched a documentary film, titled “Life in Colour” presented by David Attenborough. It explored the many ways that animals use colour throughout their lives as colour plays a vital role in the daily interactions of many species. Attenborough explains that the first species that appeared on this planet hundreds of millions of years ago didn’t have a great ability to see colour, which is why ancestors of those species tend to be black, white, brown or some combination of the three. But ones that have evolved to be particularly sensitive of colour not only use it to feed but also mate and keep others away.

But the colour we can see tells only part of the story, because some of the species show using other methods of seeing colours including the blue moon butterfly in Australia; not only does the butterfly see hidden markings on flowers we only see through an ultraviolet filter, but the

markings on the male’s wings only come alive to other butterflies’ ultraviolet vision. Fiddler crabs that live in mud flats in Australia see polarized light, in order to see other crabs in contrast to their environment.

To film this documentary, they used new cameras that were specifically designed to see things that will not be visible to human eyes. Then a thought came to my mind – seeing things through a very special way – through the eyes of Christ. What is life in the colour of Christ, then?

We know that light is the source of all colours. Without light, we can’t see or live on earth. Christ is often depicted as light, and we find life in Him. In New Jerusalem, the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb (Revelation 21:23).

If so, life in the colour of Christ is that we can instantly identify the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the lonely, the lost through our special eyes of Christ. It will change the previous dull, lifeless colours into something bright and vivid ones. Maybe any colour will be possible as long as there is life and light as they will make them live and wonderful!

*Rev Jin Sook Kim*

## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS TO WHICH ALL ARE WELCOME

### WALKING GROUP



meets at the community hall 9 am every Monday to enjoy a leisurely walk around town. Everyone, any age is invited to join the group and to enjoy a cuppa together afterwards in the lounge.

### OPEN DOOR

is our Parish weekly get together on Tuesday mornings from 10 am in St Andrew's Lounge for a cuppa, friendship and chat please come and join us!



### PASTORAL CARE



If you have a pastoral need please phone Rev Jin Sook Kim: 021 02952589

### MAINLY MUSIC



mainly music est. 1990

Wednesday mornings are a time of organised chaos in the church lounge when pre-school children and their parents and grandparents enjoy

a musical time together. **Cost is \$4 per family.**

### MATAWHERO GARDENERS

Members of GPP and friends are weeding, prayer/discussion **3rd Monday** of each month at 9.30am Matawhero Church together.



### ZOOM KORERO ON FRIDAYS

Join in the fun every Friday at 10.30 am for **ZOOM korero** from your computer. A link and passcode number will be sent out with the Order of Service each week.



### PLEASE COME AND JOIN

**OUR CHOIR** (and make new friends)

The Choir meets once a week on Friday at 1.00 pm in St Andrew's Church.

**‘CELEBRATION POT LUCK’ SERVICE**

is held in the community hall on the 4<sup>th</sup>



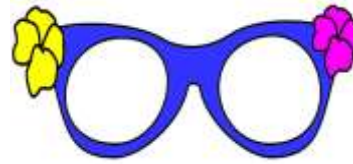
**Sunday of the month at 10.30 am.**

Please invite friends and family also

bring a plate to share or donation/koha if preferred.

We are getting together, sharing stories and a meal.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR READING GLASSES** for the next few weeks as there



will be no video while Colin is away but there will be plenty of bulletins to go

around and large print copies too.

**Report from Finance Cttee  
Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**

Financial Summary  
9 months ended 31 March 2021

	Actual
	\$
Giving and Donations	62,407
Fundraising	11,712
Interest	4,136
Use of Facilities	13,798
Mission	180
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>92,233</b>
Less Expenses	130,414
Cash Deficit for period	<u><u>-38,181</u></u>



**Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**  
assisted by

*Marjorie Redstone Trust,  
J.N. Williams Memorial Trust,  
H.B. Williams Turanga Trust*  
proudly presents as part of the

**St Andrew's  
Lunchtime Concert Series**

**Piano  
Extravaganza  
XI**

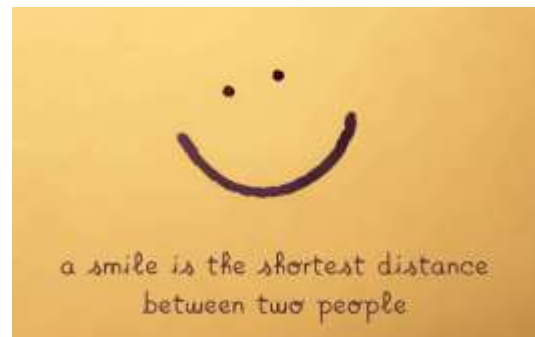
**10-plus pianists playing  
two, three, four**

**or more at a time...**

**Queen's Birthday Monday  
7 June 12.30 pm**

Admission free; optional Koha or  
Donation

Bring your lunch. Tea and coffee provided



## Eva Richard's joyful and abundant life in her faith journey – Part 1



As I sit down to write my life story the wind is blowing the trees around wildly in our garden, as a cyclone passes over the country. This has been our home for 36 years, 56 Queenwood Avenue. We bought the quarter acre section and had this house built, when it was outside the boundary of the city of Hamilton.

My life began on 7 June 1918, when I was born the fourth child of William Henry and Sarah Anne Hollingsworth (nee Ratcliff). Older than me were Fred, Hilda and Lena. After me came Maria, Sarah Mary, Gladys Ann and Ivy. I remember being taken upstairs to see my mother in bed holding the baby when Ivy was born.

As a small child I was inquisitive and naughty (so I am told). I started school at the village of Marchington Woodlands and moved to Newborough Primary at aged 6 years. When we moved to Witherley, I went to the village school there until I was 12. There I won a scholarship to Atherstone Grammar. I took School Certificate at 15, then went on to Higher Certificate at 17. At that time, we moved into

Coventry for better chances of jobs. I found one in the Industrial Welfare Department of General Electric. It was absorbing and interesting work.

After a year or so war broke out and I was moved by the Government Labour Department to more essential work – as Assistant Personnel Officer at Hostels Co.

We housed people directed to work in Coventry factories. Coventry was heavily bombed by the Germans and it was a partially wrecked city at the end of the war. Although it was dangerous, I still found it exciting.

In 1946 I married Arthur Pithouse. He worked as a gear inspector at Machine Tool Works.

He suffered from bronchitis but I had no idea how serious this was. He had long spells off work. During 1947-50 I worked in offices at Jaguar Cars. Arthur died on 5 November 1953.

For a few years I stayed on in the house and worked in the city of Coventry Education Offices. At weekends I went home to help look after my father's place. My mother died in 1954.

Although I had a good job and my own home, I could not find the inspiration to start life afresh. As I had always written to my uncle Arthur Hollingsworth for my dad (he hated writing letters) I accepted Arthur's invitation to emigrate to New Zealand. It was hard work,

selling off my house and furniture, plus keeping a full-time job going. Although difficult as it was leaving England, one particularly cold,

snowy day returning home from work I thought to myself that I didn't want to continue walking home in the snow and I would indeed go to NZ and start a new life!

We left by 'Captain Cook' from Glasgow and the end of August 1957 arriving in New Zealand November 1957. It was a surprise to see Mangakino, all those prefab houses. My uncle Arthur was recognisable at once as so



much like my dad. His wife, Thirza, I had never seen before. While at first, I did not think we had anything in common, as a few weeks went by I could appreciate she was a clever woman who had never had a chance to realise her ambitions. She set high standards for her family.

Mangakino was a raw ministry of works town, built for workers constructing the hydro dam. I worked in the general store there selling anything ranging from guns to guitars. I was in little need of the smart suits that I had specially made in London. After a few weeks working in a shop in Mangakino, I left for board in Hamilton and a job in Inland Revenue. Sharing with friends, we bought a car and travelled around quite a bit, National Park, Coromandel, Bay of Islands. IRD treated me well and I was happy there.

In 1960 after nearly three years in New Zealand, I went back to England to see my father, On the trip I met John Richards, also going home on holiday. Six months later we were married in Coventry of January 9<sup>th</sup> 1960.

We returned to New Zealand and went to Nelson for a start as John was keen on the South Island. There were not many jobs around so we came back to Hamilton, where our daughter Sarah Mary was born when I was 42. We lived at 56 Queenwood Avenue in Hamilton since 1962.

*(To be continued in Part 2 – Home and village life in Eva's childhood)*



## UNUSUAL CHURCH VISITORS



Spotted one Friday outside St Andrew's!  
The owners said the horses had just been broken in and were not afraid of the traffic.

## GISBORNE CONCERT BAND

St Andrew's concert series put on a wonderful performance on 15<sup>th</sup> May, conducted by Sean Scanlen. The programme was very varied, with lots of well-known tunes for us to tap our toes to. A few familiar faces too – Amanda Maclean on the trombone, Judith Livingstone (who works for Stroke Group & Multiple Sclerosis) showed yet another of her talents.



## HOPE IN THE FACE OF SUFFERING Jamie and Carrie's story



Carrie was only nine years old when she was struck by cancer. By the end of her initial treatment, she was bald, pasty and skinny as a rake – but alive. It was then that her family moved to New Zealand, from her native England, where her father Jamie became the Dean of the Taranaki Cathedral.

New Zealand liked Carrie – and she liked New Zealand. In no time she grew stronger and was running around in bare feet, her English accent gone. But around 18 months later the cancer returned throughout her body, giving her about a year to live.

Carrie didn't want to die, and she fought valiantly to the very end. Her belief in God didn't exempt her from suffering, but it did give her the strength to go through it, and to even encourage others in their grief. Jamie reflects on this time: "In so many ways she carried those around her through the experience of her cancer. There was never anything other than a clear knowledge on her part that God was with her".

Carrie finally passed away in Jamie's arms after a terrible struggle. Yet despite her suffering she always stood by the message she had written to

herself and others on the family whiteboard: "Smile, stay strong and believe!" It's a message that continues to speak to her family of hope for the future.

Jamie's faith was deeply tested by his daughter's suffering, but it was also renewed as he learned the same lesson as Carrie: "God has not withdrawn suffering from us. He has entered into suffering with us."

Jesus too suffered an agonising death.

Who would be more perfectly suited to comfort Carrie during her suffering? And through his resurrection he offered her the same hope that he offers to all: that death does not need to be the end.

(Carrie died in 2012)

### HOPE PROJECT.CO. NZ

*Hope Project was formed to commemorate the 200year anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in New Zealand in 1814.*





## BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

**Wellspring group led the worship service and celebrated the birthday of the Church/ Pentecost Sunday on 23 May 2021.**

The service was held in the church hall which was attended by approximately 40 people. It gave us as a group, the opportunity to explore Pentecost in a creative way and also gave the congregation an opportunity to participate and respond in a fun, personal and meaningful way too.

The creation of a fiery sacred space, floating candle lighting, poetic verse by Joyce Rupp, gentle story telling “The Day when God made Church”, beautifully chosen hymns that invoked the coming of the spirit, all contributed to make this service a celebration for all of us.

A very special part of the service was an activity where we created Pentecost flames to place on the cross in the worship space. Watching the cross come to life from this shared activity was deeply moving.

We closed with a Benediction that encouraged us all to live and be guided by the fruits of the Spirit.

**Let the fire of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control be aflame in our hearts and in our lives**

Chrissie Parker

*On behalf of the Wellspring group Catherine Macdonald / Catherine Chrisp/ Karen Neumegen Cathy Porter/ Pat Flockhart/ Grace JJ Johnson/ Gwenda Crawshaw/ Raenyn Hannah/ Trish Groves*



**PENTECOST 23 MAY 2021**





Wellspring Ladies – thank you!

## FAREWELL



Our very best wishes to **Helen Benson** who will be moving to Whakatane in June to be with family. We will miss you!



**CHEQUES** are now history, but anyone can go onto the church envelope system,

which makes giving very simple. If you would like to find out more about this, please contact Jean: 868 6973 or Liz in the office: 868 5513. Alternatively, offerings can be made online into the church bank account:  
**GPP: 03 06380462917**



## NEW CITIZEN(S)



Congratulations to Wendy Johnston (England) who was given New Zealand Citizenship at a ceremony in May. Wendy is now officially a 'kiwi'!





## A RECIPE FROM THE GOOD BOOK

*Author unknown.*

I wonder how many people will know what the following ingredients are without having to check up on the biblical references. If you do need to check them it may be advisable to look at more than one translation as not all of them translate in the same way.

The ingredients.

1. ½lb Judges V verse 25
2. ½lb Jeremiah VI verse 20
3. 1 tablespoon I Samuel XIV verse 25
4. 3 of Jeremiah XVII verse 11
5. ½lb Samuel XXX verse 12
6. ½lb Nahum III verse 12 (chopped)
7. 2oz Numbers XVII verse 8 blanched and chopped
8. 1lb I Kings IV verse 22
9. Season with 2 Chronicles IX verse 9
10. A pinch of Leviticus II verse 13
11. A teaspoonful of Amos IV verse 5
12. 3 tablespoons of Judges IV verse 19

(Note. Leaven probably means baking powder)

## Method.

Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream. Add 4 one at a time still beating. Then add 5, 6 and 7 and beat again. Add 8, 9, 10 and 11 having previously mixed them. Then add 12.

Bake in a low oven for 1½ hours.

## Books of the Old Testament

MIACOOABRLPSALMSUZGR  
XSVGQMEZOPPOISAIAHUJ  
TIPROVERBBSERXLVKSTUE  
KSLSGNIKNEHEMIAHHJAR  
AEOEULTDGIAGGAHAEZEE  
ZNEGOVFWPZKZYIHCALAM  
EELFOJOAYQYWPIELNYNI  
ZGLAMENTATIONSIVSAJA  
EDDEUTERONOMYNRETHVH  
KLHANOJEINAPOQINAUEH  
IISLHNHUXEHAWTHIKLQZ  
EDOSDARGSJULSRNFLIOO  
LSNMEUIOFAOAAAYEUHLH  
UNGNILHRHOISHOVKAREK  
KUUQVSCPASFPHIDIEJUJ  
LMFJOBJIEHEKTUDEKUMK  
EBSNHDMLNZCIBAAASODAK  
IEOATACBDOCEBTWTDGSA  
NRNHACCZUUROZLSHUEWB  
ASGUECEISMRHCEZESSOA  
DQSMNEVTMKQLCHYRRSZH

GENESIS	KINGS	SONG OF SONGS	OBADIAH
EXODUS	CHRONICLES	ISAIAH	JONAH
LEVITICUS	EZEA	JEREMIAH	MICAH
NUMBERS	NEHEMIAH	LAMENTATIONS	NAHUM
DEUTERONOMY	ESTHER	EZEKIEL	HABAKKUK
JOSHUA	JOB	DANIEL	ZEPHANIAH
JUDGES	PSALMS	HOSEA	HAGGAI
RUTH	PROVERBS	JOEL	ZECCHARIAH
SAMUEL	ECCLESIASTIES	AMOS	MALACHI

Please note that where the name appears more than once, only the first occasion is used, for example: 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel is displayed as Samuel.

# Light One Candle



Is there any point in my struggling to live sustainably when so many - including emerging nations - are indifferent to the earth's worth and restraints? Nearly 10% of precious

European soil is covered and sealed. And the bulldozers continue to roar. I care, but what good does it do?

Are not my actions, like myself and my thoughts, dismissed like seeds in a gale?

What good are my frail efforts at personal and community sustainability? Mother Teresa agreed that one's efforts were only a drop in the ocean, but added that the ocean would be smaller without that drop. The anthropologist Margaret Mead, when asked if the actions of a few committed persons could change the world replied, 'It's the only thing that ever has'. Robert F. Kennedy said that 'each of us can work to change a small portion of events, in the least of these actions will be written the history of this generation'. When we live sustainably locally, in community with others who share our ideals and efforts, we are part of a holistic countercultural movement offering hope and light.

When families who have lived on ancestral land for centuries leave their hereditary fields, as they do in parts of Africa, Asia, South America and even in the west today, the world and its future grow darker. As Indian farm woman

Chandramma said sadly, 'A farm without seeds is like a home without light'. But each of us can be a candle. And we all know the saying: 'It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness'.

People of all religions, and of none, wonder if they make a difference. Do my little acts matter? The biblical scholar C.F.D Moule said he was asked this question more than any other. He replied, 'Nothing is wasted, all good acts contribute to the approaching kingdom'. In the words of the Colossians hymn so loved by the Jesuit paleontologist Teilhard de Chardin, 'In Him all things cohere' (Col. 1.17). Even in dark times all good actions, no matter how slight, burn brightly.

We may be a drop in the ocean, a candle lit in the dark, but, in Christ and together, we can win.

## Edward Echlin

(Author of *Climate and Christ, A Prophetic Alternative*, Columba, 2010.)

