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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER



Nudges to life

The following story is about an example of people's improved behaviour in the men's rooms at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam.

...There the authorities have etched the image of a black housefly into each urinal. It seems that men usually do not pay attention to where they aim, which can create a bit of a mess, but if they see a target, attention and therefore accuracy are much increased. According to the man who came up with the idea, it works wonders. "It improves the aim," says Aad Keboom. "If a man sees a fly, he aims at it." Kieboom, an economist, directs Schiphol's building expansion. His staff conducted fly-in-urinal trials and found that etchings reduce spillage by 80 percent. (p 4, *Nudge*)

The story is one of many examples described in *Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth, and Happiness*, a book written by University of Chicago economist Richard H. Thaler and Harvard Law School Professor Cass R. Sunstein, first published in 2008. In 2017, Richard H. Thaler has been awarded the Nobel

memorial prize in economic sciences for his contributions to behavioural economics. So What is 'nudge'?

The concept is that a subtle encouragement/policy shift that encourages people to make decisions that are in their broad self-interest. As such, it's not about penalizing people if they don't act in a certain way. It's about making it easier for them to make a certain decision.

"By knowing how people think, we can make it easier for them to choose what is best for them, their families and society," wrote the authors.

But 'nudge' is not a new norm since we have been nudged forever. In the bible, the serpent nudged Eve and Adam to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge. In modern days, marketers nudge us. Ads are nudges. We can be nudged for good or for evil, and so on. So we don't seem to exercise our free will as such since we are not free from these 'nudges.' But nudges are very helpful in life. Past mistakes and failures may nudge us to better life and happiness if we see them through the eyes of life. In the end, without the cross - the very nudge to eternal life, there may not be resurrection either.

Jin Sook

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 10am 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



Wednesday mornings are a time of organised chaos in the church lounge when pre-school children and their parents & grandparents enjoy a musical time together. There is still room for a few more families if you know someone who would like to come.

MATAWHERO GARDENERS



Members of GPP and friends are weeding, prayer/discussion **2nd Monday** each month at 9.30am Matawhero Church.

ZOOM KORERO ON FRIDAYS

Join in the fun every Friday at 10.30 am for **ZOOM korero** from your computer.



KORERO ME KAI (CONVERSATION WITH FOOD)

Wednesdays at 12.30 in the lounge



WHAKARONGO (*Listen!*) and Fellowship

Thursday 05 November
5.30pm Matawhero lounge



(Who is Jesus)

Thursday 12 November
4.00pm St Andrew's lounge
(Where am I in these texts?)

Thursday 26 November
7.30pm ZOOM-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86207446462>

Meeting ID: 862 0744 6462 Passcode: 482561

(Where am I in these texts?)

Thursday 3 December
5.30pm Matawhero lounge
(Themes for Christmas)

Thursday 10 December
4.00pm St Andrew's lounge
(Themes for Christmas)

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR
NOVEMBER**

November 1 * All Saints Rev 7: 9-17 Ps 34:
1-10, 22 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12

November 8 Pentecost 22 Josh 24: 1-3a,
14-25 Ps 78: 1-7 1 Thes 4: 13-18
Mt 25: 1-13

November 15 Pentecost 24 Judg 4: 1-7
Ps 123 1 Thes 5: 1-11 Mt 25: 14-30

November 22 Pentecost 25 Reign of Christ
Ez 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ps 100 Eph 1: 15-23
Mt 25: 31-46

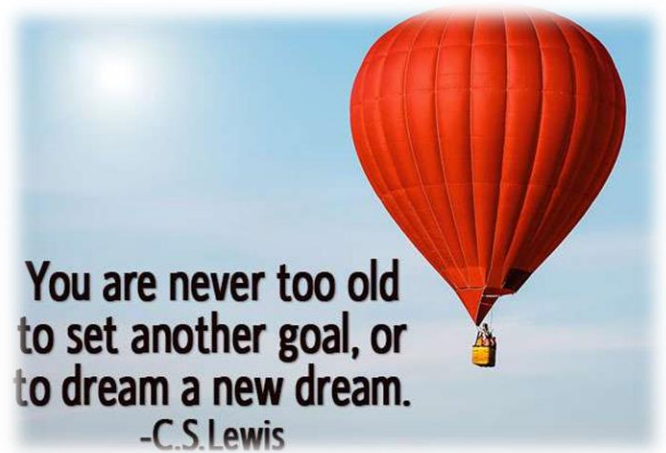


SMILE CORNER



Extracts from Church Newsletters

- Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.
- Thursday night – Pot Luck Supper with prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



CHORAL CAPERS!

by the Gisborne Choral Society

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER at 2.00 pm

**St Andrew's Church – Koha welcome,
afternoon tea provided**

The concert includes choral favourites, new guest artists, world folk-music and dancing, and audience singalongs.



MY FAITH JOURNEY (Part 2)

My story moves to Auckland, where I boarded with Catholic Nell Fletcher in Westmere and attended Grey Lynn Presbyterian Church. Nell was a former Miss New Zealand Runner Up-way- back!

But I must regress for a moment. At Waikaremoana we listened each Sunday to an Auckland radio station to Uncle Tom Garland's choir. I still have a copy of Alexander's Hymns and the little red booklet of Redemption Songs where we could follow the words and enjoy their familiarity. The Sankey Singers were part of the programme.

In Westmere, my landlady Nell Fletcher was a divorcee and because of her faith, felt she could not remarry a young lawyer of whom she was very fond. Nell was a fount of knowledge on Catholicism and early literature like Homer and Virgil. Nell loved to impart her knowledge and locals avoided her. On Sundays, I was a captive audience over a roast meal, but I did imbibe much Catholic history. I occasionally joined her at Mass at St. Patricks.

At Grey Lynn Presbyterian, Rev. Edwin Winter was the Minister, lovely man, but his historical sermons about Roman history were mind-numbing. However, Bible Class was an improvement. There was a Professor Chong who took an interest in us, invited us to his home and brought a more understandable aspect to Church history.

Mr Trippener was choir master – practises and Sunday worship were rewarding.

I taught Sunday School and girls on the cusp of teenage came under sufferance from parents. It wasn't my best moment.

On Monday's Bank Tellers must have cringed as Treasurers from manifold Churches brought their Sunday offerings. The pennies certainly dropped, canvas bags weighing heavily and the poor Teller having to count it all.

Bible Class camps were a component of Church life and we from Grey Lynn enjoyed the facilities on weekends at Hunua Falls. I recall one Sunday I was on lunch duty, my task to make the custard to go with a fruit sponge pudding. The hall where we held our gatherings and services was across a track from the kitchen. That day, I made the custard, stoked (too well) the fire under the cauldron and had a seat near the door where I could view the heated dessert-in-waiting. There was no custard for dessert that Sunday! During the service I peeped out and to my horror watched a river of yellow liquid oozing across the path! The cauldron had split.

At that time Presbyterian Youth, in great numbers made their way to summer conferences. I attended my first in Hamilton, but the Greymouth experience was memorable. Train to Wellington, overnight ferry to Christchurch and then the scenic train trip to Greymouth.

Rev. Ed Farr was absolutely marvellous. We all loved him. His good humour, his capability in holding our attention in relating his inspiring knowledge.

Everyone enjoyed the excursions that had been arranged. To an open-cast goldmine to viewing an underground coal mine; a flight in a very small aircraft, a picnic at Lake Kaniere; evening visits in pairs to welcoming homes.

On Sundays we were amused to see human shadows through the windows of pubs.

In October 1965 I travelled to England with Janet Pendray on the 'Southern Cross.

Presbyterian Churches were not always handy to our flats in London – Maida Vale and Shepherds Bush, and working Monday to Friday, the weekends were spent on excursions. We did visit many Cathedrals and listened to the speakers in Hyde Park! Nearly forgot to mention - Southwark Cathedral. I was temping at the Shipping Department of Babcox & Wilcox and once a week attended a lunch-time service at the Cathedral. Bishop John Robinson (author of 'Honest to God' described by The Guardian as the most talked about book of the century (20th). His lunchtime sermonettes revived my spirits as I returned to the shipping news.

In the Swiss village of Chateau d'Oex, where we worked at a Finishing School, we did accompany the girls to the Anglican Church on the hill. Especially memorable was the Christmas midnight service. We wrapped up well and made our way through the snow.

Next month – Part III – back in New Zealand after our O.E.

Beverley M. Smith

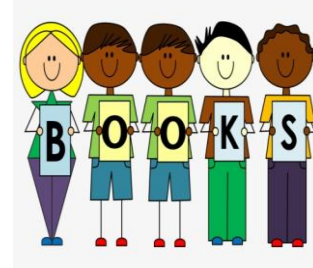
*Southwark
Cathedral*



BOOK SALE

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER FROM 9.00 AM

Where: **ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY HALL**



**Contact Roy & Karen Neumegen 867 4166
or Jenny 868 4268**

**If you have books in excellent condition and
would like to donate them, please leave at the
office or phone the contact people above.**

SURPRISE VISIT!



Cathy, Rev Fraser Paterson's wife called in on Tuesday morning for a fleeting visit. Cathy and her friend were on a road trip in the North Island, having hired an enormous motorhome for the first time! She sends her love to everyone and still misses us all and Gisborne of course.

St Andrew's Concert Series:

City of Gisborne
Highland Pipe Band
NOVEMBER 22ND



Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Where: St Andrew's Church

WE TEND TO FORGET THAT
HAPPINESS
DOESN'T COME
AS A RESULT
OF GETTING SOMETHING
WE DON'T HAVE,
BUT RATHER OF
RECOGNIZING &
APPRECIATING WHAT WE
DO HAVE.

-FREDERICK KEONIG

CHANCE ENCOUNTER!



Bruce & Eileen Burn have moved to Palmerston North and recently bought a house. They send their love to everyone, especially to Open Door and Matawhero Church goers. If you would like contact details for Eileen & Bruce, Val Hall and the office can supply these.



ST ANDREWS DINNER **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27th**

from 5.30 pm in the hall –
fun & entertainment provided
The cost is \$15 pp payable in advance.

Please pay online:

03 0638 046291700 ref: Dinner

or pay at the office. There will be clipboards
available in the outer office for you to register
your interest and also to pay in advance.

Parish Council need the advance numbers for
catering purposes.

CLIMATE CHANGE

New report shows significant changes to New Zealand's climate

Date: 15 October 2020

Climate change is already happening in New Zealand and could have a profound impact on future generations of New Zealanders, a new report from the Ministry for the Environment and Stats NZ says.

[Our atmosphere and climate 2020](#), released today, includes analysis of temperature data from 30 sites around New Zealand that shows our climate is warming. Every site recorded increasing average temperatures in winter.

More extreme weather events are also starting to be seen - extreme rainfall, heatwave days, and dry spell days increased and frost days decreased at some places. Changes to seasons are becoming apparent.

Glacier ice volumes have also decreased and a rise in sea levels have been recorded.

Significant changes to New Zealand's climate are documented in this report, and they mirror the changes being observed around the world.

“This report points to profound changes to New Zealand's climate, and greater impacts on our wellbeing in the future, unless there is both local and global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” say Ministry for the Environment Chief Executive Vicky Robertson and Government Statistician Mark Sowden.

Robertson says the report shows the serious challenges climate change poses. It should be used to inform discussions and choices by whānau, schools, businesses, and communities

about the legacy we leave for all those who come after us.

“COVID reminded us that large-scale disruption to our lives can be abrupt, unwanted and unforeseen, and that some people, places and sectors are likely to be disproportionately affected.

“Climate change is here to stay, but the window to create the best possible future for our young people, and their children's children is closing,” Robertson says.

The report is the latest in the joint MfE/Stats NZ Environmental Reporting series. The reports are produced under the requirements of the [Environmental Reporting Act](#) to provide fair, accurate and independent information on the state of New Zealand's environment.

Note to editors - the report draws together national and local examples of climate change and its effects including:

- New Zealand's climate is warming. Annual average temperature increased at 28 of 30 sites across the country and at all 30 during winter. Eighteen of the 30 sites had a very likely increasing trend in the number of heatwave days, while 12 of 30 had a very likely decreasing number of frost days. Thirteen of the 30 sites had an increase in the frequency of drought (both short-term and long-term). (pages 29,34,35 and 40)
- The number of warm days, where the maximum temperature is above 25 degrees Celsius very likely increased at 19 of 30 sites, and very likely decreased at one between 1972 and 2019. Among the sites with the largest average increases were Masterton (which gained an extra week of warm days per

decade on average from 1972 to 2019), Reefton (+5.0 days per decade), and Tauranga (+4.8 days per decade). A decrease was observed at Taumarunui, which recorded an average of 4.1 fewer warm days per decade. (page 34)

- Between 1972 and 2019, 18 of 30 sites across the country had a very likely increasing number of annual heatwave days. For this same period, 12 of 30 sites had very likely decreasing number of frost days. Among the fastest decreases in frost days were Nelson and Tara Hills, which each lost an average of five frost days per decade. Some sites that already rarely experienced frost days no longer experience them at all. Whangarei, which never recorded more than two frost days in a year, has not recorded a temperature below zero since 1994. Two sites very likely had an increased number of frost days per year: Lake Tekapo and Timaru. (pages 34 and 35)
- In Horowhenua, Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga have noticed a decline in tuna (eels), one of their most prized taonga. Research points to climate change impacts on ocean currents and the tuna's food chain, as well as changes to its habitat, as affecting the species' sensitive life cycle. (page 54)
- New Zealand's mean relative sea-level has risen by 1.81 (± 0.05) millimetres per year on average since records began more than 100 years ago. (page 43)
- New Zealand's net emissions have increased by 57 percent from 1990 to 2018. (page 14)
- By 2040, days with very high or extreme fire danger are projected to increase by an average of 70 percent, due to hotter,

drier and windier conditions. The largest increases are projected for areas that are not accustomed to fire. Wellington would experience a doubling to 30 days a year and coastal Otago a tripling to 20 days a year. (page 64)

- If global emissions continue to increase, by 2090 warm days – where the maximum temperature is 25 degrees Celsius or higher – are projected to occur four times as often in Auckland. If emissions are reduced to limit global warming below 2 degrees Celsius, these days would still increase by 55 percent. (page 65)
- If the temperature continues to warm, it is likely that the cooler areas where some species can live will be reduced. Large birds like kiwi, whio (blue duck) and North Island kōkako are particularly at risk because of their limited ability to move into new areas. Smaller cavity-nesting birds like kākā, kea, and kākāriki may be threatened too. (page 52)

Produced by Rev John Howell

