

THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER

Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato

AUGUST 2021

CATHEDRAL NEWS



Cathedral Diary - August

Sun 8 Aug, 10am

Choral Eucharist with

Waikato Diocesan Choir

Fri 13 Aug, 1pm

Social Club

Sat 14 Aug, 8:30am

Cathedral Workshop

Sat 21 Aug, 5pm

Cantata Vespers

Sun 22 Aug, 5pm

Evensong

Every Thursday, 10am

Little Fishes

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

Monday - Friday, 9am

Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 10am

Holy Communion

Friday, 12:10pm

Eucharist in Te Reo Maori

Sunday, 8am

Said Eucharist

Sunday, 10am

Choral Eucharist

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9am - 3pm

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP

Monday - Friday

10am - 2pm

Sunday

11am - 12pm

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Prayer will be easy, worship will be easy, loving others will be easy...

BY BLYTHE CODY

I have been a regular runner for over fifteen years and you would think that after all the kilometres that have passed under my feet, running would have become a relatively low-effort, easy means of staying fit and collecting a few endorphins along the way. The reality is that running doesn't seem to get much easier with time. There are lots of days when I have to make my body lace up my running shoes and start running; there are even some days when the entire run is a mental battle with my body that would much rather be sitting inside reading a book, than running outside in the cold and the rain.

Yet if you asked me why I run, I would say that I love it. I have learned that joy is found in the strangest places: it is unexpectedly felt during the times when I least feel like running and make my body do it anyway; I feel it when my lungs are burning because I have decided to sprint the last 100 metres to my house; or as I glide down a hill I have just struggled to run up. Dean Karnazes is an ultramarathon runner and is often asked if running hurts, to which he replies "it does if you're doing it right." 1

It is easy to assume that our life with God will reach a point where it is no longer a struggle, no longer a painful battle to let go of our desires and surrender to God's will. Prayer will be easy, worship will be easy, loving others will be easy. I think perhaps, though, we could say that following Jesus is painful if you're doing it right. Paul, in the first letter to the Corinthians, says that he disciplines his body, making it his slave so that it will follow the way of Christ. He understands that our natural tendency is not to forgive when we have been wronged, to serve when everyone else seems to be getting praised, to love when the object of our affection happens to be our enemy. This is not an easy path and is not one our body, our flesh, takes without prompting and prodding from the Spirit of Christ within us.

I can certainly run a kilometre with much more ease and grace than I did that first time I set out running over fifteen years ago. It takes longer for my lungs to complain and my muscles to say they have had enough. My stamina and endurance has increased significantly. So, too, our capacity to love and to ignore the instincts of our flesh grows over time. Though not without pain and never without effort and intention.

^{1.} Dean Karnazes. 2021. A Runner's High: My Life in Motion. HarperONe.



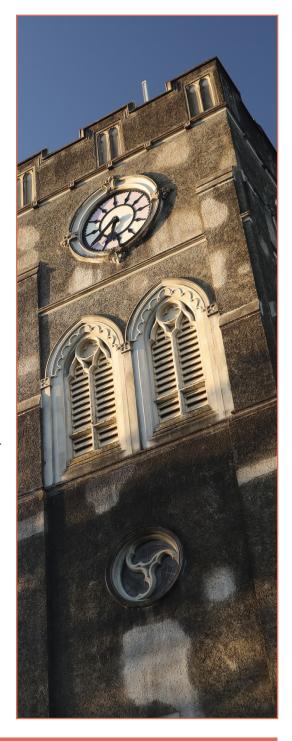
From the Bell Tower

BY WENDY TYRRELL

It has been a busy few months for the ringers, who meet weekly on a Wednesday night for practice and ring for Sunday services and special occasions. Six times a year, members of the Auckland, Wellington and Hamilton bands get together for the North Island Clusters, with one being held late January in Hamilton, and the Hamilton ringers visiting Wellington in April for the last one. The Clusters are a good opportunity to ring more complex methods that we cannot do usually, and to work on a challenge that was set internationally pre-COVID. Six successful quarter peals were gained as a result (quarter peals are when a method is rung continuously approximately 45 minutes). We also held a joint ringing day with Auckland again later in February. The social element of these joint days is appreciated as much as the ringing and we frequently enjoy a meal in the pub (usually The Londoner) afterwards!

Since then there have been a number of quarter peals rung, firstly to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Pam McAdam, one of our longest serving ringers. Pam has been ringing in Hamilton since 1959! Several other significant birthdays have followed, and quarter peals have been rung to celebrate our Tower Captain Wendy Tyrrell's 60th birthday, and another member of our band (Sue Allen's) 65th birthday, as well as the birth of Sue's second grandson.

We held our AGM in June, with the need for maintenance of our hand-bells creating much discussion. We are looking ahead to our next North Island Cluster, to be held during the second week of July, COVID alert levels and lack of travel restrictions permitting! We are always on the look out for new members and people who would like to learn to ring, so if this is something you think you might be interested in contact Wendy (8538375) or Sue (021 294 2392).



OPEN DAY

On Sunday 22nd August the bell ringers are hosting an open day after the 10am service. This is an opportunity for anyone to visit the bell tower and learn more about bellringing. Our newest bell ringer reminded us at Practice recently that the art of ringing bells using the full circle method, which we is how we ring our bells, is a taonga of the church which we need to protect. It is part of our heritage and must not be lost.

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST 2021

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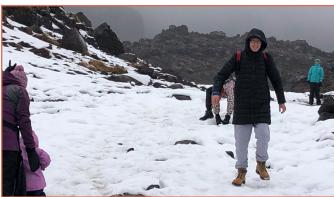
Winter Camp on Mt Ruapehu

BY WARREN TURNWALD

We had 21 people on camp 13 adults and 8 youth for the long Queens Birthday weekend. We stayed in the Snowline Ski Lodge (1600m above sea level) in the Whakapapa Village on the mountain, we had quite reasonable weather. On the Saturday we did some beautiful walks around the village and the area where Lord of the Rings was filmed. We were threatened with heavy rain so stayed off the longer walks however the rain never eventuated. There was a lot less snow than we have had over some previous years but there was still enough to play with. On Sunday we took the Sky Waka gondola up to the highest Café in New Zealand (2020m) the gondola travels 1.8km up the mountain in comfort with some amazing views, the kids really enjoyed it and at the top there was a lot of nice dry snow to play with while the adults had coffee or tea.

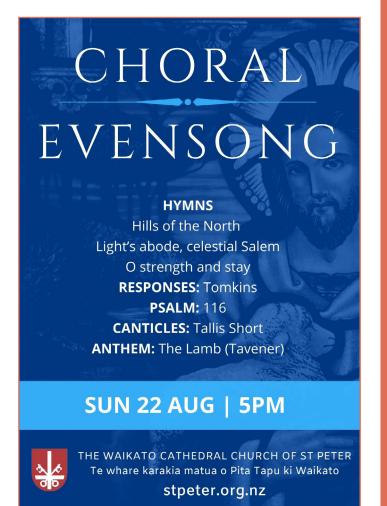














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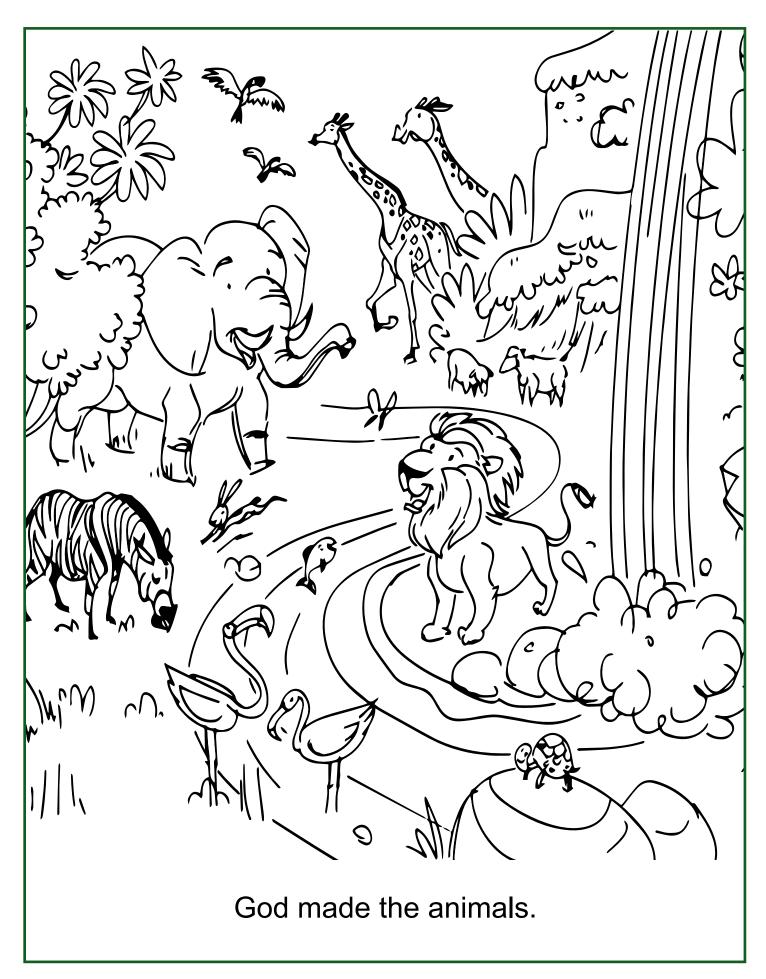
We continue to have problems with people around the Cathedral and Centre during the night, we have had several break-ins under the Centre and the latest was a group climbing over the Cathedral, ripping off copper gutters, downpipes and lead flashings, They also broke into the organ loft through the roof trap door. Considerable damage has been done but the value of what they have stolen will probably earn them less than \$100 in scrap metal.

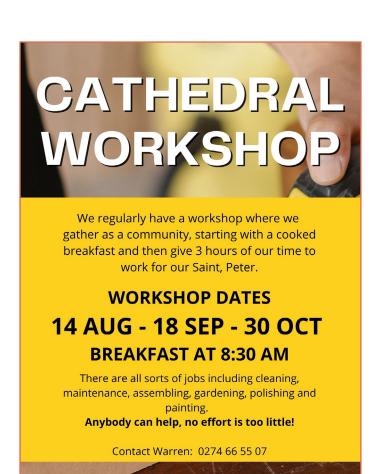
We ask that people be vigilant and when locking up to be sure all alarms are set and all doors & windows are secure.

EMAIL SCAMS

Many of you will have received a scam recently from Viv saying she was stranded in the Philippines and asking you to send money to help get her home. This was sent out in her name but obviously not form her and we apologise for the concern it may have caused, it is outside our control and trust no one was duped into sending money. Always be vigilant when receiving emails calling for urgent action and involving sending money or vouchers to help someone in need.

Colouring Page







Cathedral Ministry Team

During the Dean's absence, The Most Rev'd Sir David Moxon will have the Bishop's oversight of the Cathedral.

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