

WELCOME TO THE MINISTRY EDUCATOR'S NEWSLETTER

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I use this for sharing information at greater depth than is possible in *E-News*. Please feel free to pass this on by printing it, or by cutting and pasting items into pewsheets and/or parish magazines.

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For the diary



Clergy training days in FEBRUARY

Bay of Plenty: Thursday 8 February
 St Barnabas, W Rotorua

Hawkes Bay: Friday 9 February
 All Saints Taradale

Eastland: Tuesday 13 February
 Holy Trinity Gisborne

Information on the topics to be advised next year.

Put this in the diary now

Clergy Conference

Clergy Conference in 2018 will be in Hawkes Bay,

Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 November.

More information coming later next year.

Anglican Studies Programme

Are you wanting to know more about your faith, to be better equipped for ministry and mission as part of the Church in this place? Are you lay or ordained, wanting to study as part of a supportive community? Are you interested in gaining a level 5 NZQA qualification – the Diploma in Christian Studies – or just wanting to study or audit a paper for interest?

If you answered yes to any of that, check out the Anglican Studies Programme!

The Diploma in Christian Studies is offered through St John's College and allows the people of our Diocese to access learning that is interesting and relevant to your ministry.

Papers are taught in residential weekends – in 2018 three residential weekends per semester – with tutorials offered in Hawkes Bay and (depending on the demand) in other regions.

How much does it cost? The teaching is free (it is covered by St John's College), and the diocese subsidises the accommodation and meals for the weekends: students asked to pay \$250 per semester as a contribution. Most students study for credit, and come out with an NZQA-registered Level 5 Diploma at the end, but there is also the option to 'audit' the course. That's when you are part of all the teaching weekends but do not do the assignments.

The papers for 2018 are

Semester 1:

FHC 510 The Church's Story across history and in Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia (15 credits)

MMF 506 Accountable Ministry Practice (5 credits) – taught in 2nd weekend

Residential weekends:

9-11 February

6-8 April

4-6 May

Semester 2

MMC 508 Being Disciples in Aotearoa NZ & Pasefika: spiritual journeying (15 credits)

MMF 508 Building Intergenerational Community (5 credits)

Residential weekends:

31 August – 2 September

28 – 30 September

26 – 28 October

Enrolment Enrolments for the first semester must be received by St John's by Wednesday 1 February 2018. All students (new and returning) must submit an enrolment form; new students must also submit an Application for Admission Form. Both forms need to be countersigned by the Ministry Educator. More details are available on <http://www.stjohnscollege.ac.nz/study-programmes-1> Students are reminded that a minimum of 80% attendance is required.

Course Descriptions

FHC 510 The Church's Story across history and in Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia:

This course enables participants to outline and critically reflect on the narrative of the Christian faith, with special reference to that faith in the life and thought of these contexts: The Western church, the

Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.

MMF 506 Accountable Ministry Practice

This course will explore best practice in ministry through the legislation of General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui Title D Canon 1 Maintenance of Standards of Ministry for Bishops, Ministers and Office Bearers. Students will develop self-awareness and be able to evaluate ministry practice in their own cultural settings. They will understand sexual harassment and bullying and know the complaints procedure of the Anglican Church.

MMC 508 Being Disciples in Aotearoa NZ & Pasefika: spiritual journeying

This course aims to form disciples of Jesus Christ in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia by teaching and practising Christian spiritual practices, listening contextually, evaluating *A New Zealand Prayer Book, He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* as a way of formation and evaluating currently available programmes for ministry/discipleship through the lens

of God- Place- People to test the programmes' ability to form disciples who can disciple others in Christ.

MMF 508 Building Intergenerational Community

Students will learn different approaches to forming intergenerational communities, as well as to biblical and theological foundations for intergenerational ministry and mission, in order to initiate, develop and support children's, youth and young adults' ministry that is well integrated into the whole of parish life and mission, and that is both effective and sustainable.

Anyone who is interested in being part of the Diploma in Christian Studies programme in 2018, or who simply wants to get more information, should **contact the Ministry Educator**, the Rev'd Deborah Broome (educator@waiapu.com 021 509-107).

For the pewsheet

Want to learn more about our faith? Be part of the Anglican Studies Programme here in Waiapu!

Semester 1 2017 papers towards a Diploma of Christian Studies:

The Church's Story across history and in Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia FHC 510 (15 credits)

Accountable Ministry Practice MMF 506 (5 credits) – taught in 3rd weekend

Taught in residential weekends – so you learn as part of a community:

9-11 February

6-8 April

4-6 May

Or take **the Flexi-learn option**, and study from home or in small groups in the **Listening & Pastoral Conversation** course.

More details from the Ministry Educator Rev'd Deborah Broome
educator@waiapu.com, 021 509-107. Enrol by 1 February

Here is another option for study:

It involves weekly live (and recorded) online classes, plus lots of help with study skills and the how to's of getting online successfully. Contact me on educator@waiapu.com for more details.

flexi learn

St John's Theological College

Join Anglicans from around NZ: Grow your Biblical insights and refresh your spiritual life

From home or in small groups, anywhere in NZ

- ✘ An initial **optional** gathering
- ✘ Repeated online in live webinars, then six further weekly live (& recorded) webinars in a "Listening & Pastoral Conversation" course

Participate for personal interest or complete assignments to gain credits as you continue towards the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies.

21st century equipping for 21st century ministry

For the diaries

Lay Learning Days in 2018

Eastland: Saturday 3 March and 25 August – Holy Trinity Gisborne

Bay of Plenty: Saturday 17 March and 11 August – St Barnabas West Rotorua

Hawkes Bay: Saturday 24 March and 18 August – All Saints Taradale

9.30am-2.00pm, BYO lunch

Details of the programmes available closer to the time

Anglican Studies Graduation

One of the highlights of the year for me was the Graduation Service on 28 September when four students were presented with the Diploma of Anglican Studies, which they had earned over the past three years.

Congratulations to the Rev'd Tim Barker (Vicar, All Saint's, Taradale), Lesley Cotterill (St Andrew's, Taupo), The Rev'd Lynette Gordon (St James, Mahora), and Sandi Hall (All Saints, Taradale). The diplomas were presented by the Principal/Manukura of St John's College, the Rev'd Tony Gerritsen, with Bishop Andrew presiding at the service of Evening Worship. It was good to have other key St John's staff also part of the occasion: Richard Cook, the Director of Academic Programmes at St John's and Savita Vegil, the Programme Administrator.

As a reminder of the ministries they exercise, for which their study has further equipped them, and of their status as graduates of St John's College, Tony Gerritsen presented Tim and Lynette with a College stole and Lesley and Sandi with a holding cross.



Left to right: Savita Vegil, Lesley Cotterill, the Rev'd Lynette Gordon, the Rev'd Deborah Broome (Ministry Educator), the Rev'd Tony Gerritsen (Manukura), Richard Cook, Bishop Andrew Hedge, the Rev'd Tim Barker, Sandi Hall.

Seminars available

As Ministry Educator I can offer a range of seminars in parishes. Here are some you might like to consider. These are in addition to training events, for example around the liturgical ministries. Contact me to book a time.



WOMEN IN THE BIBLE: What they can teach us about loving God & following Jesus

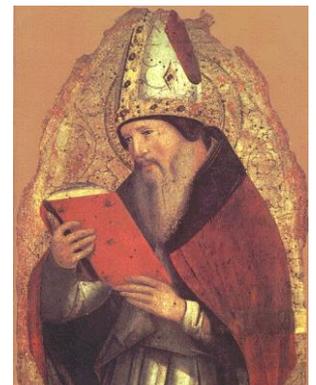
Find out about some of the lesser-known women in the Bible, and where they connect with our lives today. (1.5 hours – fits into an afternoon or an evening.)

Words to live by: The Nicene Creed and daily life

If you've ever stopped mid-way through saying the Creed and wondered 'what is that all about?' come along and find out about what the words mean and how they relate to our lives today. (A day, 9.30am-2.30pm, is best for this.)

Augustine of Hippo – Lessons from his life, for our lives

What can we learn – and put into practice – from Augustine's *Confessions*? (Fits into an afternoon or an evening.)



Being Church

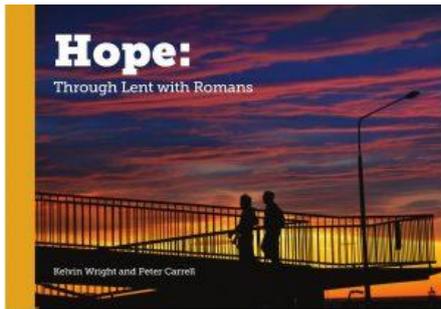


- What the Church is
 - What 'being Church' might mean:
 - for us in Waiapu in the 21st Century
 - for you in your parish
- (3.5 hours)

Lenten Studies

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. Here are two options for parish Lenten study groups.

Hope: through Lent with Romans



Writers: Kelvin Wright and Peter Carrell (Diocese of Christchurch)

Similar to previous years, this booklet is suitable for personal or group study. Covering the six weeks of Lent, plus two extra studies for the Easter season, the studies offer a brief introduction to the Epistle to the Romans:

Study One: Hope for the world (Romans 1:1-17)

Study Two: Basis for hope (Romans 3:19-31)

Study Three: Hoping against hope (Romans 4:13-25)

Study Four: Enduring with hope (Romans 5:1-11)

Study Five: Hope for transformation (Romans 8:1-17)

Study Six: Suffering with hope (Romans 8:18-39)

Study Seven: Rejoicing in hope (Romans 12:1-13)

Study Eight: Abounding in hope (Romans 15:1-13)

Price is \$7.50 per copy (Or \$6 if ordered by 1 January 2018), plus P&P.

To order, call 03 341 3399 or

<http://www.theologyhouse.ac.nz/home/lenten-study-guide-2018-order-form/>

A Sent People



Authors: Wayne Kirkland & Diana Langdon (Diocese of Wellington)

Complete with six weekly Lenten Life Group Studies, six family & children's studies, both with recommended films to augment your times together in this special season of our year.

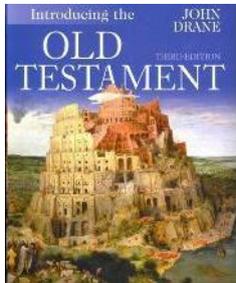
Price: \$5 per copy

To order, Contact Diocesan Office Manager, Karen Stewart,

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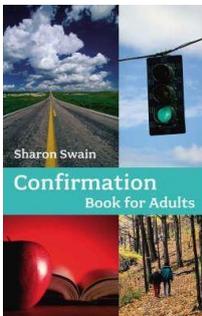
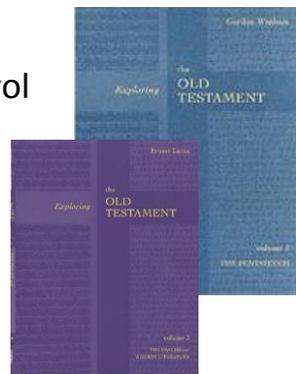
New Library Books

Amongst the books added to our Diocesan Library this year have been several used by Anglican Studies students taking the paper The Bible Story – The Old Testament.



John Drane's *Introducing the Old Testament* (Oxford: Lion, 2011) is a good general introduction on major themes in the Old Testament. It's well laid out, with lots of useful illustrations – I found the one on Ancient Israel's agricultural year linking the seasons with the distinctive religious festivals particularly helpful.

Exploring the Old Testament is a series of four books: *The Pentateuch* (vol 1), *The Histories* (vol 2), *The Psalms and Wisdom Literature* (vol 3) and *The Prophets* (vol 4). Written by a number of authors in the period 2002-2003 they provide a good analysis of each Old Testament book, plus chapters on topics like Hebrew poetry, the Ancient Near East, and the themes of the Pentateuch, plus useful suggestions for further reading.



Confirmation Book for Adults by Sharon Swain (London: SPCK, 2008) is a useful resource for those preparing people for Confirmation. It covers the sort of theological issues we would expect (God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, prayer), and also material on living as a Christian. It suggests different ways to reflect on the material, including discussion and activities.

Diocesan Library

The Diocesan Library continues to expand and to be well-used by parishes and Anglican Studies students.

One parish (Te Puke) has, for the last two years, requested an assortment of books which people can read during Lent as an alternative to Lenten studies. Other parishes may wish to consider this as an option.

I am always happy to take requests and send books to people, and I am grateful to those who have donated books to the library.



Spiritual Practices

AdventWord



An Advent devotional exercise with a difference: be part of creating a Global Advent Calendar

Subscribe by email at <http://adventword.org/>

During Advent, we anticipate the coming of Christ, an event that awakens our deepest desires and longings.

The Anglican Communion with the SSJE Brothers invites you to:

- Pray through Advent.
- Use your phone camera.
- Help create a Global Advent Calendar.

Sign up and receive the daily #AdventWord email meditation.

Tweet, Facebook or Instagram an image each day #AdventWord.

Watch the Advent Calendar grow each day.

Thousands of people will be sharing their personal images in response to the daily meditations.



3 minute
RETREAT

Here's something to try for a short time with God at any stage of the day: a Three Minute Retreat, involving reflection on a short passage of Scripture.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/about-3minute-retreats>

Celebrating the Reformation

This year Christians around the world have been celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Here is part of a sermon I preached at the Reformation 500 service in Waiapu Cathedral on 29 October. A similar gathering was held at the cooperating parish of St Francis Clive-Haumoana, which is in partnership with Redeemer Lutheran church of Hawkes Bay.

We are all daughters and sons of the Reformation, and so we gather to celebrate and to give thanks. The Reformation is a movement, or a series of movements, rather than an event, and yet in choosing to celebrate its 500th anniversary we nonetheless look back to a particular event, which marks a beginning, the eve of All Saints day, 31 October 1517 when an Augustinian monk and teacher of theology nailed 95 theses or statements to the door of the church in Wittenberg. Martin Luther did this as an invitation to debate: he used the church door to publicise his arguments because the internet hadn't been invented back then. Nowadays, with his talent for communicating, Luther would have tweeted, and indeed almost all of his theses would fit nicely within Twitter's 140 character limit.



What Luther was protesting and wanting to debate was the way the church was selling indulgences. These were handy documents which people could buy, for themselves or for the dead, which would let them off purgatory for a certain number of years. The money raised from the sale of indulgences was used to support church projects like the rebuilding of St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Luther didn't expect to start a new movement – but his ideas caught on. The debate moved on from indulgences to the authority of the church and of the pope in particular, as people began to take a new look at what the church believed and what it did. What had begun in a lecture hall turned into a popular movement, a movement with an enduring legacy. We are all sons and daughters of the Reformation.

What is that legacy? How has Luther's actions, and those of the other Reformers – Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, and our own Latimer, Ridley and Thomas Cranmer – touched our lives? Let me tell you how it has touched mine: perhaps you will connect. The first of the gifts of the Reformation, for me at least, is the rediscovery of the importance of Scripture. The Bible tells us about God and God's world, and it tells us about ourselves. As Luther said, "Note well, that the power of Scripture is this: it will not be altered by the one who studies it; instead it transforms the one who loves it." The story of God and God's people, the story of Christ, matters: it is a narrative that shapes our identity. How has it shaped yours? How has it shaped our identity as the people of God in this place?

Luther and the other Reformers wanted the Scriptures to be accessible to the people of their own day. They wanted ordinary men and women to be able to read it for themselves, to discover the words of Christ, to connect with the living God who casts down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things. And most ordinary

men and women, back then or today, couldn't read Latin, or Hebrew and Greek. So they translated the Bible into the people's own languages. Luther's translation of the Bible is still used today. How does reading the Bible help you to connect with the God we love and worship?

Another gift of the Reformation is an understanding of the place of faith and the importance of grace in our lives. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God", as the letter to the Ephesians reminds us. Faith is a gift. We can't earn our way into God's good books by the things we do or don't do, we can't perform our way to a series of divine brownie points and trade them in for a get-to-heaven free card like the ultimate Fly-buys reward. We have to depend on what God has done for us in Christ. We have to rely on grace.

Once we realise this it affects the way we act – not as an 'if I am really good, then God will love me' sort of way, but more 'God loves me anyway, and has given me so much, and so I want to live as much as I can a life that reflects that'. Or as Paul told the Galatians, 'the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me'. We live out of Christ. How does your experience of God's grace find its expression in your life? Can people look at us and discern a thread of faith weaving through our week?

We are all daughters and sons of the Reformation, and it has gifted us with the surer realisation that there are many more ways to serve God and live a Christian life than being ordained or moving into a monastery. This was another of Luther's contributions – the affirmation that secular life can also be a calling. Five hundred years ago there was a tendency to think that the really Christian people were the clergy and the monks and nuns, those who had taken vows, those who had given up their day jobs to live a special life within the system of the church. But it's not, said Luther – an Augustinian monk himself – religious vows that make you religious: all ordinary Christians are spiritual. Baptism and faith are what matters. This is not a withdrawal from the world, but a turning towards it. And within this, everyday work can be a divine calling. We are all part of the Body of Christ, we all have a role in loving and caring for our neighbours, in serving the community. Work, family life, everyday responsibilities, practical tasks – these are all ways of living out our response to God. Do you see your work – whether paid or unpaid, in the home or outside it – as a vocation? What is God calling you to do this week? How are we as a community largely made up of lay people working to give glory to God? How are we, by our ordinary daily lives, bringing closer the kingdom that Jesus spoke of so often?

Because – as one of the Reformation 500 slogans reminds us – 'it's still all about Jesus'. It is still all about Christ, who is the image of the invisible God, the one through whom we learn most about what God is like. And we're still called to bear good fruit, to come to Jesus, hear his words and act on them, as this morning's Gospel reading reminds us. Martin Luther and the other Reformers have left us a legacy. It's up to us how we carry that on. We look back in order to look forwards, into the future which is always God's future. We are all sons and daughters of the Reformation: how is that DNA working its way out in our lives?