

Refugee House Setup

A team of Porirua Anglicans spent time 30 April & 1 May gathering goods from Porirua stores and from those stored at St Anne's. On the morning of 1 May they setup house for a refugee family of seven who arrived 2 May at this house, which will be their first home in New Zealand. Please pray for this family of mum, dad and five girls that they may adjust well to their new home and community. May their sponsor bond well with them and in friendship assist them to negotiate life in a new land.

This project was a joint venture between Carterton Anglicans who supplied most of the household goods we placed in the new refugees' home.

Several refugee homes are being setup this year from teams from the Wellington Diocese under the leadership of Phil McCarthy from Tawa Anglican.



The Māngere Refugee Resettlement Centre in South Auckland processes and orientates Refugees prior to their resettlement in houses around New Zealand.

Snippets

- We will again join the *Thy Kingdom Come* international prayer focus **9-19 May** between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday.
- Please put a ring around **Sat. 18th May** which we will keep as a **Prayer Retreat** day in te Whare 10:00am-4:00pm. (NB. Changed times)
- **A new Discipleship & Bible Study group** to meet in te Whare Karakia is in the process of formation. Please advise Terry of your interest.
- **Our new Bishop Ana will be with us on Sunday 28th July** for morning worship. We tentatively plan to begin a new worship service that day and to offer **confirmation**.



A number of us attended the ordination and consecration of the new Assistant Bishop Anashuya Fletcher in the Wellington Cathedral recently. This image of Ana's family hints that the service was a very colourful affair— see more here: <https://tinyurl.com/bishop-ana>

PENTECOST 2024

May 19

A group of young leaders in the Diocese regularly seek to discern what the God is saying as they seek for Words of Knowledge to share with those for whom they pray—see 1 Corinthians 12:8.

Enclosed is what was heard in the 'blind' prophetic listening exercise at Ministry Leaders' Family Camp (8-10 March, El Rancho, Waikanae). May it be a blessing to you and the (Porirua) Parish - (Archdeacon) Gendy.

Beautiful People of Christ, The word that I was given was 'treasure', untapped 'treasure' within your midst/local community. Lean into each other, hold each other close, look for healing and closure. My will be done.

There is 'treasure' in your space, your people and community. The harvest is indeed ready. Sit and discern with God and he will show you the 'treasure'.

Be bold and brave, go out of your comfort zone. Trust in God's unfailing, unconditional, everlasting love.

**Be at peace with each other and yourselves.
Many blessings.**

As we move through the Pentecost season this month and next, may we be encouraged by these words individually and together. Perhaps we will be prompted to a new openness to God's Word and Spirit as a result.

Terry

PRAYER

Please pray and give thanks for:

- Progress with the Diocese as we consider the future of St Anne's.
- Thanksgiving for the ministry of Charles Nikora this past year, now living with his daughter Stacey & her family in Sydney.
- The sick, suffering and bereft that they may know healing grace and compassionate comfort.
- That the Thy Kingdom Come focus 9-19 May will engage us all in deep prayer and commitment to reach out with love and commitment to others.
- That Christians locally in Porirua know unity as they work and worship together to share Christ's love and call to their neighbours.
- The refugee family mentioned in this News, that they may adjust well to NZ and their new community.

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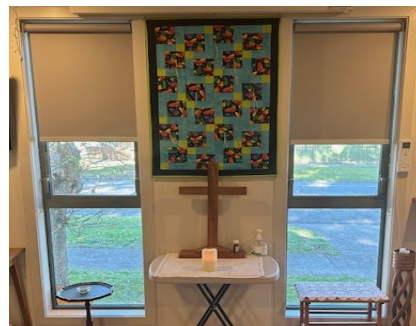
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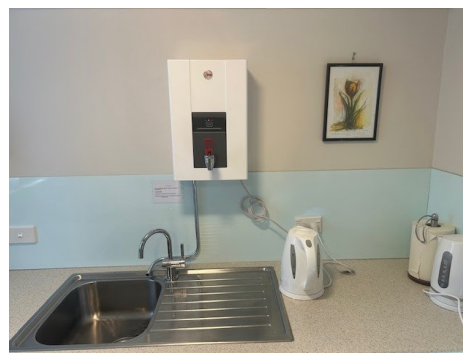
Acts 2:38-39 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Te Whare Improvements

April's end has had us benefit from a couple of new resources in te Whare Karakia. Jo has arranged the installation of two new full length black out blinds at the front of the main room. Thanks Jo.



And Maurice has worked with plumber John Ryan to transfer the instant hot water heater from St Anne's to above the sink bench at te Whare. This will provide instant and faster hot water to this area. Thanks Maurice.



Diocesan Activity

- As we go to press a team of 5-6 of us will participate in the Wellington Diocesan Training Day on 6 May.
- Anglican Movement is the Wellington Diocesan web presence. It is updated weekly. Visit here: <https://www.anglicanmovement.nz>

The LYCiG PRAYER

God of mission
 Who alone brings growth to your Church,
 Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,
 Wisdom to our actions,
 Joy to our worship,
 And power to our witness.
 Help our Church to grow in numbers,
 In spiritual commitment to You,
 And in service to our local community,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Pentecost Sunday is coming up and I want to encourage you all to come with your congregation to our Sunday night service at **Elim Church 6.30pm Sun. 19 May**
The service will be for about an hour and a half.

*Pastor Geoff Malcolm
 Convenor of the Porirua Ministers' Assn. to Porirua Church Leaders*

SPRING ALPHA

Explore life, faith, meaning

Our next ALPHA Course is scheduled to begin in the week beginning 1st September. An ALPHA Day away will happen on Saturday 19th October 9:30am-4pm and the Course will conclude during the week of 10th November. **Who might you invite?**

Check out our website page below for more details.

<https://tinyurl.com/poriruaalpha>

MAY- JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES 10am

DAY	SERVICE	WOR= Worship no HC; HC = Service with Holy Communion
5th May	HC— <i>Friends (Margaret Alve; L.A. Jane)</i>	
12th May	HC— <i>Thy Kingdom Come & Unity (Terry Alve; L.A. Jo)</i>	
19th May	Worship— <i>Pentecost & the Spirit's Coming (Terry Alve)</i>	
26th May	HC— <i>Trinity & the Fulness of God (Sharing; L.A. Jane)</i>	
2nd June	HC— <i>Hearing God (Forum Discussion; L.A. Sofia) QB Weekend</i>	

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 9 May

Midday Prayer - Noon

MID-WEEK

Wednesday Prayer—each Wednesday 2-3pm. Afternoon tea to follow.

Friday Worship—a short worship service (30'-45') at noon each Friday. Followed by light lunch—bring and share.