

# THE MESSENGER

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DEVONPORT

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## From the Vicar's Desk

As we launch into 2022, we are celebrating the start of a new year and the start of the Project for the Refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Both of these beginnings are filled with uncertainty and change and both will test and grow our faith as we seek to serve God in mission and ministry.

The Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel reminds us that we who make up the church here in Devonport, have been given a divine task. Like the 11 disciples standing on the mountain waiting to meet the risen Christ (Judas the Betrayer was not there), we stand before God waiting for our marching orders. We are told that when the 11 disciples saw the risen Christ they worshiped him, *but some doubted*.

That is the way with risk and change.

There is always uncertainty.

However, notice that there is no judgement on those who were struggling with their doubts.

Those that doubted were given the same instructions as those who did not.

Jesus is interested in our willingness to serve him.

He is not put off by the limitations of our faith.

It is sufficient for Jesus that we are available to take the steps of faith he is asking us to, because he knows that when we do so, his strength and authority is sufficient for the task he has set us. When we step out in ministry, we do so in the name of, and with the authority of Jesus.

And as we step out in ministry, we do so as a team. As a church we have one purpose, to serve God by bringing wholeness and healing to the community in which we find ourselves and we do so together. Together we do ministry based on the foundations laid by those who have come before us and together we lay the foundations for those who will come after us.

The foundation we lay, is the foundation of Jesus Christ and his Gospel.

It is with this purpose that we are selflessly embarking on the Hall project as part of the mission and ministry of this Church. We are setting things up, laying a foundation, for not only this generation, but for future generations. We hope that they too may come to know the joy, peace and love that is to be found in building a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

After all isn't that what others did for us when they built this beautiful church and when they built the Hall? They took steps of faith and aren't we so blessed that they did?

It is incumbent on each generation to build with care for the present and also for the future; to pay it forward and make the sacrifices that will benefit others just as we have benefited.

What we are about to build as we commence the Hall Project is a space, a context, an opportunity for a community to grow and thrive in the context of God's love. We are building a place where people will feel a sense of belonging to each other and to God. And most importantly we are building a space that is founded on the values, the principles and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The refurbishment of the Hall signals to the wider community that we the church are serious about our faith and our call to *know Christ and to make Christ known*.

We care enough about the Gospel of Jesus Christ to invest emotionally and financially in our own spiritual growth and in the spiritual growth of others.

We are serious about our vision to be *a Christ centred community that welcomes all into a relationship with God and inspires them to serve*.

We are serious about our core value of wanting to be a hospitable faith community.

Finally, the refurbishing of the hall bears witness to our deep faith in God, in that we are stepping out in faith and investing in the spiritual wellbeing of our wider community even before they have arrived. Like the father of the Prodigal Son, we are waiting and ready for anyone who comes for ministry and we are doing so because at the foundation of our value system is the Gospel of the love of God.

**Rev Charmaine Braatvedt**

Cover photo taken by Vanda Breslin  
of Jerry Pan at the Blessing of the Hall Project

## 2022 Lenten Study

I have decided to lead an online Lenten Study Group in addition to the groups that will meet in person this Lent, because of the understandable nervousness that some of you have about gathering in person. I will do this via Zoom and it will take place on a Wednesday night from 7.30pm—8.30pm. We will cover the same study material as the other home groups which is detailed alongside this article. If you would like to join this online group then please sign up for it on the relevant sheet on the church noticeboard.

If you are keen to lead a Lenten Study group please let me know or if you want to join one then do feel free to sign up for one on the sign up sheets provided on the church notice board.

The link to the study we have chosen can be found on our website or by clicking on the following link:  
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5633fb51e4b01aa7927f8ccc/t/602c8a71d0e91245ac841642/1613531771407/Lent+guide+2020+%E2%80%93v3+RGB+web+small.pdf>

The Course comes to us from the Diocese of Wellington and is commended to us by Bishop Peter Carrel, Bishop of Christchurch and Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, Assistant Bishop of Wellington.

These studies look squarely at the world we live in through the lens of the Old Testament prophets. Through reading, prayer, study reflection and discussion, we will be rightly provoked and hopefully be stirred to action.

### Ash Wednesday 2nd March

### Imposition of Ashes

10am at Holy Trinity

6.30pm Ecumenical  
Service

at St Francis de Sales

Catholic Church

*Organised by The Combined Churches*

*of Belmont and Devonport*



## Lenten Study Series for 2022

### *Rebuilding the Ruins*



**Weeks commencing:**

**Sunday 6th March  
Ancient Ruins**

**Sunday 13th March  
Housing Ruins**

**Sunday 20th March  
Bicultural Dreams— and Ruins**

**Sunday 27th March  
Creation Ruins**

**Sunday 3rd April  
Church Ruins**

**Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)  
Rebuilding the Ruins**

**Sunday 17th April (Easter)**

The Combined Churches will not process up Takarunga/Mount Victoria as a group this year. Instead we will offer an online service that makes a virtual stop at each station en route. Hopefully next year we will be able to safely walk up the hill again. More details to follow.



## Children's Ministry

Flexibility is the name of the game. This year we will need to be flexible as we begin the renovations of the Hall. The Super Sunday School will be the least affected as we have secured the room they normally use in the vicarage for their exclusive use.

Suzanne Stickney has offered to take a lead role in the organising of Super Sunday Club this year. She is a qualified teacher and we are blessed that she is happy to share her knowledge and skills in our very important children's ministry.

Covid has poured cold water on many of our plans for our children. It has been decided to defer the Parish Picnic, Mainly Music and Messy Church until such time as we have a clearer idea of how our society will be impacted by Omicron.

In the meantime we are keen to do all we can to make our children feel welcome and important to this faith community.

You their parents can help us by making a commitment to bring them to church regularly and by inviting their friends to come along to Super Sunday Club with them. You may even like to offer to bring their friends along yourself.

**MAKING IT COUNT WHILE MAKING IT FUN**

# Super Sunday Club

For Primary School Children during the 9.30am service on a Sunday morning

**BE PART OF OUR GREAT TEAM OF TEACHERS AND CHILDREN**

We are looking for volunteers to take the classes once a month. No experience necessary and all materials and resources are provided.



Please encourage your children to attend. Feel free to come along with them at first to make sure they are at ease.



## New Look Church

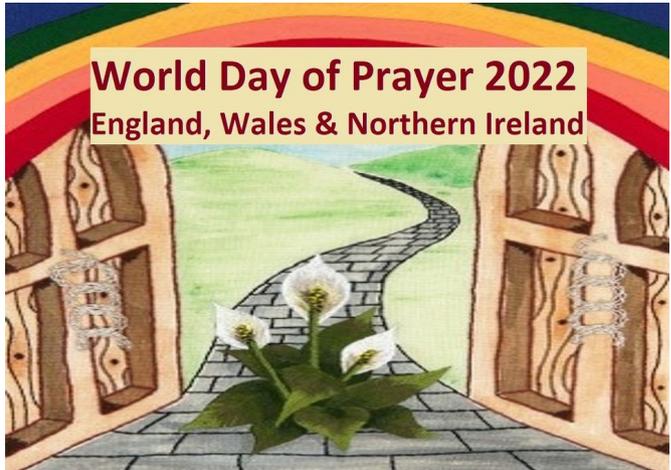
As part of the Hall Renovation project we will be storing some of the church pews in the containers you will see sited on either side of our church. The idea is that the activities that would normally take place in the hall will be accommodated in the Church while the Hall is out of action.

So don't be surprised if you find Eriko from L'Ecole de Danse in the hall on weekday afternoons.

Eriko has been a faithful hall user for many years and as good landlords we are keen to look after her needs while the Hall is out of commission.

Similarly our youth groups will meet in the Church on Friday nights.

It is hoped that this temporary arrangement may break down some of the reservations that the wider community may have about coming into the church and who knows it may help coax at least some of them to join us on a Sunday morning!



**World Day of Prayer 2022**  
England, Wales & Northern Ireland

**World Day of Prayer**  
at Holy Trinity Church  
**Friday 4 March 2022**  
**10am**

"I Know the Plans I Have for You"  
England, Wales and Northern Ireland – 2022  
World Day of Prayer  
Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action

## Youth Ministry

We are excited to be starting another year of Youth Ministry here at Holy Trinity.

The youth will be meeting from 7.30pm-9pm for the first half of the term at the Church (with the exception of two offsite events). Please encourage your young people to join us and bring their friends!



In place of an Easter Camp we will also run some special activities for the youth over Good Friday and Easter Saturday (details tba), as well as joining in with Easter Celebrations.

There will also be a special programme in the Term 2 Holidays for Year 6-8. Tuesday 26 April—Friday 29 April, 9am-12pm. We hope this programme will give us an opportunity to minister to the particular needs of this age group, have fun, and strengthen the foundation of our Intermediates ministry (details tba).

**Liam White**  
Youth Pastor

## HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

### TERM 1

11 FEB  
MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES

18 FEB  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT NARROW NECK

25 FEB  
TYE DYE NIGHT

4 MAR  
LASERFORCE

11 MARCH  
KAHOOT!

18 MARCH  
WORSHIP



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## Farewell Francesca!

It has been a pleasure to have Francesca on the team in 2021. The considerable professional youth-work experience she brought was a great gift to the young people of Holy Trinity.



She leaves us to continue her ministry to young people with the Spirit of Adventure Trust and Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand.

Fair winds and following seas

## Farewell Maia!

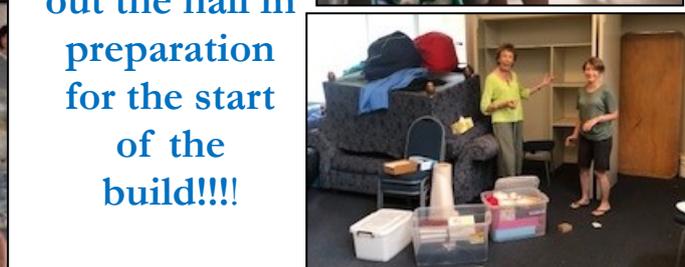
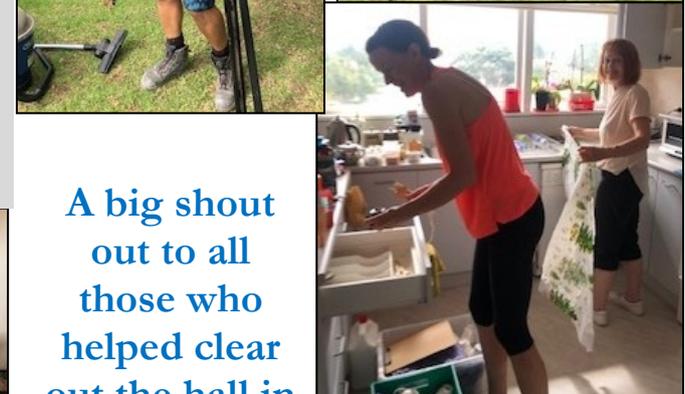
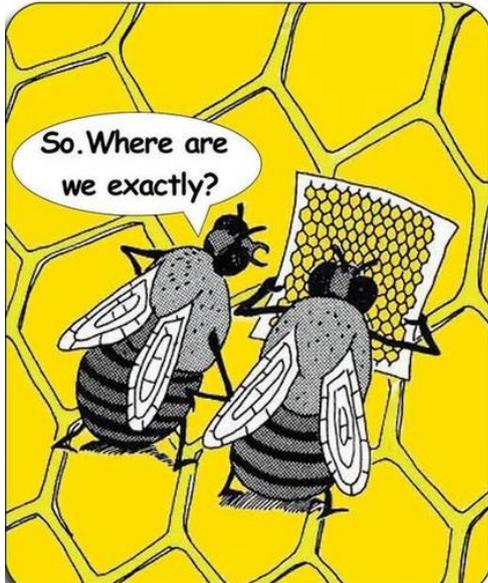
At the end of 2021 we had to say goodbye to the wonderful Maia Brown who has faithfully served our youth ministry for the past two years, and who also held a leadership position in 2018/2019.

Maia is moving to Christchurch with her fiancé Alex. She will be continuing her studies at Canterbury University.

Go well Maia!



## Building for the Future



### Time Line

- **5th February** Working bee to clear out the Hall.
- **13th February** Blessing of the site in preparation for Renovations.
- **16th February** Containers arrived on site ready for pews to be moved into.
- **23rd February** Construction Period commences.

### A curious find.

In the course of our renovations we discovered this silver tankard dated 1936 under the hall in a little suitcase marked pins and clips. If you can shed any light on this find we would love to hear from you. The inscription reads:

*Bermuda Amateur Golfing Championships.*



A big shout out to all those who helped clear out the hall in preparation for the start of the build!!!!



On Sunday 13th February we celebrated **Welcome Back Sunday**. We took the opportunity to mark the official commencement of the Hall Refurbishment by blessing the site and the children had a lot of fun and delighted us all as they turned the sods to mark the commencement of the project. Our Archdeacon Carole Hughes attended the service. She reminded us that we had a Taonga in the Hall and commended us for preserving this facility and making it fit for purpose for future generations.



It is expected that the project will be largely completed by the end of 2022.

Please keep the project in your prayers.



Donations to the Hall Redevelopment can be made by

Internet Bank transfer direct to the Holy Trinity Hall Account. The Account number is **020136 0017653 097**

*Gifts to the Hall Redevelopment Fund are tax deductible*



The Parish of Devonport  
will hold its

Annual General Meeting and  
Vestry Elections  
on Sunday 27th March  
at 11.15am  
in the Parish Hall.

*This meeting is open to all those who  
have attended our church services on  
a regular basis over the past 6*

**What is vestry?**

Vestry is the elected governance body of the Parish.

Together with the Vicar, the Vestry has the responsibility for all aspects of Parish life: ministry, fabric, administration and finances. It 'macro manages' the Parish and has the ultimate responsibility for the affairs of the Ministry Unit. It also provides the necessary leadership to ensure that the goals and growth of the Ministry Unit are achieved. Together with Vicar and the Church Wardens, Vestry acts jointly to exercise management of Ministry Unit's affairs in order to promote the spiritual welfare of the Parish; the mission of the Church and the financial viability of the Unit.

It ensures that the monthly financial accounts are received and carefully scrutinised.

**Who can be on the Vestry**

Baptised, and enrolled members of the Parish who have demonstrated that they have a 'heart' for the life of the Parish and who support its mission and vision. There is no age restriction.

**When and how often does Vestry meet?**

Currently, Vestry meets the second Tuesday of every month apart from January. It meets in the Parish Lounge from 7.30pm and aims to conclude business by 10pm.

**Holy Week and Easter Services**



*Come Worship With Us!*

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Sunday 10th April  
8am & 9.30am Services



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
14th April  
Communion Service at 7pm  
*Remembering the Last Supper  
Stripping the Church  
Hand or foot washing*



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
15th April 10am online Ecumenical Service  
Please note there will be no Procession up the Hill this year.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE CROSS**  
Service 2pm—3pm  
at Holy Trinity

There they crucified him,  
and with him two others,  
one on either side,  
with Jesus between them.  
John 19:18



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
17th April  
6.30am Sunrise Service at Balmain Reserve  
8am Eucharist at Holy Trinity  
9.30am Contemporary All Age Communion

