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The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

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From Rev'd Warren Watson's Desk



'Lead Like Jesus'

Ken Blanchard, wrote a book on leadership called *The One Minute Manager* that has sold over 13 millions copies. After his success Blanchard began to think about God. He went straight to the Gospels. He wanted to know who Jesus was and what Jesus did. Blanchard was blown away by the way Jesus transformed twelve ordinary people into the first generation of leaders of a movement that affected the course of world history over 2,000 years. Blanchard saw that everything he had ever written about effective leadership, Jesus had already done so much better than he could. Jesus gives a great leadership model to follow, be it spiritual or secular. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on his final journey in Matthew 21 v 1-17, there are three characteristics to help us all to 'Lead like Jesus.'

1. Lead from who you are more than your position, verse 3. Jesus' authority didn't come from having a high position in some hierarchy. It simply came from who he was as a person. Jesus never had to make threats or promises. Be who you are, comfortable in your own skin, a beloved and special child of God.
2. Be gentle and unassuming verse 5. The word used about Jesus in verse 5 is 'Gentle.' In the original Greek the word means 'considerate, unassuming.' It is the opposite of aggressive or self-seeking. This is not a characteristic of leadership that the world expects yet it is attractive and powerful.
3. Make prayer your number one priority verse 13. Jesus was committed and passionate about prayer. Throughout the Gospels we read about Jesus withdrawing to quiet places to be on his own with God. This was the source of his strength.

Footnote and prayer: In a few weeks there will be a general election. We are urged to pray: 'I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.' 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

And a prayer to pray: "Father, we lift our leaders up to you today. Draw them close to Yourself, Your wisdom and Your ways through Your grace. We ask that You would help them in making decisions that align with what You would like to accomplish in Your will and Your plan. Amen."

MEET OUR 2023 VESTRY TEAM



Emily Morrow—Vicar's Warden

"Having been involved in Holy Trinity now for six years, I so enjoy the church and the church community. It has become a very important part of my husband Paul and my lives. Although our background is as Quakers, and I am a lawyer by training, we enjoy being Anglicans. I am currently enrolled in the Masters of Counselling degree programme at the University of Auckland. Currently, I serve as the Vicar's Warden, am on vestry and am involved with the newly formed church hall usage committee. I see the church hall redevelopment as a very important new phase in the process of more fully integrating Holy Trinity, as a faith community, with the larger Devonport community."



Alastair de Raadt People's Warden

Hi everyone. Fiona and I along with our three children have been attending Holy Trinity Devonport since 2010. I have been on Vestry for five or six years and have been People's Warden for four years. My day job is as General Manager of Zeagold Foods, New Zealand's largest egg producer. I greatly enjoy the fellowship of the Holy Trinity community and value the opportunity to serve. It's very exciting for our Church to be entering a new period of growth and development with both a new Vicar on board later this year, and our redeveloped hall opening this month.

Kia ora koutou. I'm **Caroline Wishart**. I started coming to Holy Trinity when my daughters were small – they're now 20 and 23! It's joyous to be part of this growing community and appreciate so many family life journeys. I work full time in a corporate role in the city and am married to a Naval Engineer - life is full. This is my second year as a Vestry member and it's great to work with experienced and new members. Looking forward to welcoming Chris, Verity and family in a few months time!



The role of the Vestry is oversight, governance, policy-making, leadership and stewardship of the Parish.

The Vestry has overall responsibility for the life of the Parish, giving leadership to set strategy and ensure strategic goals are met. Vestry also has responsibility for stewardship (caring, growing, developing) of the buildings and finances, and for Health and Safety policies.



My name is **Rosemary Erlam** and I moved to Devonport one Saturday eight years ago, went to Holy Trinity for the first time the following day and have been coming ever since! I love walking to Holy Trinity and living in the same community as where I attend church (a first for me in NZ).

During the week I work at the Faculty of Education - my job there is to give teachers the skills to teach students that they have in their classes for whom English is a second or additional language.



Hello, I'm **Vikashni Moore**, 42-year-old Fijian, lived in Auckland for over a decade, and new on vestry. I am currently doing a PhD on the topic of refugees, identity, and employment. I also do Human Resources (HR) consulting, mostly in the not-for-

profit sector, having led HR departments in large organisations, including Fiji's national airline. I have a Masters degree in HR from Auckland University of Technology, where I have taught undergraduate HR and management papers. Mike (my husband) and I share a passion for social justice, diversity, inclusion, and caring for the vulnerable. A convert to Christianity, I have been a youth ministry leader, carried out mission work, led Bible study groups, and served on the leadership committee at our last church. I enjoy the style of worship at Holy Trinity, which strikes a balance between my Pentecostal and Mike's Catholic backgrounds. Grounded in the belief that leadership is about service, I will endeavour to serve our parish to the best of my ability.

I am a Missionary Kid born in the Amazon region of Brazil to Scottish parents. I did my Psychology undergraduate and doctoral studies at Aberdeen University in Scotland before moving to Vancouver/Canada to study Theology at Regent College. I moved to Auckland 13 years ago to take up the role of Senior Lecturer in Counselling in the Bachelor of Counselling degree at Laidlaw College, which I left in 2018.

I am a counsellor in private practice here in Devonport as well as offering clinical supervision, professional development training to counsellors and mental health practitioners, as well as adjunct lecturing and running retreats. I have enjoyed getting to know the whanau at Holy Trinity and value being able to worship in my local community.

I have two adult daughters, one of whom lives in Auckland and the youngest one who is moving back to Vancouver.

Nga mihi nui,
Ruth Lawson-McConnell



Hello, I'm **Michael Walker**.

I've been at Holy Trinity my whole life, having enjoyed growing up through the Sunday School and Youth Group, and then being a youth leader.

Currently I serve in the Worship Teams, on Vestry and as a **Synod Representative**. I'm an avid mountain biker and will be found on the trails most weekends!



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING
OUR NEW VICAR,
REV'D CHRIS MURPHY
and his FAMILY

at an

Induction Service

By the Bishop of Auckland Rt Rev'd Ross Bay
Tuesday November 21 at 7.30pm at HT



Hi, I'm **Jean McQueen**. I was born in Devonport and have lived in Devonport and attended Holy Trinity since 1998. Duncan and I have three adult children and a boxer dog.

I have been on Vestry for six years, first as Peoples Warden and then as Synod rep since 2020. I have been a member of the Property committee for the hall renovation and development for the past six years and therefore very excited to see it completed.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

A Time to Reflect and Reassess

To our Church Family

1) To our **radiant volunteers**, you are the unsung heroes of our church. Your selfless devotion makes our community shine brighter than stained glass on a sunlit morning.

2) To those who tirelessly grace **our rosters**, you are the rhythmic heartbeat that keeps us in tune. Your commitment ensures that our services flow seamlessly, our buildings remain pristine and our grounds well kept, working like a well-rehearsed symphony.

3) To the generous souls who **give so freely**, your contributions are the bricks that build the foundation of our faith. With your support, we stand strong, unshaken by the storms that may come.

4) To the **faithful attendees** of our services, your presence warms our pews and fills our hearts with joy. You transform our gatherings into a tapestry of unity and love.

Together, you form the threads that weave the fabric of our congregation. Each thread, unique and irreplaceable, creates a masterpiece that celebrates the spirit of togetherness. Your dedication is not only appreciated, it's celebrated.

*In this chapter of our shared journey,
let us continue to shine brightly,
laugh heartily, and walk hand in hand.
Your presence is a gift, and we are forever
grateful for your unwavering commitment.*

You are invited to join us at A Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Holy Trinity Hall

With the Bishop of Auckland Rt Rev'd Ross Bay

Sunday September 17 at 3pm
followed by light refreshments

Please RSVP to the office
for catering purposes.
admin@holym Trinity.gen.nz



To everyone involved in the Hall Renovation Project

We tip our hats and raise our hammers to you, the unstoppable force behind our church hall's magnificent transformation. In the grand saga of our 100-year-old hall's revival, your dedication has been nothing short of legendary.

To the fearless **fund-raising committee**, your financial acrobatics would leave even the most talented tightrope walker envious. You turned donations into dreams and pledges into a palace. Bravo and keep up the good work!

To the intrepid **property committee**, you navigated through a maze of blueprints and permits like seasoned explorers, uncovering solutions with the precision of a master puzzle solver. You turned chaos into order, and we're forever indebted.

To the valiant **church wardens** who battled daily with dual roles, transforming from job jugglers by day to church champions by night, your tireless efforts are awe-inspiring. You've shown us the true meaning of commitment.

And to our incredible **client representative**, who somehow managed to juggle his own full-time job while masterfully steering our ship through the tempestuous waters of construction, we salute you for turning challenges into stepping stones.

Together, you defied the odds, vanquished Covid's unwelcome intrusion, and danced gracefully with the unpredictable tango of cost increases and labour shortages. You transformed a century-old relic into a resplendent jewel, a testament to human determination and collective spirit.

As we gather within these revitalised walls, we're not just entering a renovated space; we're stepping into a masterpiece crafted by your hands, your hearts, and your unyielding dedication.

*May the echoes of your laughter, resilience,
and triumph reverberate through these hallowed halls
for generations to come.*

*You've built more than a building; you've constructed
a legacy, and we couldn't be prouder.*

Thank you!!

If you would like to join our family of givers,
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