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**ST CHAD'S  
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH  
A WARM WELCOME  
TO OUR  
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
11.30 AM  
25th FEBRUARY 2018  
AT ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

As many of you read this today you will be sitting in St Patrick's - doubtless looking around and admiring what will be our "worship home" for the next few months. Alas Carolyn and I will not be with you for the first couple of services at St Patrick's as Carolyn is taking a wedding in the Bay of Islands on 24th February and on 4th March we will be embarking on the first of 6 days in the saddle as we commence our ride from the "Alps to the Ocean"! It goes without saying that we have been adding a few extra prayers for fair weather for both of these events! Carolyn is still marvelling at the fact that she agreed to do the bike ride! I did point out to her that it is "alps to ocean" and not "ocean to alps" - which should make it a lot easier - though I am pretty sure it won't be a freewheel from Tekapo to Oamaru! Hopefully we will still be able to walk when we see you all on the 11th!

We had hoped that work would be starting bright and early on Monday 26th though some initial 'contractual hiccups' have resulted in a slight delay to the start. Hopefully we will catch up any lost time over the coming months and the delays now will have been proven worthwhile by the time we come to the end of the process. We both commented as we left St Chad's on Sunday 18th that we did so with an element of fear and excitement! Fear in that we hope we don't uncover any nasty problems when the work begins and excitement because we truly feel that we will return to a wonderful "new" building in which we will be even better able to praise God and bring his Good News to the people of Huapai and surroundings. Our thanks again to our friends at St Patrick's for their generosity in providing a home for us over the next few months.

*Colin Newel*

**St Chad's Regular Worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at St Patrick's**

**Except for the 3rd Sunday in the month which will be**

**THE ALL AGE SERVICE**

**Our next service: Worship with Holy Communion**

**Sunday 4th March at 10.00 am**

#### **SUE SAYS:**

"Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow  
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead  
Walk beside me... just be my friend"

So . . . We are on the move—for how long? It will be so exciting to return to our own home church and see what has been done. We wish everyone God's speed and help over all the difficulties which no doubt will show up. It is a tribute to church unity that St Patrick's Catholic church is offering us a temporary home and coordinating times of service.

For the church year, the climax is actually Easter. And Lent is the season that builds up to that climax. It is a time to think about the events in Jesus' life from his temptation to his death on a cross and look forward to the excitement of the resurrection. These are events that are hard to just look at from the outside. We get drawn into them. As Christ was tested - so are we. As Christ conquered death - so may we.

We get so busy and tied up with our daily round of events that we seldom stop to think about the big questions. Lent is an appropriate time to step aside for a season and consider: What's it all about? What's going on in my life? Where do I belong? To whom do I belong?

Why do some things happen in my life? What am I being shown. Good and bad as far as I am concerned. But I take comfort from my favourite verses from Psalm 23. Very special. The Lord is my shepherd and when one sheep was missing from the flock he went out to find it and brought it back. I also take comfort in believing that the Lord will not give me more to bare than he gives me the strength to cope with it. He is God of all in one way or another. He must have a good admin system to sort it all out and a willing support team!

Perhaps it is the little things that we sometimes miss. When we are feeling down and really can't cope with some trouble, it is when we look back and realise how we were in the Lord's care. Maybe just a phone call from a friend, or someone calls in for a cuppa, or someone says something to make you feel that what you do is appreciated.

Our planet seems in turmoil and the people of the world are not at peace with each other. We live in a beautiful country, with it's ups and downs. But it is hard, when you look at the beauty around you, **not** to believe in God and that this isn't the end. I can't believe, as many do, that we die and are buried and that is it. There has to be more . .

Now I see through a glass darkly, but one day I will know as I am known.

*From Taking Flight and 2 Corinthians + SR*

**READINGS FOR TODAY**  
**ROMANS 4: 13-24**  
**Mark 8: 31-38**



**PLEASE JOIN IN  
FELLOWSHIP AND  
REFRESHMENT  
AFTER THE SERVICE**

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

**We ask for your prayers – that God who knows each person or situation, may bless each one according to their needs.**

Bishop Ross Bay: Bishop Jim White: Rev. Marilyn Welch: Rev. Chris Harris: Marston would welcome your prayers, but no visitors. Rosemary needs prayer to bring her back to full health and would welcome phone calls and visitors.

**Dear Lord, we also bring to you others who we know in our hearts and we pray that you will look with mercy and grace upon our needs.**

We would appreciate it if you would let Maureen— Pastoral Care Co-ordinator of anyone needing prayer. (tel: 021 1150598)

<b>THE OP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED</b>	<b>FROM THE WEEKEND 18th February 2018</b>
<b>SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S</b>	<b>1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am</b>
	<b>2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am</b>

## **SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S**

**1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am**

**2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am**

**Friday 2nd March**

**1st Sunday 4th March**

**Wednesday 7th March**

**2nd Sunday 11th March**

**Wednesday 14th March**

**3rd Sunday 18th March**

**4th Sunday 25th March**

**World Day of Prayer Service**

**Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am**

**Women's Fellowship 7.30 pm**

**Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am**

**St Chad's Church Council**

**All Age Service 10.00 am**

**Worship with Holy Comunion 11.30am**

I have just received a copy of the **InterChurch Bioethics Council Submission to the Justice Select Committee of Parliament** on MP David Seymour's Bill on Euthanasia/Assisted Dying and have found it most helpful in clarifying my own thoughts, and stance, on this issue. (The ICBC is an ecumenical, cross-cultural body supported by the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Aotearoa, New Zealand. Its role is to increase the knowledge and understanding of church members and the wider community, of the spiritual, ethical and cultural issues connected to biotechnology and related issues, and enable and encourage citizens to take action on their own behalf on these issues. ICBC members have between them considerable expertise and knowledge in science, ethics, theology, medicine and education.) If any would like a copy, please let me have your E-mail address and I'll be pleased to send it on. (My E-mail: [huttoft@xtra.co.nz](mailto:huttoft@xtra.co.nz)). It is a lengthy, and very detailed statement – or I would print it out. As far as I can tell, it is balanced, unprejudiced, and comprehensive.

*Peter Stead*