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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

Less formal non communion service

Our next service: Worship - Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd June 10.00 am at St Patrick's

SUE SAYS: At least we get some things right. The American Bishop who gave the address at The Wedding, preached about Love (and fire). The only way to bring Peace to the World.



**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR 11.30 am SERVICE
27th MAY 2018
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Today we have two events to celebrate -

Trinity Sunday - which is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. Unlike other festivals of the church, which commemorate historical events, Trinity Sunday is concerned with a theological concept. It began in the tenth century as a celebration of the Christian doctrine of the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, known together as the Trinity.

Wesley Day - Churches of the Wesleyan tradition celebrate Wesley Day on either the Sunday closest to 24 May or the Sunday preceding. Also known as **Aldersgate Day** 24 May was the day on which John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, had his life-changing experience at a meeting on Aldersgate Street, London in 1738. He wrote in his journal:

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given to me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

(Referenced from "Taking Flight" 27 May 2018)
Gwen Roberts

Today we give thanks and praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We can quickly tie ourselves in knots if we try to simply explain the Trinity in a rational manner. Because of the difficulty in definition, the church talks about the “mystery” of the Trinity. In so doing we use the term mystery with a meaning slightly different from its secular uses where it stands for a riddle or, in literature, a puzzling crime. What we do mean is that there are things at the heart of our faith that are beyond our human comprehension. There is a sense in which we only grasp the nature of God and his purposes through faith, and enter into them through worship. In this sense it has been said that the mystery of God is not a barrier blocking us out, but a sea in which we can swim.

Much of the faith of the First Testament is in the God who is not only mysterious but transcendent and unapproachable. But the New Testament reveals another picture. Something different happened in the coming of Jesus. God was revealed in a human face. Jesus walked among ordinary people, offering friendship and forgiveness. So when the Pharisee, Nicodemus, came to Jesus by night, Jesus was able to explain, “God’s Spirit can change you into a child of God” (John 3.6). Jesus is now explaining a relationship with God in family terms. Then, later on in John’s gospel, Jesus said to his followers, “I don’t speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends” (John 15.15). This is just what we need. In Jesus, who is the human face of God, we can come close. God is transcendent and Almighty – yes! But God draws near to us in the person of Jesus. We are called into an intimate relationship with God. God is our Father. Jesus is our friend.

*Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer*

Edited from Taking Flight SR

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 is now in hospital. She is needing complete rest, so NO visitors please—family only. She is in good hands, so please continue your thoughts and prayers.

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)

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

SERVICES AT ST PATRICK’S

1st Sunday 3rd June	Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am
2nd Sunday 10th June	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am
3rd Sunday 17th June	Worship—no communion 10.00 am
4th Sunday 24th June	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am



Diocesan News

The Anglican Diocese of Auckland emails a monthly e-news to churches. These e-newsletters contain a number of items that could be of interest to the wider church, so in future we plan to send these to all members of St Chads. There is also a regular Diocesan Video Clip, usually featuring Bishop Ross, which will also be emailed out.

SERVICE READINGS THIS WEEK.

Isaiah 6: 1-8 or
Psalm 29 or
Romans 8: 12-17



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TOGETHER
FOR MORNING TEA**