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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— no communion**

**At 10.00 am**

**SUE SAYS:** Prayer is talking with God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart.



**ST CHAD'S  
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH  
A WARM WELCOME**

**TO OUR 11.30 am SERVICE**

**15th JULY 2018**

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**We are called to tolerance and understanding:**

At the outset I want to point out that my theological view is that the Christian faith is an evolving process which leads to changes in our beliefs as a result of ongoing faith revelations.

Therefore, as Christians, I believe we are called to respect and to show tolerance towards those who hold differing views from our own in regard to religious issues. I was prompted to write on this subject after re-reading some newspaper reports, comment by Church authorities and letters to the editor at the time that civil unions were legislated in New Zealand in 2004. One Anglican priest stirred up some controversy at the time calling for a radical change in the Church's attitude to civil unions in the hope it would stop a "cold war" that was creating a schism within the church. He believed conservative and reformist elements were pulling against one another in most of the Protestant churches and also in the Catholic Church to an extent. His comments drew a flood of correspondence, most of it critical and some quite vitriolic. It would be interesting to know what percentage of the critics who expressed such strong views in opposition would still be critical of civil unions today.

Presently, there is a weekly program called "I am" running on TV." Each week it relates the story of someone who has a life affecting condition e.g. Aspergers syndrome, and the extreme difficulties it has presented them in trying to live in our society. The fact that they are different from the normal person seems to generate a prejudice although in most cases it is just a simple lack of understanding by the observers.

So an important part of our Christian witness is to show tolerance and understanding – accepting that others may have a different point of view from our own – that they may have a different theology – that they may hold a position at the other extreme from ours on the conservative/liberal spectrum.

A fitting conclusion comes from a letter supporting the priest's stand - "Jesus Christ, a poor Jewish carpenter, preached love, understanding, compassion and forgiveness and particularly embraced the poor and those on the fringes of or outside of society."

Richard Roberts.

In 2016 The Mission to Seafarers celebrated 160 years of caring for those who spend their lives at sea. Since 1856 it has been an integral part of the outreach of the Church of England and of the whole Anglican Communion. 160 may not be one of the “big ones” in terms of anniversaries but it is a venerable age and a good time both to reflect on the past and look to the future. The Bible is packed with stories about people setting out on journeys. Abraham is called to leave his home and his people and set out on a journey to a new land. The story is full of hope and promise but the length and outcome of the journey are uncertain. Mary and Joseph set out for Bethlehem. The disciples are sent on a missionary adventure which involves leaving so much behind. “Take nothing for the journey, no stick, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic.” (Luke 9:3) Jesus sets out for Jerusalem. None of these journeys would be easy but the promise behind all of them is of future hope and blessing. Our Gospel, that Good Samaritan story so familiar to us all, speaks of some of the perils of journeying and of the life-changing impact of hospitality and love shown by strangers to those far from home. Today we give thanks for the work and inspiration of The Mission to Seafarers and its founder, Revd John Ashley, and for all who have heard God’s call to build his kingdom amongst seafarers and who have stepped out in faith, not knowing quite where the journey might lead. They have all been integral to the Mission’s long story. They realised that it was a journey that would bring many difficulties and challenges, but they were clear that it was one inspired by the God who would travel with them. The Mission started in a small way with its work in the Bristol Channel but now delivers its ministry in over 200 ports in 50 countries. As in the parable of Jesus, the small “mustard seed” planted 160 years ago has become a tree in whose branches countless seafarers have been able to find shelter. The Mission’s famous “flying angel” logo, reminding us of our fundamental mission commitment to share the love of God revealed in Jesus across the world, is respected by seafarers everywhere. When the Mission set out in faith on its 160 year journey there was no knowing where it might end. We believe, however, that like so many of those earlier Bible journeys, it is one which has brought abundant life and blessing to generations of seafarers. All biblical travellers, from Abraham through to Paul and beyond, knew very well the perils and hardships of land and sea. Today we may travel very differently and usually in greater comfort, but many of the challenges are similar to those of long ago. Journeys often take us far from family and friends and from all that is familiar – they can be lonely. They can take us through, or to, remote and inhospitable places. They are often complicated by language and communication difficulties. Journeys will often involve uncertainty, discomfort, delay and even danger. The 160 year story of The Mission to Seafarers has been focused on one particular group of travellers who know all these things so well. There are around 1.5 million seafarers and many more if you include those involved in fishing. We are all absolutely dependent on their efforts, although so few of us these days seem aware of the fact that over 90% of those things that sustain our daily lives come by sea. Medicines, food, fuel, cars, machinery, furniture, computers, raw materials; all reach our shores by ship.

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
or Psalm 24  
or Ephesians 1: 3-14

## 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 remains in hospital. She is progressing, and is in good hands. So please continue your thoughts and prayers.

Hilary is now at home, which she is very happy about, after 4 weeks in hospital. She is a bit stiff but moving around with a lower walker. The pain medication is being reduced. There is such a long waiting list to have the valve repair done that there is no sense in staying hospital any longer. Please keep her in your 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
<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

4th Sunday 22nd July	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am
5th Sunday 29th July	Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am
1st Sunday 5th August	Worship with Holy Communion 10.00 am
2nd Sunday 12th August	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am
3rd Sunday 19th August	Worship—no communion 10.00 am
4th Sunday 26th August	Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am

**HOME GROUP** meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. Please contact Paul Haines (021-761367) for more information



I think we have all been praying for those young boys and their coach trapped under ground, and for their families. It is wonderful to see how many people from many different parts of the world are working together—risking their lives. By the time you read this we will know the outcome.

I pray that God will open the eyes of the world so that all the horror and hardship can be resolved and man can live beside man in peace.

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**Please join together after the Service for Togetherness and Refreshments**

