### Regular Services in the Parish

**Gore**  
Sundays  8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Eucharist  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  9.00am Morning Prayer  
Wednesday  9.30am Holy Communion  
**Parata**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays  11.00am Holy Communion  
**Riversdale**  
1st Sunday  9.30am Holy Communion  
**Tapanui at West Otago Community Centre**  
3rd Wednesday bi-monthly  2.00pm (October/December)  
**Waikaka at Pat Childs residence**  
1st Wednesday  7.30pm Holy Communion  

*All other services are listed in the weekly pew sheet*

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### Contacts in the Parish

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|                       |                           | 027 267 0030                          |
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|                       |                           | or 03 208 9877                         |
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|                       |                           | 021 029 51283                          |
| Parata Chaplain       | Lois Shallard             | 03 202 5859  
|                       |                           | 027 617 2215                          |
| Vicar’s Warden        | Patricia Tytler           | 03 208 5684                           |
| People’s Warden       | Eleanor Groves            | 03 208 4027                           |
| Parish Recorder       | Eleanor Groves            | 03 208 4027                           |
| Music                 | Rosemary Van Uden         | 03 208 4559                           |
| Hospitality           | Robin Speden              | 03 208 3548                           |
| Riversdale            | Lois Shallard             | 03 202 5859                           |
|                       | Hilary Riordan            | 03 202 5886                           |

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July 2019

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Holy Trinity Gore,  
St Mark’s Riversdale  
Mataura, Tapanui,  
Waikaka

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Our Vicar writes

Let’s talk about money!! No, please don’t throw this magazine into the bin; read it and give it some careful consideration.

As I write this, the wind is blowing, but the sun is shining. Two nights ago we had a decent frost and a cold, albeit clear day and yesterday was warmer with a lovely warm night. I drove into Gore at 11:15pm and the temperature was 12 deg—pretty warm for a winter night in Southland. Cold, warm, rain, sunshine—that’s Southland weather for you! Always changing, always interesting. A bit like life really. The one certainty of life is that things will change. We don’t always like the change and it is how we adapt to the change that goes a long way to determining our quality of life.

The religious landscape has altered dramatically in the last 30 years or so. People have migrated from the rural areas to the city, shopping is done on Sundays and many children play sport on Sundays as well. This has meant that parents and grand-parents have had to decide whether to go to church on Sunday or to support their children and grand-children.

The advent of secular celebrants and funeral home chapels has meant that people now have options about where to have a marriage service or a funeral service. Parents no longer set a premium on having their children baptised and so congregations have dwindled and churches have been closed and the buildings sold. I know that there are many other reasons for this happening as well.

The fact is that many churches today are struggling to keep the lights on and the doors open. To close a church is a painful process and causes a lot of hurt and sadness. I have listened to the lament of people who valiantly keep going whilst facing the inevitable. A parishioner of one of our rural churches recently told me that she was worried about the church not being there when it came time for her funeral. She had been a member of that particular church for over 50 years and desperately wants to be buried from it one day. This sentiment is echoed by many people that I have had conversations with. They want their children married in the church that they were baptised/christened in, they want the family to be married in the same church and they want their own funeral to be in the same church.
Association of Anglican Women meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Narthex

The Annual Quiz was held at our June meeting with questions asked from various categories including General Knowledge, Royal family, Gore and Southland.

Our winners were Alison Crawford and Aureen Schroder 1st equal with Trish Tytler 3rd. Thanks to the quizmasters Ngaire Cox and Eleanor Groves

The Annual Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner for the Archdeaconry was hosted at Holy Trinity on Saturday 29 June and attended by members from Dunedin, Gore and Invercargill, including our Diocesan President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain

I preached at one of our rural parishes a few weeks ago. I was told that they had been facing closure because of a lack of membership and finances, but once the word got out that the process to close up and sell the building was about to begin, the community rallied around to offer the financial support that was/is needed. They only have 4 services a year, but they have the peace of mind knowing that baptisms, funerals and weddings can be planned in the church that they have known all of their lives.

One of our farmers recently told me that whilst it is not possible for people on farms to ‘put their bums on pews’ due to farming and other commitments, many of them do not want their parish church to close down. So how do we ensure that we will be here when needed? The answer is pretty simple—if a community wants the church to be there when they need it, then they need to give it the necessary financial support to make this possible.

Holy Trinity in Gore is a case in point. The financial graph is pointing in the right direction, but we still run at a substantial loss. The reality is that within a few years a decision will have to be made whether or not to close the door and sell up. St Marks in Riversdale is facing the same decision as are other churches scattered around Southland.

I wish that all of you who are reading this magazine would come to church if you are able to do so, but I know that there are many legitimate reasons why this is not possible. This is a fact of life and a part of our changing landscape. However, should you wish to have the church around for those important milestones of baptism, weddings and funerals, then you need to help us by supporting us financially.

Giving to the church is a part of worship. God asks that we be faithful in this. I quote Malachi 3:10 “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” This is the only time when God says that we are to put him to the test—give your tithe to the church and God will return the blessing. This is what St Paul writes about giving to the church—I quote from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

The church on the front cover is now a gift shop — we don’t want this to happen to us and don’t want to disappear from this landscape. We want to be here for you whenever you need us and will help you in whatever way we can. Let us partner in keeping the lights on, the door open and looking out for each other.

Gary

From Parata

Parata is privileged to have been chosen by three Year 12 St Peter’s College students to be part of their Religious Education ‘service project’. Residents have enjoyed the company of Egan, Taylah and Jessica over the last few weeks.

Jessica Clearwater reports:
‘This year the Year 12 students for Religious Education are doing a service project. Egan, Taylah and I chose every Tuesday for two hours for a six week period to come to Parata and interact with some residents. So far it has been a good learning opportunity and has given us a chance to create new relationships.’

To celebrate 100 years of Anglican Missions this year (2019) we have produced a new Mission Box. Ideal to put aside a few coins which will add up to a donation for missions.

There are some boxes are on the table in the Narthex and more can be ordered if required. These can be returned to the office (or placed in the plate) at anytime.

Canon Robert Kereopa and Michael Hartsfield from Anglican Missions will fly into Invercargill on Monday 9 September to spend time with people in Southland and Otago.
A Morning Tea gathering has been arranged to be held at Holy Trinity Narthex on Tuesday 10 September. All are welcome.
If anyone wishes to join the regular offertory system — either by envelopes or direct credit — please phone the Recorder, Eleanor Groves 208 4027

Note — Any cheques please make out to ‘The Parish of Gore & Districts’. Thanks

Tuesday on Trafford
Afternoon Tea for those who are retired or living alone on the first Tuesday of the month 3—4pm
It has been decided that for the winter months this will be served in the Narthex

If you know of any elderly folk in the community (don’t need to be Anglican) who would enjoy this please encourage them to come along.

Anyone willing to provide sandwiches or cakes/squares please phone Anne 2085235 or Trish 208 5684

Residential Homes Services
You are most welcome to join with the team taking services around the Rest Homes on a Sunday afternoon.

Our roster over the next period includes —

Resthaven and Parata Sunday 22 September (meet at Resthaven at 2.15pm)
Albany House and Windsor Park 20 October (meet at Albany House at 1.45pm)

Anyone interested in joining the Silver Cleaning or Sanctuary Rosters please contact Annette or Eleanor or the Flower roster contact Davina Prattley — to ask about what is involved.

As Parata approaches its 50th Trustees are placing great emphasis on maintenance and ensuring the facility is positioned to provide care for the next 50 years.

Parata has been very blessed with recent grants from the Dunedin Diocese to replace the heat pump in the Dining Room and to assist with redecoration of the Parata Day Centre. With the recent cold snap all at Parata are enjoying the benefits of the new heat pump.

Our Day Centre remains a vital community resource offering company, quality time with new friends and support for carers. Parata Day Care and the Centre has been operating for almost 25 years and plans are underway to give the Centre a much needed facelift.

Parata thanks all our wonderful volunteers, staff and friends who help make Parata the special place we are proud of. We were happy to host a Luncheon earlier in June to coincide with ‘Volunteer Week’ to show our volunteers just how much they are appreciated here at Parata and the part they play in making Parata a very special place.

All are welcome to join with the Communion service which is held at Parata on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11am.
Offers of volunteers to help out in various ways are always welcome. Call Parata on 208 6303

Vicar Gary lead Tuesday’s Communion Service and was joined by Egan, our amazing Chaplain Lois Shallard and a gathering of Parata Residents and Parata Village people
First up – the weather! The hot season started early this year, in March, regular power outages. Due to drought after a virtually non-existent cool season, and is now in full swing - with temps in the high 30s with a "real feel" of mid 40s - too hot and very draining! Very high humidity morning and evening adds to the discomfort, as do drought conditions in the country: there is insufficient water to generate enough power to meet the demand, so we have 6 hour power cuts most days. For me (Anne), the hospital has a generator, so at least we can use fans but not the air conditioner, unfortunately. Despite our best efforts, the temperature in our lounge at home reaches 35 degrees most days, so trying to achieve anything in the evenings or weekend afternoons is very difficult. We have been told the extreme heat and power cuts are likely to continue at least until the end of May......With this in mind, we bought a small secondhand generator and Anthony "wired" our house so we can choose to use some appliances in various rooms, depending on what we are doing when the power goes out.

At the hospital, things took an unexpected turn in March when Rachel, Anne’s assistant in the activity program, accepted a position in the main admin. office of the hospital. Great for Rachel, if not for Anne! Another new assistant, Kimleang, started work about a month later. Anne has worked with Kimleang before, in the first NGO they worked, in Battambang. This change of staff, along with a delay in completing the new classrooms at The Handa Academy, has postponed the move of the papermaking for now. In the meantime, Kimleang is learning about her role, including how to make paper!

Anthony and Sokhai, his translator, spent much of March preparing for a week-long training which they delivered to an NGO in Siem Reap in April. This was the first of four out-of-town trainings this year, one coming up later this month, then others in July and August. The training was well-received and Anthony reported that the group was engaged and it was a pleasure to work with them.

Anne had an unexpected time away in April when she had the opportunity of attending an Azmera Haven Women’s Retreat, in Bali, Indonesia, at relatively short notice. This was a real gift as most of the cost was met by sponsorship made available by American donors willing to
Trinity Sunday Images

April, because of Khmer New Year in the middle of the month, is the "silly season" here – a bit like Christmas at home. Everyone returns to their "homeland" – their birthplace, to celebrate with family and the country almost grinds to a halt for a couple of weeks. Yes, it happened again this year! Traffic is crazy around that time, so we didn’t venture out of Battambang this year, especially as New Year was squeezed in between the retreat for Anne and Anthony’s week of training in Siem Reap.

We are both continuing with Khmer language lessons again, twice a week for each of us. There really is nothing like it for keeping the grey matter ticking over!!!

Thank you once again for partnering with us in praise and prayer. Here are some pointers to help with this.

Pray for rain in Cambodia, to ease the drought and restore the power supply. Pray for a let-up in the heat too.
Praise God that a replacement for Rachel was found quickly.
Pray for Kimleang as she settles into the role.
Pray that the classrooms at The Handa Academy will be finished soon, so the papermaking project can move.
Praise God for successful social work trainings in Siem Reap.
Pray for Anthony and Sokhain as they prepare for the next round later this month.
Praise God that Anne was able to attend the Azmera Retreat recently.
Pray for focus and perseverance for both Anne and Anthony as they continue to study Khmer.
Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well, this update is a little overdue so apologies. The Social Work programme continues to do well with most of the workshops taking place in Siem Reap this year. I have had a great response from two NGO’s who want their Social Teams up-skilled and who support families and young people facing poverty and human trafficking.

New workshops are being developed regularly and the latest is a five day course which I call “Mental Health First Aid” it looks at the more common issues Cambodia faces as a result of the Khmer Rouge (Pol Pot), poverty and trafficking. Another is a three day workshop for training Social Work supervisors.

This year my translator and I have been to Siem Reap twice with two more trips planned, other training planned is with YWAM later in the year and working with three NGO’s from Battambang.

I have been asked to do a presentation at a conference in Phnom Penh later in the year but unfortunately I had to decline due to my workload in Battambang/Siem Reap.

Overall so far the training is going well and the new translator whose name is Sokhai is working out well. This year I don’t anticipate working with as many NGO’s as last year but more focused on working with five NGO’s in developing their skill.

I have attached a picture of our SR trips.(the new classrooms are converted shipping containers).

Anthony McCormick

From Anne and Anthony McCormick
14 June 2019

A tad tricky getting into our house after work today! With about a day’s notice we were told that our lane would be sealed, starting today! Trenches were dug literally against our front gate and stormwater pipes laid. Just waiting to see if we will be able to get our car in tonight or not......hope so, as we head to Thailand for 2 weeks tomorrow! Our car is safely parked back in our driveway after a digger arrived in the dark to move and flatten enough soil for Anthony to drive the car in! Only in Cambodia.....

Our support for Anne and Anthony McCormick, is by way of our sales table, donations and a Mission Evening during the year.

Our annual target is $1000 and runs from 1 November — 31 October

Thanks to all who support this.

The total to date (30 June) is $616.90

Renovations in the Vicarage

In order to comply with legal and Diocesan regulations, the Vicarage is currently undergoing some renovations including double glazing and a bathroom update. The underfloor and ceiling insulation was undertaken earlier this year.

The proceeds from the sale of St Saviours church, Mataura is being used to carry out this work.

From the Parish Registers

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