

MALVERN Parish

NEWSLETTER

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News from the Malvern Anglican and Malvern Co-operating Parishes



*Journeying Together in Faith, to Know,
Love and Serve our Lord Jesus Christ*

Warm Greetings to you all!

Let me start off with the theme for this month's catch up. The word can be singular and plural. Can you guess?

The word is STORY, translated into other languages, I wonder if you recognise the languages?: Kōrero, Talanoa, berättelse, Cerita, lyagio-, Storie, Historie, Sgeulachd, 이야기 발음,

The Season of Creation/September Month of the Trinity Fashion Show was such a fun event. The stories told by the 1minute Blurbs read by Presenters: Christine Anderson and Elizabeth Connor paid homage to the Models, Designers and stories of the outfits.

Categories Represented were: Children's, Vintage/Steam Punk Rock, Men's (1 Entry-Jesse a Chef Extraordinaire at Darfield Bakery), Evening Wear, Trash Fashion-Elizabeth Connor gratefully asked Julie Syme Kaikoura if we could possibly borrow some of her outfits. Julie said YES!!

So Rev. Martin Harrison and wife Pippa (I went to Fiji with them IRCA Conference in May) brought the 5 outfits down to Darfield as they were attending the Rural Churches conference and Martin was speaking. Elizabeth sourced the most amazing models and you will see 3 here. Julia-wearing a creation of curtain samples, Betty-an exquisite gown created by knitting video tapes and Margaret sashayed to the tune of Rod Stewart singing I am sailing wearing a Sea Feast Flag floaty gown! After the models all paraded out to "Build me up Buttercup", we all enjoyed a truly wonderful High Afternoon Tea-which thanks to Barbara had all the fine china cups, and lacy tablecloths.

Colossians 3:14-NIV And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Finally, Thank You to the Models and Designers of such a fun time at this year's Season of Creation Fashion show.

God Bless and much Love - Aunty Lyn

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Happy 90th Birthday to Julia's husband Barry,
Happy 93rd Birthday to Betty (middle) and Happy 95th Birthday to Margaret (Sea Feast Flag Gown)

Nau mai, Haere mai. Welcome,

The lambs are still gambolling in the paddocks. What a delight! (mind you some are getting quite big!) Sheep and lambs are metaphors used a lot in the Bible. Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd. The Good news if we are His sheep and He is the Shepherd then we know that He cares for us and even knows us by name. I don't mind being called a sheep in this context. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His Sheep and becomes the Lamb of God.

Sheep tend to grow fond of their shepherds, they can trust they look after their needs and consequently the Shepherd knows the needs of His sheep. We can hear His voice, and we are able to follow Him. He gives us eternal life because we are part of the flock.

One of my favourite theologians, Barbara Brown Taylor writes: "... so if sometimes you have trouble hearing the voice of your shepherd, be patient with yourself... because it is not a voice that always speaks in words... but it can usually be heard sometime between your getting up and your lying down each day, leading you beside the still waters, restoring your soul." (The Preaching Life, Barbara Brown Taylor, A Cowley Publications Book; USA, 1993).

What good words of encouragement! Let us follow that Good Shepherd always and remember it is OK to gambol!

Blessings, Alexa.



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The Malvern Anglican Parish had another successful fundraising day on Saturday, 20 September. In total, the fair raised around \$3,500 which is similar to last year.

2025 Spring Fair

We had lots of support from our parishioners both from MAP and the MCP, for which we are extremely grateful. The weather was bright and the blustery wind didn't worsen over the morning. We had more stalls than usual - we couldn't squeeze any more tables inside and there were 12 outdoor stalls, with a few new outdoor additions including two stalls for children and Darfield Menz Shed. Tremendous amounts of baking and preserves arrived from around the parish as usual, though plant donations were noticeably fewer than previous years. We also ran our sausage sizzle, books, puzzles and linen stalls.

For the first time, we made use of some teenage power—with help from Darfield High School sports students setting up on Friday and Darfield Scouts helped clean up and re-organise the furniture at the end. Thank you again to those who helped on the day or sent baking and plants to sell, but also to everyone who came and supported the event—**Alison Gray**



Elizabeth Blackburn modelling an outfit from Thailand. Taking a 3 day trek into the mountains and staying with the Karin people

Julia, parades a creation of elegance, creativity and excellent sewing and design skills

Presenter Elizabeth Connor. Seated Presenter Christine. 8 year old Princess Zoe- "Diana"



Top Left: Alison Crawford Amazing Pirate-can you imagine!!

Left: Cecilia joyfully walks to the tune of "Sweet Caroline"

TRINITY CHURCH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

MALVERN PARISH NOTICES WHAT'S ON ...



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Golden Oldies Trinity Church for Sunday afternoon Tea and Fellowship. 19 October at 2:00 pm. A special Quiz will be held! All welcome!!

Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meet every third Thursday. Please contact (Maureen Frew 021 106 6590) for details.

Darfield Home Group meet at 1:30 pm at Maureen Frew's home. This group of ladies meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Bible study, a short prayer time and a cuppa. It's a place to grow your faith, ask questions, get support. All welcome. (Maureen Frew 021 106 6590).

Café Hope meets at the St Ambrose Hall (behind the Anglican Church in Sheffield) at 10 am on the second Sunday of every month. All welcome.

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9:00 am in the Quiet room at Trinity Church.

Operation Cover-up Knitting Group meet at Trinity Chapel on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm to knit, get wool, discuss patterns, have a chat, and a cuppa. And it is nice to view the lovely garments that have been knitted. Ladies are most welcome to join the group. Any donations of wool are most acceptable.

Cuppa and Fellowship St Andrews of the Glen in Glentunnel. Hosted by the Malvern Co-operating Parish on a Friday once a month for coffee, chat, company, and connection. All welcome! Calendar for 2025: 24 October and 28 November. We do not charge for coffee & food but a gold coin donation/ koha would be appreciated.

In- Stitches Craft Group meeting 25 October and 22 November. Saturday 1-3 pm, Trinity Church, Darfield. Come and join us for some Christmas craft. Contact Alexa 021 181 9574.

INTRODUCING THE NEW MALVERN ANGLICAN PARISH LOGO



Malvern
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MAP invites families to
Messy Church
The "Light" Session

31 October

(An alternative to Halloween)

St. Ambrose Church Hall, Sheffield
5-7 pm

Food, Craft, Family Fun for all!

Dress up is very welcome.

Please RSVP by 27 October 2025
(for catering purposes and dietary needs)

Email: parishmalvern@gmail.com



IN MEMORIAM

*Please hold in prayer the
families and friends of:*

Hazel Hilda Frew (nee Voice)—29 July 2025

Elijah James Whetū Cullen Reid—6 August 2025

Robert Hugh Williams "Hugh"—18 August 2025

Jack Williams—16 September 2025

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine
upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful
departed ever rest in peace. Amen.*

SERVICE SCHEDULE 5 OCTOBER — 14 DECEMBER

Key: Anglican Services | MCP Services | Combined Churches Services

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER: 27th Sunday in OT 9:30am St Ambrose and St Peter's at St Ambrose Sheffield . 5:00pm St George's Kirwee . 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Family Church. Holy Communion. Blessing of the Animals Sunday	
SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER: 28th Sunday in OT 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Sunday School. 10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose Sheffield . Sunday School Room.	
SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER: 29th Sunday in OT 9:30am Trinity Darfield . 5:00pm St Ambrose Sheffield . 9:30am Greendale Church Greendale . 11:00am St Ambrose Sheffield . St James Fellowship/Sunday School room.	
SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER: 30th Sunday in OT 9:30am St Matthew's and St George's at St Matthew's Courtenay . 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Holy Communion. (Led by a team of amazing folk) 10:30am Chapel Arthur's Pass . Annual Service.	
SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER: 31st Sunday in OT - All Saints Day 9:30am St Peter's and St Ambrose at St Peter's Springfield . 5:00pm St George's Kirwee . 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Guest Preacher: Rev Darryn Hickling Methodist Minister-Imagination and Spirituality Rolleston Initiative	
SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER: 32nd Sunday in OT - Remembrance Sunday 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Sunday School. 10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose Sheffield . Sunday School Room.	
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER: 33rd Sunday in OT 9:30am Trinity Darfield . 5:00pm St Ambrose Sheffield . 9:30am Greendale Church Greendale . 11:00am St Ambrose Sheffield . St James Fellowship/Sunday School room.	
SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER: Christ the King 5:00pm St George's and St Matthew's at St George's Kirwee . Pizza and Prayer 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Remembrance Service/Holy Communion.	
SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER: 1st Sunday in Advent 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Combined Parishes Service MCP Led.	
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER: 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:30am St Ambrose and St Peter's at St Ambrose Sheffield . 5:00pm St George's Kirwee . 9:30am Trinity Darfield . Family Church. Sunday School Christmas Play - All Welcome	
SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER: 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:30am Trinity Darfield . 10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose Sheffield . Sunday School Room.	



Arthur's Pass Chapel



Greendale Church



St Ambrose Sheffield



St Andrew's Glentunnel



St George's Kirwee



St Matthew's Courtenay



St Peter's Springfield



Trinity Darfield

Jesus answered, " ...My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)