# ALVERNParish NEWSLETTER

## **AUGUST | SEPTEMBER 2025**

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,

I was so blessed to have attended the IRCA Oceania Conference in Lautoka in Fiji at the end of May. I stayed in the Namoli Village and stayed with Maopa and her husband, Dan and their 3 children.

I had taken Children's Bibles, resources and New Zealand souvenirs sourced by the money raised from last year's Vintage Fashion show and from the 80th birthday of Roger and Wanaka. The Alpine Presbytery, as my role of Moderator generously gifted me \$500. This money went to our host church, my village host family, a church C4 on the 6th floor Ramada Inn in Nadi which was air-conditioned-yay.

Some of our conference goers did not have a uniform shirt so I bought 4 and 1 for the chief of the village which he dons in another official photo and the Boys Orphanage in Ba. Our Topic was "Talanoa"- listening to the stories of each conference goer. The days were full-7 am to 9 pm.

The last day of the conference was timely as the children had a holiday and so I was able to teach them songs. In the 30 degree heat we walked around the huge field singing Father Abraham!! I said, "No Deal", when they wanted to go around the field again!

Midwinter Christmas Feast: 50 folk gathered around tables in the Trinity Chapel. It was great to eat, chat and fellowship together! Thank you Heather, the Parish Council and the Great Cooks, for organising this Intergenerational feast!

Moderator: Uber Drivers. Thank you Jeff and Cecilia for taking me to Ordain and Induct Rev. Pauline Hampshire at the Community Church of Akaroa-Banks Peninsula! Then to the funeral of Dearly Beloved Derek Glass in Methven.

**Coming Up:** In two weeks, I will be visiting the churches in the upper South, West, North and East of the Alpine Presbytery with the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Aotearoa, New Zealand and E.O of Alpine Presbytery. Of course I will be taking biscuits that travel well from the Darfield Bakery. "Happiness is Homemade".

God Bless you all—Aunty Lyn

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Nau mai, Haere mai.

Welcome—the Good News is that Spring is on its way! I have seen the lambs in the paddocks, and it brings me much joy!

As we have been reading through Luke's Gospel this year, we discover the importance Luke has written about prayer. If prayer is conversation with God, then Luke offers a series of stories which explore what conversing with God means. In Luke chapter 11(vv 1-13) the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and what for.

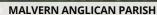
He explains the Lord's Prayer and how that prayer embraces everything from the coming of the Kingdom to our daily bread. Adoration is present at the very beginning, but the core of the prayer is built around three things that we ask ourselves.

The first is GIVE. "Give us our daily bread." It may be hard and feel embarrassing to ask for things, but God will always supply what we NEED.

The second is FORGIVE. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive everyone indebted to us." We are forgiven as we forgive. God's grace allows us to open our hands and learn to give up our carefully cultivated resentments. There's space to receive God's forgiveness. As St. Augustine says," God gives where he finds empty hands. "God's forgiveness does not mean we will stop hurting, but forgiveness is all about grace and restoring a relationship and starting over.

The last thing is DELIVER. "Do not bring us to the time of trial." There are times in our lives when the future is uncertain and what lies ahead terrifies us. This is a prayer for these times. Save us, God, from the things that are simply too hard for us to endure. This is the prayer that Jesus teaches when his disciples ask him how to pray. It should be our staple diet too!

Arohanui—Alexa



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(Left Photo:) Aunty Lyn is sitting next to the Chief of Namoli Village.

(Right Photo:) Children's Bibles and Resources gifted to Churches in Fiji and a Boys Orphanage in Ba-Fiji.





The annual Malvern Anglican Parish Spring Fair will take place again this year on Saturday 20 September from 9 am to 12 pm at Trinity Church.

There will be indoor and outdoor stalls selling cakes and baking, crafts of all kinds, lavender products, plants, coffee, ice creams, donuts and more. We look forward to seeing you all there for this popular event.





Indoor and outdoor stalls may be booked in advance by contacting Alison Gray on 027 630 0064 or hollandsfarm@ icloud.com. We will also need volunteers before the day for help with advertising on Facebook and putting up posters, growing and potting up plants for the plant stall, and then on the day for help with manning stalls, manning the carpark, baking and making things for the cake stall. This year we are inviting community groups to help with moving the church furniture before and after the fair, in return for a koha from the sale proceeds.



**BUILD** your design from an item of clothing you already have.

**CONNECT** a story with your outfit. (1 minute long)

**CREATE** use your creativeness in your finished completed outfit. Model, designer and children free entry.

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# Alia Winton Chairtana





Barbara kept the children and adults entertained!

#### **WARM WEDNESDAY**

100 cups of Hot Chocolate, with room for extra!

#### **THANK-YOUS**

Coral for your service as you have now retired. Elizabeth and Alan for sponsoring the Ruth Jennings designed banner!



Fynn, Grace and Hannah

#### A huge thank you

to all who attended the Quiz Night at Thirsty Acres, Kirwee on 28 July.

#### A good time was had by all!

(and no the Vicar did not improve much on last year's performance!)

Malvern Anglican Parish White Elephant Sale 4 October 2025

If you need to spring clean or declutter, we would love to have your unwanted goods for our Annual Spring Sale.

(No computers, clothes or shoes) All enquires Jacky 021 053 5984



### WHAT'S ON ...

Malvern Parish Newsletter If you have photos, notices or information that maybe useful for future Malvern Parish Newsletter publications please contact Ruth Jennings at Spotta Design or email—ruth@spottadesign.co.nz

**Trinity Church Working Bee** Suggested date for a working bee in the grounds of Trinity Church and Hall area, in the month of September. Time and date TBC. Queries to Peter 027 3181 050.

**Golden Oldies** Trinity Church Sunday Afternoon Tea and Fellowship. 19 October at 2:00 pm. All welcome!

**Combined Churches Women's Fellowship** Meet every third Thursday. Contact Maureen Frew for details 021 106 6590.

**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 for Bible study, a short prayer time and a cuppa. It's a place to grow your faith, ask questions, get support. All welcome. Contact Maureen Frew for details 021 106 6590.

**Café Hope** Meets at the St Ambrose Hall (behind the Anglican Church in Sheffield) at 10:00 am on the second Sunday of every month. All welcome.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer** 9:00 am in the Quiet room at Trinity Church. If you have a prayer request, there is a box in the foyer with pen and paper.

**Operation Cover-up Knitting Group** Meet at Trinity on the fourth Tuesday at 2:00 pm to knit, get wool, discuss patterns and have a time of fellowship. Ladies are most welcome to join in. Donations of wool are most acceptable AND we need lots of mittens and scarves to match the 75 hats collected from Rangiora.

**Cuppa and Fellowship** St Andrews of the Glen in Glentunnel. Hosted by Malvern Co-operating Parish on Friday once a month for coffee, chat, company, and connection. All welcome! Calendar for 2025: 29 August, 26 September, 24 October and 28 November. We do not charge for coffee and food but a gold coin donation/koha would be appreciated.

**Malvern Anglican Parish Spring Fair** Saturday 20 September 9-12 pm at Trinity Church, Darfield.

**In-Stitches Craft Group** Next meetings are 23 August and 27 September. Come and learn the joy of hand stitching, embroidery and paper pieced patchwork. Saturday 1-3 pm, Trinity Church, Darfield. Contact Alexa 021 181 9574.







#### IN MEMORIAM

Please hold in prayer the families and friends of:

Dorne Alison Broughton—10 June 2025 Derek Glass—5 July 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 10 AUGUST — 19 OCTOBER

**Key: Anglican Services | MCP Services | Combined Churches Services** 

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST: 19th Sunday in OT

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** Sunday School.

10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose **Sheffield.** Sunday School Room.

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST: 20th Sunday in OT

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** 

9:30am Greendale Church Greendale. AGM afterwards.

11:00am St Ambrose **Sheffield. AGM** afterwards.

SUNDAY 24 AUGUST: 21st Sunday in OT

9:30am St Matthew's and St George's at St Matthew's Courtenay.

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** Holy Communion.

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST: 22nd Sunday in OT

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** Combined Parishes Service MAP Led.

**SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER:** 23rd Sunday in OT - CREATION MONTH

9:30am St Peter's and St Ambrose at St Peter's **Springfield.** 

5:00pm St George's Kirwee.

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** Family Church Ocean Sunday.

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: 24th Sunday in OT

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** Sunday School. Flora and Fauna Sunday. 10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose **Sheffield.** Sunday School Room.

**SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER:** 25th Sunday in OT

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** 

9:30am Greendale Church Greendale.

11:00am St Ambrose **Sheffield.** Sunday School Room. Storm Sunday.

**SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER:** 26th Sunday in OT (Daylight Savings Begins)

9:30am St George's and St Matthew's at St George's Kirwee.

9:30am Trinity **Darfield.** Cosmos Sunday.

**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.** 

















Bend down, O Lord, and hear my prayer; answer me, for I need your help. Psalm 86:1

