

## Parish Contacts

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### Weekly Worship Services

We have a variety of worship styles to suit all:

#### Holy Trinity, Picton

**Sunday 9:00 am** Traditional Liturgy

**10:30 am** Contemporary Worship

**Wednesday 10 am.** Traditional Liturgy

#### St John in the Wilderness, Koromiko

**Sunday 6:30pm** Traditional Liturgy

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

### Giving by Internet Banking:

#### Picton Anglican Parish

ANZ Bank, Nelson Branch,  
248 Trafalgar Street

Donations can be made to :

**06 0705 0360727 00** — Code: 110-18E

### Communion Reminder.

If you are unable to come to the rail for Communion, we are happy to come to you. Please let one of the welcomers know.



The Association of Anglican Women Picton meets the 1st Wednesday of every month. Contact Melva 573 6191  
We would love to see you.

### Tuesday Study Group

10-00am to 11-30am in the vestry  
Contact Ruth Jones 573 6944

Resumes 13th February 2018



### Thursday 9.30am in the church hall

All preschoolers and their parents and caregivers are welcome

Contact: Diane Pook 573 9257

Has resumed, February 1st 2018

### New email address

Picton Parish  
soundnewspicton@gmail.com

### Missed a sermon ?

or want to listen to one again, or read current **Sound News** as a pdf file?  
Go to [www.mightymessage.com](http://www.mightymessage.com)

Click on sermons to follow the link

Email items for 'Sound News' to,  
[pbrucepicton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pbrucepicton@xtra.co.nz)  
Or telephone 573 5996



# SOUND NEWS



## Picton Anglican Parish

Holy Trinity, Picton & St John in the Wilderness, Koromiko

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**11 February 2018 The Ninth Sunday after the Epiphany**

*Theme: The promise of redemption*

*Preaching Theme: In the beginning #2 God is Good series*

### Sentence

The ransomed of the Lord will return; everlasting joy will crown their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

*Isaiah 51:11*

### The Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, deepen and increase our love for you so that we may leave behind the sins from which you have redeemed us, and serve you in perfect freedom. Amen

### Readings

Genesis 1:26-31 (10.30am reading)

Romans 6:9-23 From death to life

Matthew 12:22-28 Satan's power overthrown

We invite you to stay for a cup of tea after the 10.30am service.

Any questions or queries please ask one of the welcomers who will be happy to help you.



**Ash Wednesday**, 14 February, marks the beginning of Lent.

The Bishop has called for a day of prayer and fasting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March with special attention being given to the one day synod to discuss Motion 29 of General Synod that is to do with the blessings of same sex marriages. As a parish we are especially responsible to be praying for this from **10am to 11.30am**.

A little more on Motion 29: there is to be a meeting **after 10.30am service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February** to hear a presentation on the Motion and report. It will also give you an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what is presented. We will have a more substantial morning tea with sandwiches and then have the presentation either in the hall or church.

**Annual General Meeting –**  
This will be held after our morning services **18 March – please hand your reports to Richard.**

**Passover dinner.** This Easter on Maundy Thursday we will again have a Passover dinner. Registrations for this will come out shortly – It will be held **Thursday 29 March** 5.30pm for 6pm start

**Will you help?** We are well aware that Geoff gives great service for the parish. His assistance around our Sunday services and when we have funerals or weddings is invaluable. We need someone who will come alongside him so that when he is away during the year the tasks get covered. If this sounds like something that you are willing to help with please speak with either Geoff or Richard.

**Church Grounds-** we need someone to pick up the responsibility for spraying weeds around the church grounds. Usually this is only once in 2 months and less during winter. Please talk to Richard or the wardens, Pam and Diane.

**End of Life Choice – Euthanasia and assisted suicide** – an important matter. Information about this from Graham O'Brien is available at the back of the church. The diocese has sent a submission to members of parliament to convey our concerns about clause 4 & 5. One of the documents is on how to prepare a submission. The cut off date for submissions is 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Tuesday Study Group resumes Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 10 am.

Readings for next Sunday 18 February  
Psalm 68:15-18; Ephesians 4:7-16 (10.30am reading); Luke 4:1-15



If you would like prayer after the service today,  
Ask the people around you or come to the front and someone  
Will pray with you



## Convergence Family Camp - Transformed Life.

16-18 February 2018 Kaiteriteri Beach.

Registration and info: [convergencecamp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:convergencecamp@xtra.co.nz)  
(Registrations Close on Monday 12 February 2018)

### Our Community—Our Response

## Anglican Care Conference for everyone

16 & 17 May 2018 All Saints Anglican Church, Nelson

A great way to explore and learn more about ways to understand how your parish fits into and can respond to needs in your community

**Something to think about – Unless the LORD builds the house,**  
*Unless the LORD builds the house those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. Psalm 127:1 ESV*

Have you ever been at a point in your life where you had to make some big decisions? These decisions might have led to you moving, quitting your job, and deciding where you might spend the rest of your life. Not only was it hard for you, but your spouse and those around you. They can be especially hard when everything around you seems like it is going great. If you haven't been in a situation where you had to make life changing decisions, you will be there some day.

Remember today's scripture as you contemplate and pray what God will want you to do. No matter where you go or what you do, as long as it is what God wants, it won't be in vain. There is nothing worse than spending days, weeks, months, on a project and it not coming together. You spend your time, blood sweat, and tears on a project for nothing. When we build our house or live our life in vain, there is no fulfilment for all the work we put into it.

Who wants to live a life like that? We don't have to worry about this as Christians though. As long as we are allowing God to build our house, we are not labouring in vain. We are in a win-win situation. Our houses, our cars, our style of living might not look like the American dream. Who wants to work for things that don't bring about fulfilment as only God can?

C. S. Lewis sums it up here: *Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak.*

*We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.*

**Are you letting the LORD build your house?  
Or are you building your life in vain.**

Source: <http://shortdailydevotions.com/>