



Richard Larsen is a painter as well as a trained chef! He has produced this framed acrylic painting on canvas, size about A1.

The address for private viewing is 528 Whangaparaoa Rd, Stanmore Bay.

If you are interested in any of his other works or would just like to catch up please phone him on: Mobile : 029 772 1962. Try this link <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/>

[Listing.aspx?id=711786153](http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=711786153) to see another of his paintings.

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# Rejoice!



# He's alive!

## Editorial

Dear Reader,

As I write, the storm is lashing outside and I am sure this Thursday's morning service will be fairly small as people avoid being blown away by wind and driving rain!

In this issue of News & Views, we are highlighting a pre-General Synod public meeting which we hope will help people to tune into what God is saying, rather than relying on their own reasoning informed by 21st Century cultural pressures.

The storm which has been lashing the Anglican Church and driving public opinion is not something we can ignore and it is becoming less possible to carry on with "life as we have known it." So when all is said and done, we must listen together to "what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

Listening together to the Lord is vital as we all hear in part and make mistakes, with our individual filters of previous experience. Proverbs 27:17 says "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Together we are the temple of God:

*"built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him, you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."* Ephesians 2:20-22

As the storms rage and the rain in the form of propaganda and public opinion slams into the temple, we will stand only if we are founded on the rock of Jesus, listening to him together and obeying him.

I commend to you the meeting on May 6 in Meadowbank and am sure there will be people who are willing to carpool if you would like a lift. See page 9 for details.

In Christ,

*Helen Hardcastle*

*"Many people want to serve God.*

*But only as advisers" :-)*



Just a simple little story, but what a tremendous truth it contains. For, as we come to the Cross and ponder on God's love, we realize afresh that he knows us through and through. As we see the arms of Jesus stretched out on the Cross, perhaps we too will feel God's hug and hear him whisper, "Now you are twice mine, I made you and now I have bought you."

I sometimes think about the cross and shut my eyes and try to see  
The cruel nails and crown of thorns and Jesus crucified for me.  
But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part  
Of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.

All blessings.  
*Irene Hobday.*

## Vicar's Drop-in Morning

Ian is available at church on Wednesdays 10am-1pm. To book a specific time, ring and speak to Diane in the Church office on Mon, Wed, or Fri between 9 and 12noon (554 0747) Otherwise, just turn up and see if he is free.

If you can't make Wednesdays during the day, an evening appointment is also possible - just ring Ian at home (424 0939)



## Home Groups

<b>Monday</b>	7.00pm	Puhoi group led by the Sorensens	09 422 0441
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.15pm	Red Beach group led by Terry Tustin	424 2049
	7.15pm	Men's Bible Study led by Warwick Rope (alternate Tuesdays)	428 1678
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2.00pm	Central group: Guinny Sorenson	09 422 0441
	7.15pm	Stanmore Bay Group led by Max Cranch	428 1686
	7:30pm	Matakatia Group led by Ray McTeigue	421 0645
	7.30pm	Stanmore Bay Rd led by Rob Aspden	424 3693
<b>Friday:</b>	9.45am	Seniors in Church Youth Room	Daphne Waples 426 6498
	10.00am	Gulf Harbour - "Freedom in Christ" Discipleship Course led by Helen 424 0939 & Diane 428 3015	

Any queries to Home Group Co-ordinator Guinny Sorensen (09 422 0441)

## Twice Mine

Have you forgotten last year's America's Cup? Of course not – you couldn't possibly! All those nail-biting moments and then the disappointment, but in true Kiwi spirit everyone (or nearly everyone!) rejoiced and congratulated the team on their tremendous effort.

Because New Zealand is a long, narrow country and because of our many beautiful inland lakes, we are never really far from the water, resulting in a great interest in water sports, especially boating. Ages range from the real 'old salts' right down to very small boys. This story is about one such little boy.

The little fellow was very keen to have a boat of his own - just a small one that he could take and sail on the local pond. His father had a workshop at home, so gave his son some wood and encouraged him to make his own. Every day when he came home from school the lad would go off to the workshop and work away until the day came when he could paint it, which he did with great care. He also needed to make some sails, so his mother found a lovely piece of white material and soon the little boat had some fine sails. It looked really grand.

The great day came – it was during the school holidays and the lad set out for the pond with his boat. He put it into the water and for a while watched it happily. Suddenly there was a big gust of wind which took it right out of his reach and carried it to the other side of the pond. He followed a path round the lake hoping to retrieve it, but someone had been watching and when he arrived at the spot where he thought it would be, it had gone. A very sad little boy made his way home.

A few days later he was passing the local second-chance shop (not St.Stephen's!) and there in the window was his little boat. He went inside and asked the owner very politely, "Please may I have my boat?" The grumpy man refused and added, "If you want that boat you have to pay for it." The little lad knew that the price he was asking was far more than he had in his money-box, but still he was determined to get it back. So he went home and did all kinds of errands for his parents, friends and neighbours to earn some extra money, always keeping an eye on the shop window to see that the boat was still there. Then the day came when he was able to go back to the shop, hand over his money and was given his little boat. He looked it all over, for he knew every part of it. He hugged it to himself and said, "Now you are twice mine, I made you and now I've bought you."

**Alpha** is here again! Whom will you invite?

*"I can't wait - it's always a blast!"*

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over 10 weeks. You can expect fun, good food and great discussions. Each session begins with a meal. This is followed by a talk which examines different aspects of what Christians believe, then open discussion follows, where no question is too hostile or too simple! Bring a friend and check it out at the



**Free Introductory Dinner: May 20th at 6.30pm**

Course starts Tuesday 3rd June 6.30pm

Phone Terry Tustin for further details - 424 2049



**What the Press says...**

"...many claim Alpha has changed their lives and appear genuinely happier for the experience." - *Time Magazine*

## Easter Art Exhibition

Orewa Community Church put on an incredible art exhibition over Easter. This included a walk-through multi-sensory presentation of the meaning of Easter, plus art, craft and photography from some top New Zealand artists. There were also art and craft activities for youth. Cassie Cross and Julie Courtenay had artworks on display.



## Taste and See

“Taste and See Ministries” is a new venture which a small group of parishioners launched just under a month ago. For most of us, there are occasions in life when it is really hard to have to think about shopping for food and exhausting to start preparing meals - perhaps someone is just out of hospital, or the new baby comes home, or there has been a bereavement in the family – or other times when a nourishing meal could be just what is needed.

Our first cooking morning was advertised in the KITsheet. A small group of enthusiastic cooks met to prepare a variety of main meals and some delicious chocolate fudge cake as dessert. We had a lot of fun and managed to package up over sixty main meals and thirty desserts, along with a gluten-free meat loaf and three family-sized casseroles. In the process, we all got to know each other better and to appreciate each others’ skills.

I estimate that the ingredients cost \$3-\$3.50 per serving. If people wish to make a donation for the meals they have received, then it would go back into the parish funds. Donations of e.g. rice, frozen vegetables, flour, sugar, potatoes etc, would be very much appreciated.

Depending on how much use is made of these meals, we will have a cooking morning either once a month or every second month. We would really appreciate feedback from those who have received the meals, both about how they found the quality of the meals and about whether the portion sizes were adequate for them. We would also welcome suggestions as to types of meals that would be appreciated.

As over half the meals have already been distributed, our next “**Taste and See**” **cooking morning** to fill up the Parish Pantry will be on **Monday 28 April, between 9.30am and 1.00pm**, in the parish kitchen. If anyone would like to help with the meal preparation, packaging and clean up, please contact me on 424 3693 or [avaspdn@gmail.com](mailto:avaspdn@gmail.com)

‘We are also looking to start a **monthly ‘Super Soup’ Sunday lunch** at church, commencing on Sunday 27 April at 12.15 in the Hall - a very simple meal open to all. Each month people may wish to make a small donation for the meal. Donations will go to different areas of our mission each month. *N.B. April’s gold coin donations will go to Bishop Given.*

Anne Aspden



“Everyman” Men’s Group resumed for the year with a BBQ on 14 February. We meet on the second Friday of the month at the church at 6:30pm for a meal and speaker or an interesting visit. Most nights are \$5 for food.

**Fri 9 May:** Ian Hardcastle “Mission to Kondoa”

**Fri 13 Jun:** Cinema evening at Bridgeway, Northcote.

Book in each month on the sign-up sheet at church or ring Ray 421 0645.

Last month Roy Smith demonstrated the turning of wooden pens on his lathe.



### Answers from Quiz on p11

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Cross                        | 9. The last supper            | 16. With silence         |
| 2. Chile                        | 10. He rose from the dead     | 17. Calvary              |
| 3. 40 days                      | 11. Thirty pieces of silver.  | 18. Aloes and myrrh      |
| 4. Shrove Tuesday               | 12. Palm Sunday               | 19. Crown of thorns      |
| 5. Nails through feet and hands | 13. The cock crowed           | 20. Garden of Gethsemane |
| 6. Friday                       | 14. Donkey/colt and Jerusalem | 21. Zacchaeus            |
| 7. Holy Week                    | 15. Centurion                 | 22. Purple and yellow    |
| 8. Three times                  |                               | 23. Lily                 |

## Di Carss, our new Office Administrator



Di has spent most of her working life in administration and banking. We look forward to hearing her cheery voice on the phone. This is a front-line role which represents the interface of St Stephen's with the community. Please pray for her as she settles in and learns the systems in a new office.

## About Fresh Perspective



*freshperspective* is a service of the [Open Home Foundation](#) developing a network of parent mentors through partnerships with local Christian churches throughout New Zealand. Mentoring is voluntary and free and aims to help parents and caregivers to recognise their strengths and abilities, to connect them with supports in their communities and to bring a fresh perspective to life.

The service is about supporting parents and caregivers who have asked for help. Mentors take time to listen, to encourage and to help as they walk alongside them doing the 'stuff of life' together.

*freshperspective* provides training for the supervisors and mentors who volunteer from partner churches. Both supervisors and mentors go through an accreditation process which includes background checks and references.

There is no *freshperspective* mentoring available on the Coast at present, so the Open Home Foundation are looking for expressions of interest from people who would like to make themselves available to be trained in this form of outreach. Will Westrupp is the Northern Regional Manager and would welcome a call from anyone wanting to enquire about this ministry.

Ph Will on 0800 555 300 or email: [enquiries@freshperspective.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@freshperspective.org.nz)

## New Op Shop Manager Lyn Walker



South African by birth, Kwa Zulu Natal in South Africa was my home until August 2013. During my 49 year-long marriage, I was co-director of our family business until this was sold. Next, I worked as a saleswoman for *Petwise* - a vet shop franchise. I rose to a management position, but during this time my daughter Cheryl died in a car accident in New Zealand which meant I had a stay of 18 months in New Zealand, helping her family get back on their feet. The subsequent three years were spent as Operations Manager of the *Petwise* franchise helping them build and train teams for 14 new shops and oversee the teams in each shop.

I emigrated to New Zealand in August 2013 to be close to my son Craig and his wife Maria as well as my deceased daughter's family. I rejoice in five granddaughters and one grandson.

Now I live in Army Bay with Craig, Maria and their two little girls. The youngest, Erin, attends Mainly Music with me every Wednesday.

I have great plans for leading the shop to be the best Op Shop in town. Thank you to the awesome voluntary team who have supported me during these past weeks.

Lyn Walker

Thanks to all who helped with the Garage Sale last Saturday! We raised approximately \$300 and blessed a lot of people. :-)



SECOND CHANCE  
Op Shop

St Stephen's Op Shop is called **The Second Chance Shop.**

New team members are always welcome.  
Phone Lyn Walker on 022 398 6585 or 424 8650.

## Mission News

Dear Ian and Helen,

Greetings in the very precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We have received funds that you have sent to support our evangelists for their house rents. Thank you so much! Jesus said he will tell those [on His] right hand "Come those who are blessed by my father since I did not have a place to stay and you gave me a place to stay! Those will ask where did we see you homeless and we gave you a home? The Lord will say, "Since you did to one of those of my servants you did that for me!"

Thank you so much for supporting our mission work in Kondo; thank you so much for sharing the gospel with us in this way.

May God richly bless the people of God at St Stephen's, Whangaparaoa as we approach the Easter event where we can see the cost of our redemption on that terrible cross. The people at St Stephen are giving sacrificial so that our mission work can be made possible in this Diocese. God loved the world and he gave his only son to die on the cross for our redemption.

Last month was somehow a very difficulty month for us. Bishop Godfrey Mdimi Mhogolo was called to be with the Lord. You will understand that Bishop Godfrey was a bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika (DCT). He had placed Kondo in his heart. Through him the DCT was supporting the Diocese of Kondo. He committed the DCT to supporting our Diocese financially for five years. The support was to help pay stipends for Diocesan staff. And apart from that each deanery in the DCT was linked with a parish in Kondo to help evangelism and church planting. Because of this effort we have been able to establish three parishes in the last two years. Bishop Godfrey was the one who encouraged me to be a bishop of Kondo - he assured me that the DCT will walk alongside me so I should not be worried; he was the one who ordained me and Lilian. He was truly our spiritual father. He will be [greatly] missed by us all in Kondo.

Pass our inner heart-felt thanks to our brothers and sisters at St Stephen who have made our mission work possible.

Blessings

+Given



## Biblical Easter Quiz

1. A "crucession" is a procession headed by what symbolic object?
2. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
3. How many days does Lent last for?
4. What day precedes Ash Wednesday?
5. What held Jesus onto the cross?
6. In the Easter song "Lord of the Dance", on which day did the "world turn black"?
7. Which is first: Easter week or Holy Week?
8. Jesus prophesied that Peter would betray him several times. How many ?
9. What came first, Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection or the Last Supper?
10. What happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday?
11. How many silver coins did the chief priests give Judas to betray Jesus?
12. What is the name given to the Sunday before Easter?
13. During one of Jesus' trials, what happened straight after Peter denied knowing Jesus?
14. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry on what kind of animal and into which city?
15. What rank did the Roman soldier hold, who stood by the cross at Jesus' crucifixion?
16. When being interrogated by Herod, how did Jesus respond?
17. On what hill was Jesus crucified?
18. Name the 2 spices used to prepare Jesus' body for burial.
19. What was placed on Jesus' head just before his crucifixion?
20. Name the garden Jesus went to after the Last Supper.
21. Which man did Jesus ask to come down from a tree, when Jesus was passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem for the last time?
22. What are the colours of Easter?
23. What flower is associated with Easter?

Answers p13

*Seen in a church notice sheet...*

*"The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility."*



### March 1 Wedding

On March 1 Doreen Oborn's great-granddaughter was married in Sydney. Sadly, Doreen was unable to attend. Overseas travel can be a bit daunting when you are approaching 103 years of age. However, unbeknownst to her, Ian contacted her granddaughter (mother of the bride) a n d



arranged a video link. Doreen was delighted to be able to see the wedding in colour from across the ocean as it happened. She felt part of the wedding and you can see what a beautiful bride Samantha is. Here is Doreen's big smile of thanks to Ian :-)



### Life begins at 96?

Here is Win Chadwick setting a new record for a horse-riding business in Warkworth. A 92 year old had previously been the oldest person to ride one of their horses.

Win's granddaughter Jody was taking her 11 year old daughter Amy on a birthday treat. Win is always included in such celebrations.

Win was impressed by the business, which offers treks for handicapped people as well as able-bodied riders.

### The Sunday Evening Service continues

#### 6.30pm alternate Sundays from 4th May

Inspiring worship music kindly played by Roz and Kevin Langdon of Inspire Church; wonderful teaching from world-class preachers eg Randy Clark



Prayer for healing offered at the end of the service

ALL WELCOME - Come and bring a friend.

### School of Healing and Impartation

Randy Clark will be here again this year speaking at Liberty Church in Avondale on May 27-29. Ian and Helen were really blessed and impressed by the teaching at his conference last year and are keen to go again. Let's car-pool and go as a group! Book by phone: 09 820 0168 or email [esther@liberty.net.nz](mailto:esther@liberty.net.nz)

### Opportunity Knocks

If you were given the chance to go and see for yourself what Kondoa is like and help with a conference to bless the people of the diocese, would you go? Why not pray about it and see what God says? Your chance may not be far away...

Will you be there in 2014?



## “Ma Whea? Commission” Report

The report of the “Ma Whea? Commission” into the question of same-gender blessings and ordinations lists 10 options to inform the General Synod debate at Waitangi next month.

**A: Affirming Traditional Understanding** “Traditional understanding”, says the Ma Whea report, involves a man and a woman being “the fundamental and orthodox participants in any sexual relationship.” Any arrangements involving sexual matters without men and women, are considered unorthodox and not permissible in terms of Bible tradition or church practice. No canonical changes would be needed, nor a redefinition of chastity.

**B: Preserving Present Circumstances** Some Bishops and legal advisors believe that the status quo leaves room for same gender blessings. Debates would continue and there would arise cases being brought for hearing and determination before Judicial Committees or other Tribunals.

**C: Bishops to Determine What Equals Right Relationships** The debates about the meaning of chastity “could be overcome” if individual bishops were responsible for determining what constitutes a right relationship.

**D: Delegate to Diocesan Synods Power to Determine Right Relationships** There would be inconsistencies if different Synods made different decisions.

**E: Adopt a New Understanding** affirming that “God’s love extends to people of all kinds whether they are heterosexual or engaged in a same sex relationship.” A rightly-ordered relationship could include those in a same-sex relationship. The church community would provide “access to all of its rituals” for all of its members, as a matter of justice and equity and human dignity.

**F: The Anglican Church Having Two Views** The Anglican Church has long embraced people with different views. This option could lead to the development of a new structure, such as an additional Tikanga, to ensure that the two views could be accommodated within recognised structures.

**G: Dual Episcopacy** Two bishops with different persuasions ministering to those holding either of the two views. Each Diocese could have two bishops of different persuasion on this issue.

**H: Planned Dismembering** General Synod would agree that the different views are irreconcilable and that parting was inevitable. This would mean the end of the Anglican Church as it is presently known.

**I: Anglican Church to Add a New Rite of Blessing by Priests of Those in a Same-Sex Relationship.** There could simply be added a new rite of blessing people in a same-sex relationship. This could be done without changing existing the Canons or definitions.

**J: Adopt a Two-Year Period of Focussed Discussion within Church Communities With a View to Making a Decision in (say) 2016.** The English “Pilling Report” called for “facilitated discussions over a two-year period” to winnow out the issues with even more clarity.

*NB: The full report can be read on the Taonga website. The list of options begins on P38 of the report. The link is half way down the page.*

<http://anglicantaonga.org.nz/News/Common-Life/MA-WHEA-REPORT>



“Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church”



**AFFIRM**

### A Pre-General Synod Public Meeting

St Chad’s Meadowbank

Tues 6 May 7-00pm

**Speakers from each Tikanga**

**Including The Rt. Rev. Richard Ellena**

**“Priorities in Mission”**

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