

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday July 29th

Ordinary Sunday 17

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Barry Entwisle

Sentence: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven,' says the Lord. 'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

John 6:51

Collect: Generous God, you show compassion to the hungry and needy, grant us the grace to share freely of our limited resources; help us to value every contribution offered and to give and receive graciously of your love. Hear this prayer for love's sake. AMEN.

Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 145: 10-18;
Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21

Liturgy: 476

Rest Home Services, 27 July

Aspiring Enliven Care Centre, 10.15am; Elmslie House, 11am.

Taizé, Contemplative Evening Prayer, 29 July, 5pm

St Columba's Local Committee, 8 August 7.30pm

Vestry, 12 August, 12 midday at the Tarras church

Winter Study

Last term some of us gathered to discuss the dvd series *Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of its Non-Violent God*. This term, if there is interest, a 12 week study entitled *Jesus and the Kingdom of God* will be offered. Please talk to Fred McElrea 443 7880 to find out more.

Spreading the News

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Please pray for...

- Those travelling during the school holidays;
- Anglican Family Care and other social service providers;
- The good stewardship of our planet.

These hills where the hawk flies lonely,

beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven, *these are our care*.
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster, *these are our prayer*.

Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander, *these are our care*.
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrong,
worth for every man and woman, *these are our prayer*.

Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people, *these are our care*.
Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures, *these are our prayer*.

All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs, *these are our care*.
Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things, *this be our prayer*.

Colin Gibson

Community House Update

After years of discussion and planning, work on the Community House will soon begin. Major grants have been approved by Central Lakes Trust, Otago Community Trust, Lotteries Commission, Sargood Trust, and the Alexander McMillan Trust. Fundraising efforts are ongoing. Back in 2010 close to \$100,000 was pledged by St Columba's parishioners. If you are in a position to keep your pledge, or if you would like to make a contribution toward this project, please contact Rev. Damon Plimmer or Peter Hook.

The Trust is in discussions with the successful tenderer and a short service to bless the land will be held on Sunday 29 July, 11.30am. All welcome.

Finally, thanks to Skip Johnson for clearing the trees off the site.

*After the service please join us for light refreshments.
Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.*