# THE CEDAR CENTRE

Birkdale Beach Haven Anglican Church

GROWING IN FAITH GIVING IN SERVICE GOING IN LOVE



Welcome to worship at The Cedar Centre We pray that you will be refreshed in the presence of God.

## Newsletter for 1st March 2020

#### READINGS

Ephesians 2:11-22 (P799) Mark 6:30-34, 53-56(P686)

### SENTENCE:

As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. *Mark 6:34* 

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Eternal God, author of our life and end of our pilgrimage, guide us by your word and Spirit, amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, but may run our course in safety until we come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen** 

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The Cedar Centre exists for the transformation of individuals and communities through Christ centred worship, prayer, compassion and service

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

## From Craig's desk.....

Yesterday -Ash Wednesday – marks the beginning of Lent, a season in the church of reflection and prayer leading up to Easter. In the Gospel reading for the Ash Wednesday service from Matthew 6 Jesus reminds his disciples that they should not see prayer and fasting as a way of impressing others. Rather they are ways to connect with God more deeply. As we sometimes give something up during the Lenten season remember that it is not just about self-denial. That is important but the giving up is to take something else up. We lay aside something that distracts us or binds us – we exercise self-denial – in order that we might use that desire as a reminder of our need for God, that time as time to give to prayer or reflection.

Lent is a penitential season. We ask God to reveal to us things that we need to repent of, things that we need to lay aside in order to move forward in our faith and in our service. We deliberately choose to go into the wilderness to seek God. This is not all doom and gloom – that's what Jesus was warning people about in the Matthew Gospel reading. For in denying ourselves we find life in God and in doing so we experience joy in greater measure. May God give you strength to deny yourself, grace to listen for his voice, courage to obey, and above all joy in believing in and serving him.

\*\*Arohanui Craig\*\*

**Foodbank -** we are also grateful for cash donations for perishable foods. There is a yellow donations box in the foyer or you can put your donation in the Sunday offering labelled "foodbank". Thanks Allan, Moira, Julia

**Freezer Required -** we need an upright freezer for the foodbank please. Contact the office if you can help.

## **PROGRAMS TODAY**

**Parents with pre-schoolers** Chelsea Room 1 will be open. There is no programme however you are welcome to make yourself at home. There are plenty of toys

## **OUR PRAYERS**

We pray for those who are sick at this time.

We pray for those recovering from operations or trauma.

We pray that God would give us compassion towards one another.

# Coming Up.....

**Lenten Study -** starting Wednesday 4th March 7.30-9.00pm

**Thursday Home Group -** 5th March, 7.30pm @ David and Alison Munn's 18 Valkyria Place, Beach Haven. <u>Please let the office know if you are intending to come</u>. Thanks

**Lenten Labyrinth Open -** St.John's Campbells Bay all welcome to visit. 327 Beach Road.

**SGM** - 11.45am Sunday 15th March, we will have a very short Special General Meeting where the 2019 parish accounts will be presented.

**Cedar Family Picnic** - 12pm Sunday 29th March in Tui Park



## REGULAR PROGRAMMES AND THE TEAM

#### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE
10AM CONTEMPORARY FAMILY SERVICE

- Cedar Kids for children 5 to 10 years
- Elevate for Youth 11+ years

#### MAINLY MUSIC (For Babies, Toddlers and Parents)

TUESDAY 9.15AM (During School Term)
Cost \$4.00 per session (Held in Chelsea Rooms)

## SPACE (Supporting Parents Alongside Children's Education)

Contact Janice Dowle (09) 419 1231 for next intake

#### OP SHOP—NEW BEGINNINGS

16 SUNNYHAVEN AVE, BEACH HAVEN SHOPPING CENTRE

Mon-Thur 10-4.30 (Fri 10-4.30) Sat. 10.30-1.30 Serving the community by offering good quality preloved clothing and goods at affordable prices.

#### SELWYN SENIORS (Fun and Fellowship)

THURSDAY 9.30AM - NOON (Held in Foyer)

#### THE HAVEN (YOUTH - Intermediate & High School

Our Youth Programme is held weekly on Saturdays. To find out what's going on, check out our website or The Haven Facebook page. Email: Youth@cedarcentre.org.nz

Cedar Centre bank account details for donations 02 0112 0093782 00

**EFTPOS** available on Sunday mornings.



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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME LEADER Paea De Souza and Alison Munn

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

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**OP SHOP** - Kate Shrigley (09) 483 5519

#### FOODBANK - Tues/Thurs 10-12

Moira Watson (09)482 2995

#### **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

Betty Wendelborn og 483 4785 Moira Watson, Julia Masters, Kate Shrigley

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

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VICAR'S WARDEN - David Munn dsmunn@orcon.net.nz o272837158 CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS 56A Tramway Road (o9) 483 6989 Tuesday - Friday 9am to 1pm www.cedarcentre.org.nz

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