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Hartmut: 9-12 August in
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Dear Members and Friends of our New Zealand Communities



It is again this wonderful time of year - between St John's Tide and Michaelmas - when the birds begin to sing and spring is coming. During these ten weeks we are offered the opportunity to learn and develop consciously. Week by week following the lead of the gospel readings, we are guided on a path of change that leads us to the encounter with the angelic realms.

“What use is it to human beings to gain the whole world, yet harm their soul?” For the angels there is nothing more precious than the human soul. What we take for granted most of the time is, for them, a gift from God more precious than anything else. These words of Jesus Christ that we find recorded in chapter 8 of Mark's gospel, seem to indicate just this. They suggest that we focus all too easily on material goods, forgetting that all our deeds, thoughts and feelings effect and change our soul. How can we wake up to the reality of the human soul and spirit? How can we look after them with care? This can be the theme of every meeting with a priest. To book a sacramental consultation I do not need to have burning problems or questions. Whatever other reasons we may have, we can always meet to look at our lives through the eyes of Christ and to listen to one another, and to ourselves, with his ears. We practice reading the language of destiny by forming a picture of our lives, while we withhold sympathies and antipathies, opinions, criticism or judgments. Rather, we want to explore how we can work more strongly together with our angel and with Christ. In our Creed we hear about Christ as the Lord of the heavenly forces on earth. How are these forces at work in our lives? What can be done to help them grow? Always and again, this can be the theme of every sacramental consultation.

For the last six months we had the joy and privilege of Roger Druitt staying with us. In his retirement he was able to share the treasures of his rich working life, which has been a wonderful gift for many. On the first Saturday of each month we will continue with the colour course. To deepen our experience and understanding we will repeat some of the experiments, and between meetings we will have time for further explorations and discoveries which we may share when reconvening. This study group will be directed by its participants since we will all be learning together. Will our awareness and perceptions change?

During the first half of this year, we did not hold any fund-raising events in our Auckland community, wondering – all the while - how we would do without them. We did not do too well! Our monthly deficit has moved constantly between one and two thousand dollars. Since the community has no reserves,

this means that we cannot meet our commitments. At the committee we had two suggestions which were subsequently shared at our recent member's meeting: 1) If forty people would increase their monthly contribution by \$40,- we would break even. Unfortunately we have only 37 regular contributors and whether all of us can increase their regular gifting by ten dollars per week remains to be seen.

2) If only 18 of us would take up the challenge of raising an additional \$1000,- then we would be alright for a whole year.

To start a new fund-raising initiative, we have planned a "BookFairCafe". Here you will find very good quality books on a great variety of subjects. They will be for sale together with home baking, coffee and tea. Hopefully, this might also be the first of several social events where we can enjoy one another's company by working together while helping the community to become financially viable. If you would like to take the initiative for another event, then please do not hesitate to share your ideas with one of the committee members.

On the first Sunday of September we will welcome Martina Alexis to New Zealand. She will visit us for six months, having a break from her work in North Germany. Her impulse is not so much to give talks and workshops. She would rather like to visit you in your homes, or meet with you in consultation. Please do not hesitate to call her to make a time for a meeting. English is of course not her first language, but she has been practicing and is looking forward to learning more during her stay.

With the very best wishes to all of you
Hartmut Borries

NEWS FROM THE REGION...

A LETTER FROM ROGER DRUITT

Dear Members and Friends of The Christian Community in New Zealand,

From an ever-increasing distance I greet you all at the end of these our six months together,

experiencing this double nature of space. The outer space is far; the inner is near.

It is with a deep gratitude mixed with a measure of satisfaction that I look back upon my stay with you all. I loved visiting all four of your congregations and celebrating and working in them—again, as that is what I did in 1998. This time it was one of renewal and new-build, for this time there were all the workshops. That is where my satisfaction comes. I am very happy that you supported my impulses to penetrate Nature in the ways we did. I have researched all those areas from an unusual point of view, one that I understand to be the way forward for modern knowledge, where we develop our understanding for the world by observing selflessly and thinking from the centre (where our heart must be involved) outwards from that observation. Our knowledge is then real, without abstractions hindering the inflow of the spiritual ideas to which our sacraments give birth. In this way our world is one single, wholesome, whole.

I thank you for your kindness and affection and wish you every success in the future development of your Congregations. You must always look for development there.

My next step is to explore Uluru. I am researching a connection between the creator beings and the geological forces. There is quite a close parallel. I spotted this at another sacred site.

When I get home I have to shed belongings and visit children and grandchildren. Then my work on St. John's Letters need publishing and that on Transubstantiation needs completing. Finally, I shall work with one of my daughters to produce the book on the Four Temperaments that my wife Ann had her heart on doing.

With that I bid you farewell collectively and individually.

Roger.

CHRISTCHURCH

Apart from two very interesting weekends with Roger Druit visiting, we have had a fairly quiet three months since the last newsletter. Sadly we were not able to find a suitable venue for a bonfire to celebrate St Johns tide. Regular Gospel study mornings continue to happen once a month.

Roger's seminars on two aspects of Goethean (plants and rocks) were well attended and most inspiring. They filled most of the Saturday and were well catered for (morning and afternoon teas and lunch) by Elisabeth Heybrook and Sigrid McTurk, who had to sacrifice attending the whole seminar.

We look forward to seeing Hartmut again soon. As well as our usual programme we will have a craft session on Saturday afternoon to start making things to sell at the school fair in November."

Paddy Gilgenberg

HAWKE'S BAY

Dear Christian Community,

Beginning with the most recent and looking back at the year to the previous newsletter, we firstly still have the afterglow of the highlight of the year, the Retreat with Roger Druitt. This was a very successful event which was enjoyed by those attending the weekend. A big thank you to Hartmut and Roger for their long distance travels to be able to be with us.

Close to the Retreat Mark Levick unexpectedly passed away for which Hartmut came to give the Sacraments.

Initiative has been taken for devotional gatherings and the Committee has kept meeting to care for the many practicable matters of the property and new tenants. We look forward to concert happening soon at Rangimarie as fundraiser with lots of young talent and to keep the place warm. Otherwise fairly quiet in Hawkes Bay in the moment.

With best wishes, Martin Mallow

WELLINGTON

Our Community in Wellington were indeed heartened by the visit of Roger Druitt in June. Not only were we able to experience the Act of Consecration of Man on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, but we also felt enriched by the talks/discussions on Membership and Prayer that Roger built into the sessions after the services. Our grateful thanks go to all those who made this visit possible!

We now look forward to a service from Elke Baublies early in September when she returns from Sydney via Wellington.

Marcia and Trevor Pollock continue to carry the Sunday Gospel Readings at Fitzherbert Street, in the newer part of the building that also 'houses' the library for members.

It seems that the wider community certainly appears for the services when they are provided. However, the wide geographical spread of our community from South Wellington to the Kapiti Coast (and beyond!) does not make the 30-50 minute car travel for other, shorter, gatherings a feasible option. As a committee, we need to consider this when initiating other activities!

AUCKLAND

BOOKFAIRCAFE ON SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 9.00AM - NOON

Books come into our lives for a reason – some for just a season, while others stay longer – maybe even a lifetime.

Once a year, we might also take stock of our collection and decide that there are some that we can pass on so that they can enter the life of a new owner. That creates a space, on the shelf for new acquaintances – new book-friends, some of whom you could well chance to 'meet' at our August BookFairCafe!

Please bring your pre-loved book contributions to our community by Wednesday 15th of August. I

myself have already thinned my library by at least five big removal boxes. Excellent books on many different subjects – almost-new if you overlook some pencil marks! In this way all our 'liberated' books – for both adults and children – can be discovered by new owners who will treasure them after you.

Throughout the morning there will be home baking and organic coffee with cream which can be enjoyed in great company. As a special guest we will have Cheryl Prigg from Australia who has been studying with Bastiaan Baan at our priest seminary in Spring Valley. She will give a talk the following day on “Let not your heart be troubled.” On Saturday, however she will help us to raise some funds for the community.

Do come – and bring your books! (Since we will sort and arrange them well before the fair, we would be grateful for their delivery any time soon. If you want someone to come and collect them please give me a ring on 525 2305 or at home on 965 4447).

Looking forward to lots of new discoveries.

DINNER AND DOCUMENTARY NIGHT ON SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

I was inspired by the impetus given by Roger Druitt the last time he met with us during the last days of his visit to New Zealand. Roger said that his late wife Ann had challenged him with the idea in England when their children were younger. That is, to raise \$1,000 each in one year! Quite the challenge, but I happen to like a challenge! When I heard that our church community is struggling financially at the moment, I felt moved to do something to help a rare community where I have experienced real community spirit. I also liked the idea of being free to use our individual creativity to see what

ideas we can come up with as well as things we can share together.

When I heard that Hartmut was going to have a BookFairCafe, I thought of one of my passions. Film! I would like to invite those of you who would like to come, to share in dinner and a documentary at our home in Mt. Eden on September 8th at 5 PM, followed by open discussion for those who would like to participate. Some members of my family and I will host this evening and we will even have home made popcorn! (I tried to make a deal with Hartmut, I will donate some books to his book fair, and asked him to bake a cake for our desert – will see what happens!)

If you would like to join (limited seating/ first come first served), please contact me on 0276888444.

Fiona McKee.

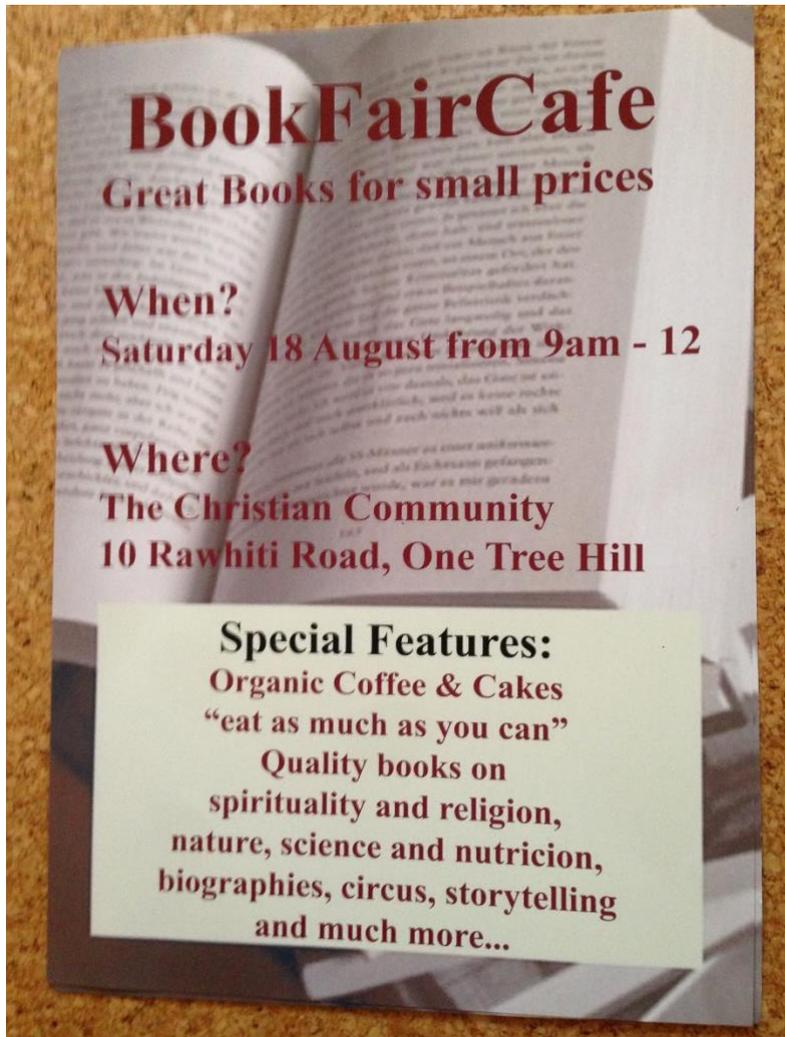
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Programme: August - November 2018

TRINITY – MICHAELMAS - TRINITY

Services & events are at: The Church - 10 Rawhiti Rd, One Tree Hill – Tel: 525 2305

Friday 3 August

- 4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)
7.30pm **Craft Group** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

Sunday 5 August - TRINITY

- 9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 15: 11-32)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7
11.30am A Talk and Conversation with Kevin Coffey: **'Smart Devices and the Internet of Things - the Assault on the Human Soul and Spirit - and how to deal with it'**

Wednesday 8 August

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 10 August

- 6.00pm Youth Group

Sunday 12 August - TRINITY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 9: 1-17)
11.30am **Literature Live - Stefan Zweig**, with Andrea Tomanek

Wednesday 15 August

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 17 August

- 4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)
7.30pm **Craft Group** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

Saturday 18 August

- 9.00am **BookFairCafé**
-12pm (please refer to the notice in the newsletter)

Sunday 19 August - TRINITY

- 9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 18: 35-43)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7
11.30am A Talk by Cheryl Prigg: **'Let not your Heart be troubled'**

Wednesday 22 August

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 24 August

6.00pm Youth Group

Saturday 25 August

9.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man**

10.30am **'Light and Colour - Experiments and Study I'**

-12.00pm (please refer to the notice in the newsletter)

Sunday 26 August - TRINITY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Mark 7: 31-37)

11.30am **Community Meeting**

Wednesday 29 August

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 31 August

4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

7.30pm **Craft Group** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

Sunday 2 September - TRINITY

9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 10: 1-20)

10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7

11.30am **Welcome to Martina Alexis** (please refer to the notice in the newsletter)

Wednesday 5 September

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 7 September

6.00pm Youth Group

Saturday 8 September

5.00pm **Dinner and Documentary Night**

-9.00pm contact Fiona on 027 688 8444

Sunday 9 September - TRINITY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 17: 5-24)

11.30am **Member's Meeting** for existing members and those interested in becoming members

Wednesday 12 September

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 14 September

4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

7.30pm **Craft Group** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

Sunday 16 September - TRINITY

- 9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Matthew 6: 19-34)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7
11.30am A Talk by Hartmut Borries: **'You, my Soul who cares for you?'**

Wednesday 19 September

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 21 September

- 6.00pm Youth Group

Sunday 23 September - TRINITY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 7: 11-17)
11.30am The Community meets to clean the church and work in the garden

Wednesday 26 September

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 28 September

- 4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)
7.30pm **Craft Group** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

MICHAELMAS

Saturday 29 September

- 9.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man**
10.30am **'Light and Colour - Experiment and Study II'**
-12.00pm (please refer to the notice in the newsletter)

Sunday 30 September – MICHAELMAS

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Matthew 22: 1-14)
11.30am **Children Celebration** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
11.30am **Michaelmas Celebration: 'World Events - What is happening?'** followed by a shared lunch

Wednesday 3 October

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Michaelmas)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Sunday 7 October - MICHAELMAS

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Ephesians 6: 10-20)
11.30am A talk by Martina Alexis: **'Viktor Frankl - about the Life and Work of a courageous Man'**

Wednesday 10 October

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Michaelmas)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Sunday 14 October - MICHAELMAS

- 9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelation 12: 1-12)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7

Wednesday 17 October

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Michaelmas)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 19 October

- 6.00pm Potluck followed by a talk at 7pm: **'Beginnings of The Christian Community in English speaking Countries'** with Christian Mac Lean

Saturday 20 October

- 8.30am **The Act of Consecration of Man**
10.00am National Council Meeting commences

Sunday 21 October - MICHAELMAS

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelation 19: 11-16)
11.30am A Talk by Christian Mac Lean: **'The Holy Land - Historical Geography'**
12.30pm National Council Meeting continues in the afternoon

Wednesday 24 October

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Michaelmas)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 26 October

- 4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)
7.30pm Craft Group (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

Saturday 27 October

- 9.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man**
10.30am **'Light and Colour - Experiment and Study III'**
-12.00pm (please refer to the notice in the newsletter)

TRINITY

Sunday 28 October - TRINITY

- 9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelation 1: 10-20)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7
11.30am A Talk by Martina Alexis: **'The Healings in the Gospels'**

Wednesday 31 October

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)
11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 2 November

- 6.00pm Youth Group

Sunday 4 November - TRINITY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelation 4: 1-11)

11.30am **Literature Live**, with Andrea Tomanek

Wednesday 7 November

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

11.30am Study of Matthew's Gospel

Friday 9 November

4.30pm **Confirmation Class** (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

7.30pm Craft Group (for more information please phone Andrea Tomanek on 579 1508)

A new program and newsletter will be sent out on Thursday 8 November

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th November **Vicke von Behr (Erzoberlenker)** who carries the responsibility for The Christian Community worldwide will be visiting New Zealand. We can look forward to some interesting talks and meetings.

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