



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AUCKLAND

Newsletter & Programme

TRINITY – ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY - TRINITY November 2018 - March 2019

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30/11-2/12 in Hawkes Bay, 7-
9/12 in Christchurch
Martina: 1-3/2 in Hawkes Bay,
8-10/2 in Christchurch



Dear Members and Friends of our New Zealand Communities

To prevent a friendship or marriage from dying we need to renew it always again. To stay alive within our soul we need to nourish her regularly, renewing our relationship with the Divine always anew. This is the foundation for all religious life and practice, to look after our soul and to nurture our relationship with the heavens. For this we pray and meditate and celebrate our sacraments.

At the end of November we are going to welcome a special visitor. Vicke von Behr is the leader of The Christian Community worldwide and will visit us at the end of a long journey to communities in Japan and Australia. He will come together with his wife Barbara, so that we will have a whole weekend together with them on the theme, “The Working together of Human Beings and Angels at the Altar”. It will be the very first time for them to come to our region and we hope that many of our friends and members will be able to come to Auckland for this special occasion. It wouldn't be easy to find another theme more relevant to what we stand for than this one. Vicke has worked with it for many years and we can truly look forward to this weekend together with him. Saturday afternoon we will have the opportunity to explore any other questions concerning our work in the region or worldwide. This last weekend of November will be one not to be missed.

Twice a year representatives from all our communities in New Zealand come together in Auckland to see how we can further our work in the country. It has been hard especially for our communities in Wellington and Hawkes Bay not to have regular visits. It has been clear therefore for a long time that we need another colleague working permanently in New Zealand. While it has not been possible to find this colleague, we have had visitors coming for an extended period of time: first Franziska Hesse, then Roger Druitt and now Martina Alexi. Their contribution to our work has been a huge gift and relief, however we are still needing another colleague. For almost the last ten years Andrea Tomanek has been working together with me here in Auckland. While this work has been very fruitful mainly for our Auckland community, it does not help with the request for more visits to all other communities. Since we do not have the financial resources to pay for a chaplain in Auckland and another resident priest, our lenker, Cheryl Nekvapil, had to take the difficult decision two years ago, to give Andrea notice that her position would not be permanent. Two communities have been decreasing their contribution to the general fund and since the beginning of this year we have also lost the income stream from the home school which Andrea had been running. In the meantime Andrea has acquired permanent residency in New Zealand. She is intending to stay and teach at a Rudolf Steiner school. From the beginning of February she will no longer be employed by us. This will be another big change in the life of our community and it may take quite a few people to fill the gap left by her. However, she intends to continue as a member of our committee and in future she may have more time and space to play her violin at the service.

Finally I want to invite you all to our Summer Camp which will have again the theme of, "In Conversation with Nature". We have been working with this theme in the course of the whole year, Roger Druitt giving courses in all our communities. The summer camp at Tongariro National Park will be a great opportunity to join forces to deepen the theme through study and practice.

I would like to end on a personal note. Three years ago my wife Elisabeth Alington died in my presence quite suddenly of a brain tumor. Then also, in the last two years both my parents died as well, a year apart from each other. Both times I left for Germany at a moment's notice to arrive in time to be together with them when they stopped breathing to cross the threshold to their new life in soul and spirit. It has been a wonderful gift of destiny that each time I could be present at these events. In some way I could say that this is what life is about, to be present to one another.

A further change in my life is that for almost one year Alix Lee and I have been engaged to one another. At the end of our summer camp, on Saturday the 12th of January 2019 we are going to get married. Cheryl Nekvapil will visit us from Melbourne to celebrate the wedding. Alix and I would now like to invite you to be present to our wedding. If you choose to take part at our summer camp then accommodation and food will be organized for you. Should you decide to join us just for the day, then we would like to ask you to let us know about your attendance by writing to the following email address: mangatepopowedding@gmail.com In this way we can make sure that there will be enough food for everyone, since we are organising special catering for the day. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

With the very best wishes to all of you for the coming Advent and Christmas time

Hartmut Borries

NEWS FROM THE REGION...

CHRISTCHURCH

Hartmut was with us in August for a Trinity visit. In his pastoral letter before he arrived he reminded us of the value of the Sacramental Consultation, and as a result he had an extra busy weekend. On the Saturday afternoon we did a bit of work on preparations for our stall at the school fair - craft which Sigrid had carefully prepared for us. We did the same on the Saturday of our next priest's visit, when Martina Alexi came to take Hartmut's place while he was in Germany.

We had a lovely Michaelmas festival with Martina, and were moved by her excellent talk about Viktor Frankl on the Friday night. This coming Saturday will be the school fair we have been preparing for - usually a good fundraising opportunity for our Community. And then it's time to start thinking about Advent, and what to do for our four Advent Sunday family festivals.

Paddy Gilgenberg

I have had opportunity to be part of the Auckland community in past years.

This time I was greeted with newly painted colours on the church building.

I did enjoy sharing meals, visiting friends, many conversations and meeting old and making new friends.

I got asked to arrange flowers for the altar, gave a hand in 3 gardens with many more valuable conversations.

Some planning towards Summer camp was made.

I much appreciated The Act of Consecration of Man two days in a row.

With the talk on Friday evening by Christian MacLean, I gained more insight on the courage, joys and challenges of the 'Beginnings of The Christian Community in English speaking Countries'. On Sunday we were taken on a journey to 'The Holy Land - historical geography'. Thank you Christian for taking us on a unique history lesson; insightful, alive and full of pictures, which will stay with me for a long time to come. With the fair, the main fundraiser for our Christchurch community, Advent and Christmas and the Summer Camp coming up: more

opportunities to work, share meals and conversations, celebrate, study and practice community at its best.

Sidrid McTurk

HAWKE'S BAY

Since the last newsletter, we have been very blessed to have once a month services begin since September, alternating between Hartmut and Elke. It is lovely to have some rhythm happening again in this regard and has been very well received.

Beforehand there was the yearly retreat in June given by Roger Druitt, which also was a wonderful and successful weekend, for which all those who attended are very thankful for.

Two loved member/Friends passed away very suddenly, for which both occasions Hartmut came down.

Some efforts in fundraising were made with a very successful concert and garage sale held on separate occasions.

Between activities a small core group of committee members have been meeting to keep the flame going and sort out on-going maintenance jobs to do with Rangimarie. Our new tenants both in the flat and on the section – (our modern campers) are great to have around and a lot of hard work by our tenant has already been achieved on the much needed work to do on the Flat. Also the vestry received a much needed new carpet adding to warmth and beauty in this area for when Priests come.

Greetings to all from Hawkes Bay,
Martin Mallow

WELLINGTON

Elke Baublies stopped over in Wellington at the beginning of September, on her return from her

locum in Australia. We shared a Trinity service on the Sunday morning followed by a discussion led by Elke on Whitsun and the social impulse that arose and was expressed in the work of the Apostles.

Janet Molloy, on behalf of the Wellington committee, was able to attend the annual Council Meeting in Auckland held 19-21 October, when Christian MacLean was visiting. It is hoped that Martina Alexi is able to visit our community to offer services during her time in New Zealand.

Trevor Pollock returned from his Camino walk late in September and he and Marcia continue to hold weekly Sunday morning Gospel readings at Fitzherbert Street from 9am. They welcome others to share in this regular activity.

Lesley Waite

***"We make a living by what we get
We make a life by what we give"***

Only your donations to The Christian Community make our work possible. We are very grateful for your support. A regular monthly donation is best ...

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THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AUCKLAND

Program: November – December – January - February 2019

TRINITY – ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY - TRINITY

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

Wednesday 7 November

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

11.30am Gospel Study

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)

Sunday 11 November - TRINITY

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

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelations 14: 1-13)

10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7

11.30am A Talk by Martina Alexi: **'The Healings in the Gospels II'**

Wednesday 14 November

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

11.30am Gospel Study

Sunday 18 November - TRINITY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelations 21: 9-27)

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 II'**

Wednesday 21 November

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

11.30am Gospel Study

Friday 23 November

4.30pm **Confirmation Class**

7.30pm Talk by Vicke von Behr: **Living in Knowing and Living in Devotion – about the relationship between the Anthroposophical Society and The Christian Community.**

Visit of Vicke von Behr – Erzoberlenker in The Christian Community
All talks will be at The Christian Community.

Friday 23 November

7.30pm A Talk by Vicke von Behr: **'Living in Knowing and Living in Devotion - about the Relationship between the Anthroposophical Society and The Christian Community'**

Saturday 24 November

9.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man**
10.00am A Talk by Vicke von Behr: **'The Working together of Human Beings and Angels at the Altar I', followed by conversation**
12.00pm Shared Lunch
1.30pm **Questions and Conversation about The Christian Community in New Zealand and Worldwide**
3.00pm Afternoon Tea

Sunday 25 November - TRINITY

9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Revelations 22: 12-21)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7
11.30am A Talk by Vicke von Behr: **'The Working together of Human Beings and Angels at the Altar II', followed by conversation**
1.00pm Shared Lunch

Suggested Koha: \$100 -250 for the weekend

Wednesday 28 November

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)
11.30am Gospel Study

ADVENT

Sunday 2 December - FIRST ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent - Luke 21: 25-36) - *Child-minding available*
11.15am **The Sunday Service for Children**, followed by an **Advent Celebration** for children
11.30am A Talk by Martina Alexi: **'Four Women in the Tree of Jesse - Preparing for the Birth of Jesus I'**

Wednesday 5 December

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent)
11.30am Gospel Study

Friday 7 December

4.30pm **Confirmation Class**
7.30pm Craft Group

Sunday 9 December - SECOND ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent - Luke 21: 25-36)
11.30am A Talk by Martina Alexi: **'Four Women in the Tree of Jesse - Preparing for the Birth of Jesus II'**

Wednesday 12 December

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent)
11.30am Gospel Study

Sunday 16 December - THIRD ADVENT SUNDAY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent - Matthew 25: 1-13) - *Child-minding available*
11.30am **Member's Meeting** - for existing members and those who are interested in becoming a member

Wednesday 19 December

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent)
11.30am Gospel Study

Sunday 23 December - FOURTH ADVENT SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Advent 1 Thess 5: 1-8 and 23,24)
10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7
11.30am Introduction and conversation: **'Preparing for the Birth of Jesus - Mary'**

CHRISTMAS

During the 'Holy Nights' The Act of Consecration of Man will be celebrated daily at 10.00am

Tuesday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 00.01am The **Christmas Midnight** Celebration of The Act of Consecration of Man (Matthew 1: 1-25)
8.00am The **Christmas Dawn** Celebration of The Act of Consecration of Man (Luke2: 1-20)
9.00am **Christmas Family Circle** – followed by the **Christmas Service For Children**
10.00am The **Christmas Morning** Celebration of The Act of Consecration of Man (John 21: 15-25)

Wednesday 26 December

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Christmas)
11.30am Christmas Course - **'Christ's Coming in our Time - becoming spiritually aware'**

Thursday 27 December

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Christmas)
11.30am Christmas Course - **'Christ's Coming in our Time - becoming spiritually aware'**

Daily, Wednesday 26/12 to 5/1/18 beginning at 11.30 am, after the service and morning tea – **The Christmas Course: 'Christ's Coming in our Time - becoming spiritually aware'**

Monday 31 December – NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Christmas)
11.30am Christmas Course – **'Christ's Coming in our Time - becoming spiritually aware'**
5.30pm **New Year's Eve Celebration – 'Personal and World Destiny'** for all age groups, with potluck dinner
7.45pm **Close of Day Service**

Tuesday 1 January

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (John 1: 1-18)
11.30am Christmas Course – **'Christ's Coming in our Time - becoming spiritually aware'**

Saturday 5 January [The Christmas Course ends today]

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Christmas)
11.30am Christmas Course – **'Christ's Coming in our Time - becoming spiritually aware'**

EPIPHANY

Sunday 6 January - EPIPHANY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Epiphany – Matthew 2: 1-12)
11.30am Introduction and Conversation: **'Every Life is Guided by a Star'**

HARTMUT, MARTINA AND ANDREA ARE NOW AWAY ON CAMPS, HOLIDAYS etc.

Summer Family Camp from Tuesday 8 – Saturday 13 January 2019

Sunday 20 January - EPIPHANY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Epiphany - John 2: 1-11), followed by morning tea

Sunday 27 January - EPIPHANY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Epiphany – John 5: 1-16)
11.30am **'Sharing of Holiday Experiences - Impressions from Camp and other Holidays'**

Wednesday 30 January

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

Sunday 3 February - TRINITY

- 9.00am **Family Gathering** followed by the **Sunday Service for Children**
10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Matthew 20: 1-16)
11.30am The Community meets to clean the church and work in the garden, followed by a shared lunch

Wednesday 6 February

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

Friday 8 February

- 4.30pm **Confirmation Class**

Sunday 10 February - TRINITY

- 10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 8: 4-18) – *Child-minding available*
11.30am In Conversation with Kevin: **'Smart Devices and the Internet of Things - the Assault on the Human Soul and Spirit - and how to deal with it III'**

Wednesday 13 February

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

11.30am Gospel Study

Sunday 17 February - TRINITY

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

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 13:10-17)

10.00am Religious Education for Children - classes 1 - 7

11.30am **Annual General Meeting of the Auckland Community**

Wednesday 20 February

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

11.30am Gospel Study

Sunday 24 February - TRINITY

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 12:35-48) – *Child-minding available*

11.30am A Talk and Farewell of Martina Alexi: **'Self-Determination of our Soul'**

Wednesday 27 February

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

11.30am Gospel Study

Saturday 2 March

8.30am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Trinity)

10.00am National Council Meeting commences

Sunday 3 March - TRINITY

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

10.00am **The Act of Consecration of Man** (Luke 18: 18-34)

11.30am **Annual General Meeting of The Christian Community Inc.**

12.30pm National Council Meeting continues in the afternoon

A new program and newsletter will be sent out on Thursday 28 February

The Christian Community Summer Camp

8th – 13th January 2019

In Conversation with Nature

Experience the Christian Community Family Camp:

A sea of stars by night; a song of tuis at dawn. How about a summer holiday among native Nikau palms and Ponga ferns? Come on your own or bring your family and friends – you will enjoy the wealth and beauty of creating community.

No childhood without play; no life without meaning. At our camps we offer artistic activities, study groups, music, dance, storytelling and play for all age groups. There is a morning and evening service for those who want to deepen their spiritual life. To keep body and soul together there is delicious organic food. Do join us for a light filled summer.

Where?

Mangatepopo Camp
Mangatepopo is situated on state highway 47 adjacent to the Tongariro National Park.

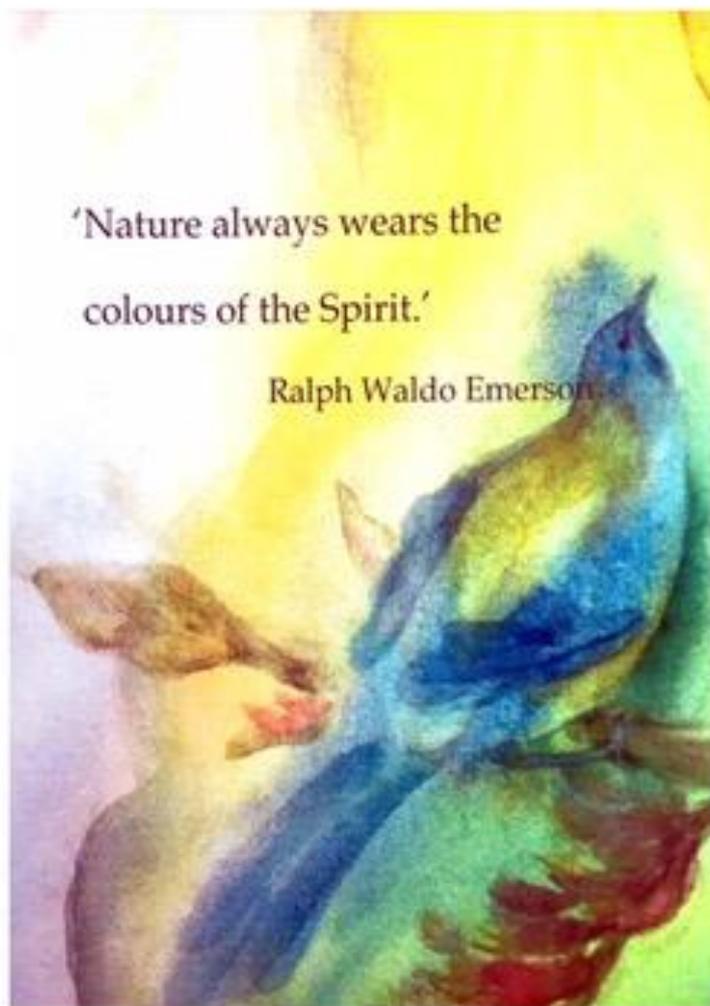
How to get there:

www.mangatepopo.co.nz

Book early – Maximum of 70 people.

For more information:

www.thechristiancommunity.net



'Nature always wears the
colours of the Spirit.'

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hardship concessions can be discussed with Harmut Borries, Ph 09 5252305

Registration:

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Do join us for a light filled summer.