

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

3rd Morning Worship 9.30am

10th Rev Berg visiting evangelist entertainer 9.30am

17th Combined service at St James (There Harvest Thanksgiving) 11 am

24th Harvest Thanksgiving St Pauls 9.30am

27th 11am service at Terrace View

Note for April to remember:

There will be a combined service at St James on the 17th April which is their Harvest Thanksgiving Service - St Paul's people are asked to keep their harvest goods and bring to the St Paul's service the following week the 24th April which is our Harvest service

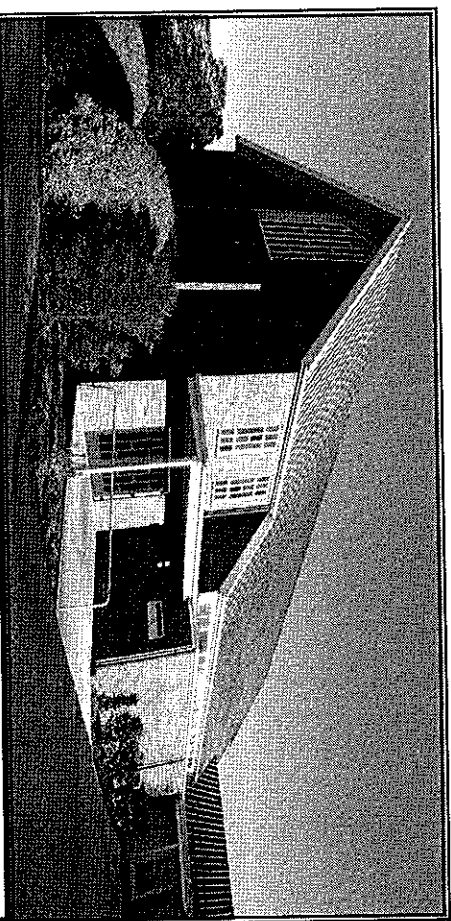
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Church Office open	Friday s	9.00 - 11.30am

Library available at service times and when the office is open

Primitive treasure in Australia

Aussies. Friend or foe? We love to beat them at sport, name any sport, but let's face it their population is far bigger than ours although we try to bridge the gap by exporting as many Kwis as possible over there.

Their country is larger, so large that parts of it have never been explored or mapped. It's sunnier and warmer, although some of us couldn't stand the heat and the flies and it does get cooler in places like Melbourne and Adelaide.

Australia has a huge number of native animals, birds, fish and insects but many lurk in unusual places and can kill with a single bite or sting or pounce on you unawares out of a seemingly placid waterway.

It has an indigenous population which has survived for more than 40,000 years on the driest, hottest, most barren and toughest climate of any of the world's continents and is home to some of the most primitive species of life in the world.

Bill Bryson, travel writer and author of such books as *A Short History of Nearly Everything* has told of his experiences in Australia in *Down Under*, exploring its never-ending coastline and its desert heart.

Of its many strange and prehistoric creatures he tells of seeing stromatolites, a primitive form of life in a warm, shallow bay, 1800 kms north of Perth. These organisms had been there for two billion years, before the birth of recorded time, their function to exude minute amounts of oxygen into the atmosphere to the point where the level was high enough for other more complex forms of life, and humans, could live.

So this tells me that there is a very large book of history to be written before we start on the Book of Genesis and Australia might be the place to start. Janet Benfell

Funerals at St Paul's

At the March Parish Council meeting Alison Jones tendered her resignation as Funeral Co-Ordinator.

I am sure our church family would willingly join with The Parish Council in acknowledging the 14 years of sterling service Alison has given to this position. As Pastoral co-ordinator Mary Harrison has offered to fill the roll of co-ordinating future funerals.

We are very aware and grateful that there are a group of people still prepared to ensure the Church and hall are made ready (flowers, ushers, cleaning) for future funerals.

With the Funeral Directors team taking responsibility for providing and serving food our St Paul's members will be free to attend the service.

Parish Council

The final date for items for the May Eastalk Sun 17 April

Please deliver your contributions to 152 Chalmers Ave or,
email to railrodfan@gmail.com

UPDATES

Munchies will be held on Friday 8th April from 11.30 to 1pm and transport will be available.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.... Thank you. Please contact Mary and Ian on 308 8437 by Wednesday 6th if you are able to attend. Looking forward to catching up.

Garage Sale

Date: 30 April 2016

Where: St Paul's church Hall

Time: 9-11 am

All good condition items accepted. Bric-a-brac, Clothing(especially good winter clothing), plants, baking, produce etc. Electrical (including TVs) items accepted only after consultation with Norman. Enquiries to Norman & Maureen 3087206 or Jenny 3089796. Hall will be open for goods Thursday 28 (1-4 pm & Friday 29 9am-6pm or by arrangement with Norman or Jenny

Holiday Program:

April 18th and 19th 9am—12pm \$2 per child 5-12yrs

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of:

Margaret Clifford

The Parish Council has decided to make its customary 5% Fair Donation to a new initiative started in town this year:

The MID CANTERBURY YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST began 24/7 YOUTH WORK which is funding two workers for 10 hours work each per week. Initially these people will be based at the Intermediate School. Funding made up with 25% from the churches, 25% from the school and 50% from community sources. (The Ashburton New Life Church has paid the church contribution for 2016 and is asking other parishes to contribute to the community portion)

■ ASHBURTON INTERMEDIATE

Church, school to partner to help students

By RUBY HARRIS

Ashburton Intermediate School and the Ashburton New Life Church will be partnering next year to support young people.

They will be working together to offer 24-7 Youthwork, which involves youth workers coming to the school to offer support to students, for the first time in 2016.

24-7 Youthwork team leader Lisa Anderson said the church would be providing youth workers, through the programme, to spend 10 hours a week at Ashburton Intermediate School.

"We have actually got some great people to step into the role next year."

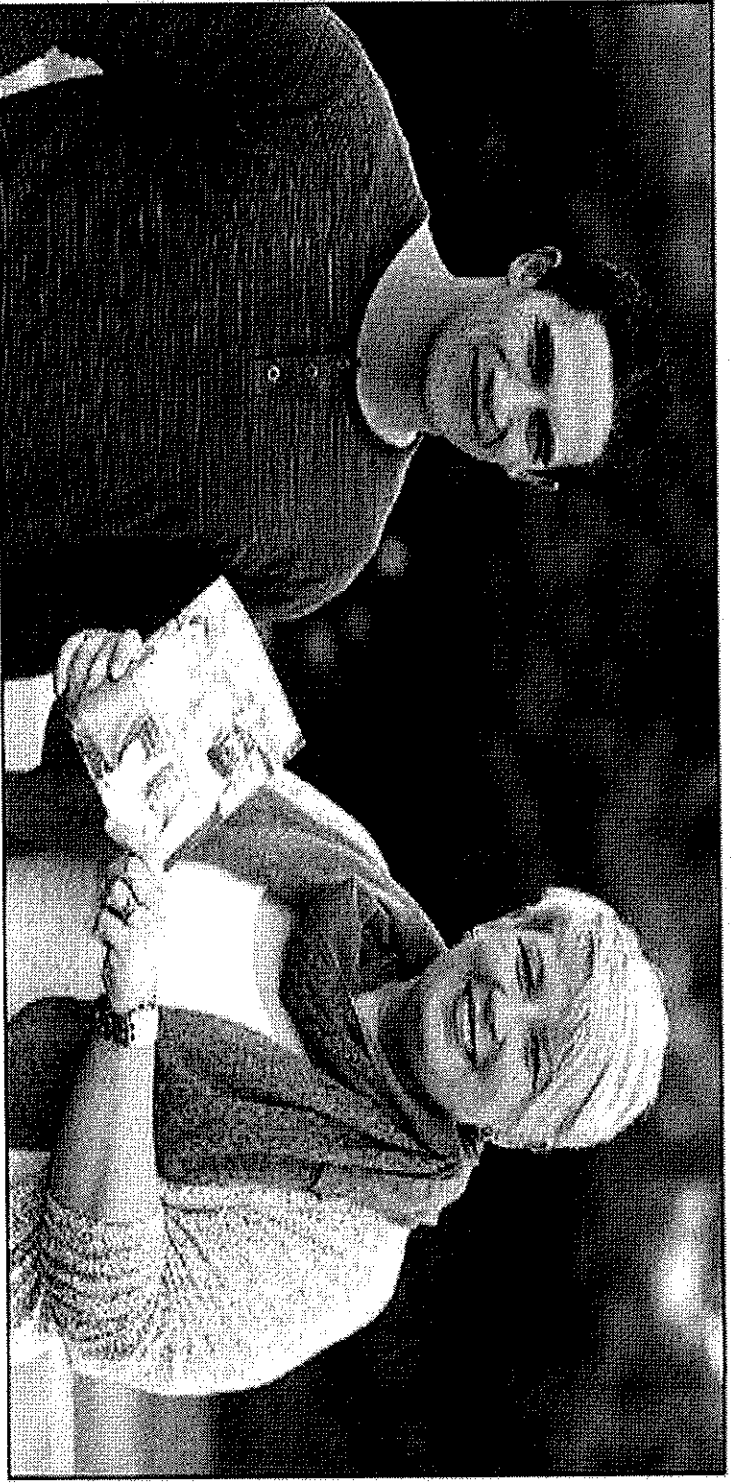
There would be two youth workers based at the school for two hours a day to help out with anything needed and to connect with the students, she said.

24-7 Youthwork is an incredible network.
"It's amazing how it has all come together."

They decided to run it because children needed positive influences and role models, she said.

"We saw a need for it."
"We know that we can help and support the school."

This is the first time the church has offered it to a school and



24-7 Youthwork team leader Lisa Anderson and youth worker Brad Raukawa.

PHOTO AMANDA KONN 1721E-AX-005

they hoped to be able to offer it to others in the future. "It'll be exciting to see it develop."

Mrs Anderson said she was excited about being able to support the school and young people.

24-7 Youthwork is a national

programme, for intermediate and high schools, which has been adopted by more than 60 schools and churches around the country.

Funding will come from the New Life Church and Ashburton

Intermediate School but 50 per cent of it needs to be provided by the community.

Any businesses or trusts that want to support the programme can contact Mrs Anderson on 03 308 9295.

Rosters for March 2016

Foyer, Welcome & Collection Count

April 3&10 P Cannan/G Donnelly

April 24 C Crone/C Efford

Duty Elder:

April 3&10 I Officer-Holmes

April 24 S Thomas

Morning Tea

April 3 F Prichard/E Leak

April 10 I & M Page

April 24 F Johnston/J McOmish

Church Cleaning

Mar 28-April 10 H Mowatt/ K

McLenaghan

April 11-24 M Chapman/Gordon

April 25-May 8 A Gamblin/R Wylie

Grounds Duty

April 3-10 J Crouchley

April 17-24 T Coulter

Meals On Wheels

Thank you for your help this time

Park Street Drivers

1st D Clark

8th L Clucas

15th R Brownlie

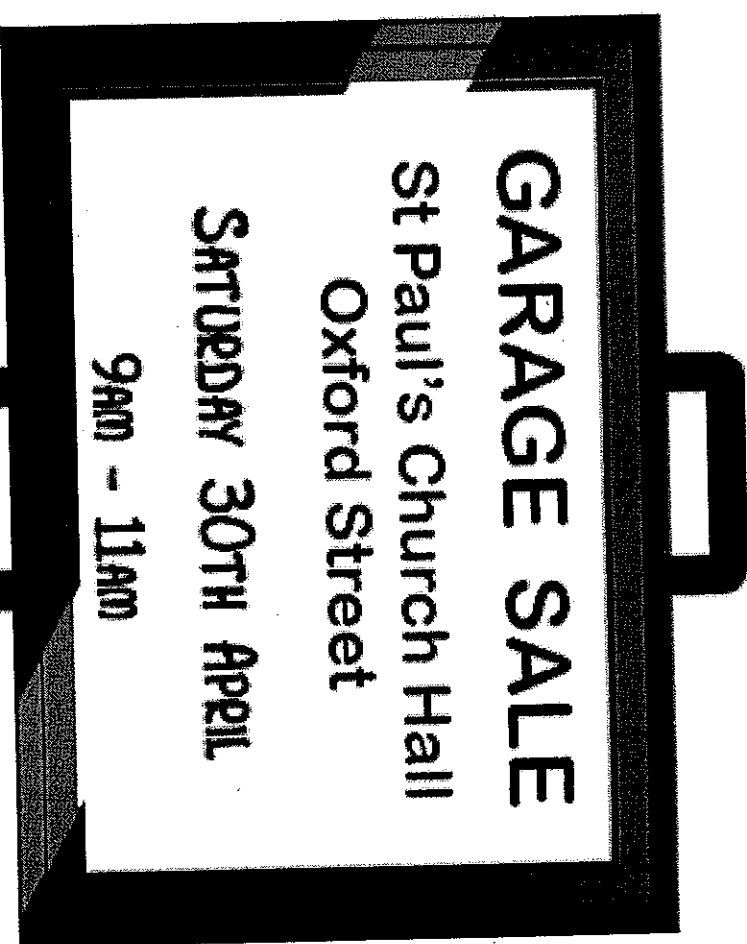
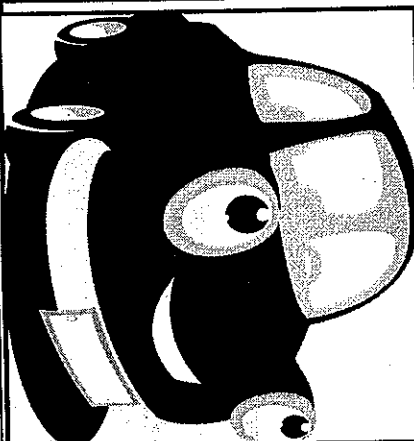
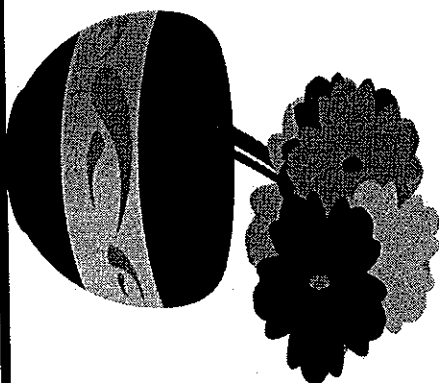
22nd A Gamblin

29th K Dowdle

Flowers

April 3-10 M Chapman

April 17-24 I Page



GARAGE SALE
St Paul's Church Hall
Oxford Street
SATURDAY 30TH APRIL
9AM - 11AM

A graphic of a garage sale sign with a handle on the right side. The sign is rectangular with a double-line border and contains text in various sizes and weights.

**White
Elephant**

Produce

Plants

Baking



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE