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Pastoral Newsletter (not during lockdown)

16 February, 2021

Kia Ora Knox community

This “not during lockdown” pastoral email is being written a couple days since Auckland moved back into Level Three Covid-containment conditions and the rest of the country moved into Level Two. It’s hard to know how long we’ll be in this situation, but anticipating that we’ll still be restricted by the end of the week, we’re making plans for physical distancing and “no morning tea” etc. this Sunday. We know we can do this, since we’ve done it before. It’s all about doing the right thing and keeping safe.

Four basic principles continue to be good to remember:

1. If you’re unwell, stay at home
2. Wherever you go, keep a good record of where you have been and when
3. Keep a sensible distance from others in public places
4. Wash your hands and cough into your elbow

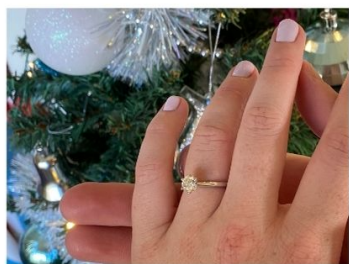
SERMON PRACTICE

I’ve continued to post the Sermon Practice videos I mentioned in my December email. Not many people are watching them, so it may be that the need just isn’t there. I’ll give it another month or so, then I’ll reassess. Links to the last few are here:

- 3 January - <https://youtu.be/FX7R57J-qfE>
- 10 January – <https://youtu.be/bJmK1NMRYOQ>
- 17 January - <https://youtu.be/eI5d2DYy-W0>
- 7 February - <https://youtu.be/XhBLX9jSEVc>
- 14 February - <https://youtu.be/UUgqhEiZ59E>

LOVELY PIECE OF NEWS

We're happy to announce that Daniel Cooper and Charlotte Berry are engaged to be married (with the wedding scheduled for next year). Congratulations to them both – we're really delighted!



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We're engaged!

Charlotte Berry & Daniel Cooper

FOLLOW-UP ON THE BOWL OF BEES

In sermon near the end of the big lockdown of 2020, I spoke about my attempt to lure native birds into my garden with a bowl of nectar water. I declared the attempt to be a dreadful failure, in that I attracted zero birds and drowned a whole lot of bees. Well, this Christmas a kind person gave me a clever sugar water dispenser that doesn't drown bees but does feed the birds. I've hung it in a tree in the garden and am happy to announce the death of no more bees. I'm looking forward to announcing the arrival of some birds – but can't do that just yet. The birds are taking a while to discover the dispenser, but I'm sure they'll find it one day.



INTERESTING VIDEO ABOUT TALKING WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE DEMENTIA

Diana Waugh makes a point of saying that she is not a dementia expert, but that she is a registered nurse who has learned quite a lot over the years from her experience of caring for people with dementia. She's produced a video of a forty minute talk she gave to other carers, outlining some of the things she's learned. It's quite long, but very useful, I think. Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilickabmjww>

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

The Worship Committee has just formalized the service schedule for the next few months. You can put these services in your diary (all at 10:00am, except for Tenebrae):

- 21 February – First Sunday of Lent
- 7 March – Lenten Communion
- 28 March – Palm Sunday, with the Palm Procession along Bealey Ave
- 1 April – Tenebrae Service at Durham Street Methodist Church, 7:30pm
- 2 April – Good Friday
- 4 April – Easter Communion

CHILD CARE

When your violinist's baby wakes up from his nap, and the show must go on, this is how one singer dealt with the situation.

<https://www.facebook.com/ClassicFM/posts/10159293714509260>

NEXT PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

There will be a Knox Life in March, so the next pastoral email will be in April.

Arohanui,
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