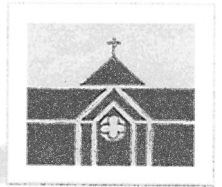


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Nurses' Memorial Chapel Newsletter



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Hello to all our Members and Supporters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and holiday break with family and friends. It seems a long time ago and here we are well into April, daylight saving over and the Autumnal touch certainly making its presence.

AGM - ALL WELCOME

Saturday 13th May – 10am

Poppy Room

Christchurch RSA, Armagh Street

We will have a sales table at the AGM with cards and note cards available for purchase.

Displays and a presentation on some recent research including the reading of a letter home by WW1 Nurse Lottie Le Gallais describing her finding out about the sinking of the "Marquette" and the death of her friend Nurse Ada Hawken.



Image NZ History online

Chapel Restoration Update

The Trust and the friends of the Chapel are currently trying to address the fact that the current "Annual Draft Christchurch City Council (CCC) Plan" moves the Chapel Restoration from the 2017/18-budget year to the 2018/19 year. We have finally got the Chapel in the hands of what these days are called a "loving owner". That owner has budgeted for \$1.8 million for reinstatement of the building, which is most encouraging. However, in trying to keep within their projected rates rise the CCC propose to move a significant number of projects out a year – not all heritage items. A submission

is being made to hold our existing place and alongside the submission we are asking to appear before the CCC during their hearings in May. The plan is for Pip Mason and myself to speak.

The Mayor projected an opening within the centenary of WW1, reiterating that our Chapel is a very special place with national importance. We are unclear as to whether the Mayor is aware of the shift in dates, and our goal at the hearing will be to "squeak in" with a 23rd Oct. 2018 event, the precise anniversary of the Marquette torpedoing, as originally planned. It would also be excellent timing for the centennial remembrance of the two Christchurch Hospital nurses who lost their lives during the Influenza Epidemic. Watch this space - we will keep you informed!!!

David Morrell – Chair, Nurses' Memorial Chapel Trust

Application to the Lotteries Commission

In February of this year an application was made to the Lotteries Commission seeking funding to assist with updating and improving resources available to visitors to the Chapel including educational material, brochures and a Guide Book to coincide with the opening once restoration is complete. We are extremely grateful to Nanette Ainge who worked tirelessly on this application and acknowledge the huge amount of work it took to have this application submitted on time. Once again Nanette thank you for your sterling effort. The outcome of our application should be known by the end of May. We have been assured that the Lotteries application should not be affected by a change in timelines/CCC delay in repairing the Chapel.

The Marquette Embroidery Panel

Clinical Nurse Specialist Kate Paterson has completed a panel of embroidery to mark the nurses who died on the WW1 troopship the "Marquette". Kate has been working on this tapestry for the last year to commemorate the centenary of the Mount Felix Hospital in Walton throughout WW1. The Mount Felix Hospital (*New Zealand General Hospital 2*) was created for soldiers from NZ wounded at Gallipoli and other battles. Illustrated by Andrew Crummy there are 44 panels, each depicting a story to create a lasting legacy of the hospital and to the nurses and soldiers who passed through there. Kate worked on the panel depicting Edith Popplewell showing the Marquette, the German submarine and the torpedo. Other panels have been stitched by community groups' including primary

schools and experienced embroiders. Kate is due to deliver the tapestry to Walton-on-Thames this month where it will be displayed.

The 44 panels can be viewed via the following link;
<http://www.mountfelixtapestry.co.uk/panel-gallery/>

A novel you might you enjoy...

Lives We Leave Behind by Maxine Alterio

In July 1915 the hospital ship "Maheno" left Wellington with 80 New Zealand Nurses onboard. The story is about two women in particular who have little in common except a great a desire to serve their country. This is a powerful read of friendship, love, and the legacies of war. Enjoy!!

Museum Update

The deadline for the removal of items stored at the Wigram Air Force Museum is December 2018. The Museum Sub-committee has been working with the Mary Gordon, Executive Director of Nursing and Paddy Cotter from the Cotter Medical History Trust to decide on the best repository for some of the items and ongoing storage of some of the items which are more peripheral to the Chapel, but of significant importance to the nursing profession. There is the potential to display some of the items in the new Health Precinct when it is built. This building will have foot traffic of about 750 health students a day, (not all will be nursing students), and would give a future opportunity to showcase a limited number of exhibits, but still does not address the key issue of storage. Andrea Grieve our representative on the Museum sub-committee is working with Nanette Ainge on this issue.

Christmas Appeal

Thank You

A big thank you to all those who have contributed to our Christmas Appeal. As at 31st March we have received \$6,430 towards the updating of our resources. The appeal is still alive so for those of you who would still like to donate please email: chapelfoc@gmail.com.

Australasian Nurse Educator Conference (ANEC) 2017

This conference will be held in Christchurch at St Margaret's College 28th-30th September 2017. We are working closely with committee member Rose Whittle with material "to honour our past". The Conference theme is:

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua

*"My past is my present is my future,
I walk backwards into the future with
my eyes fixed on my past"*

Obituary

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Reverend Andrew Starky earlier this week. Andrew, the Vicar of St Michael and all Angels died while on a run in Bottle Lake Forest. The Reverend Starky joined the priesthood in 1995 and was ordained in 1997 and became Vicar of St Michael's in 2013. The Reverend Starky will be remembered as a man of integrity who had a strong orthodox faith and was devoted to his parish. We will remember him particularly for the support he gave us during the Vice-Regal Centennial Service and events held at St Michael and All Angels on Marquette day 2015. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.



Photo: Friends of the Chapel.

Outside St Michael of All Angels Church 23 October 2015

Remember to Renew Your Membership

The Friends subscription year is a calendar year therefore subscriptions for 2017 are now due. Your continued support of the chapel is much appreciated by the Nurses' Memorial Chapel Committee.

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We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Saturday May 13 2017.

Best wishes
Pip Mason
President