

Anglican Parish of Wakatipu - Pastoral Care Report 2019

It is with pleasure I give a Pastoral Care report dating from September 2018 - the end of February 2019.

David and I have been in constant contact over the past six months discussing ways to revitalize and grow the pastoral care in our parish. We have visions of how this will look in the future. For instance, home groups.

In January we held an “Introductory Training Day” for Pastoral Care visitors. The second in February and there will be one held most months during the year. Everyone is Welcome.

The first meeting amidst the talks we discussed the idea of holding a “Remembrance Service” especially designed for parishioners who have lost loved ones during the past 5 years. David wasted no time in running with this idea and has a service all prepared for All Saints Day in November.

The February meeting, the discussions were around who is eligible to be on the Parish Roll and pastoral visits. Remember! everyone qualifies to receive a Pastoral visit. If you would someone from the parish to visit you, please ask.

What does Pastoral Care Involve?

Pastoral relates to shepherds and their role caring for sheep. Pastoral care involves protecting our parishioners, tending their needs, strengthening the weak, encouraging each other, supporting the lonely, making provision for the sick and needy, restoring values, shielding the vulnerable, refreshing the weary, leading by example to move people on in their pursuit of wholeness

Who is responsible for Pastoral Care in our Parish?

My belief is that we are all responsible for the welfare and well being of our parish family and beyond. A sure way to burn out your vicar is to expect him/her to be everywhere and everything to everybody.

David’s words: You’re never too old and never too young to care for others.

Take the choir and WWF for instance. They really know how to care for each other’s welfare and wellbeing.

Start Today. There’s no time like the present.

Your sister in Christ - Jan Cockerill - Coordinator Pastoral Care