

The **ANGLICAN PACIFIST** of Aotearoa/New Zealand

Newsletter of the New Zealand Branch of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

From the Chairperson

Dear Friends

I do apologise for the delay in the sending out of this newsletter. This was due to our not having finalized the details of our retreat weekend in June. This, however, is now organised (see below) and I would encourage as many as possible of our members to attend – and thank you to all those who responded so promptly to our emergency exploratory email about the date.

A word or two about the changed format of our meetings this year: as mentioned in our last newsletter, the Executive Committee has decided to hold, instead of a weekend conference with an open day on the Saturday, a weekend “retreat” for APF members. This will not be a silent retreat although there will be periods for quiet reflection; the theme of the weekend will be to review the work of the APF here in Aotearoa/New Zealand, both within and outside the Church, and particularly, in practical terms, as we consider launching a new website and making preparations for the APF’s presence at Lambeth. These and other business matters will also be discussed in the course of the weekend’s programme. The AGM will be held on the Sunday morning. We also plan later in the year to hold an open day or possibly more than one in different centres. This too will be discussed in June.

Within the last few weeks we have celebrated two great Peace festivals here in New Zealand – indeed, perhaps we might do more to so name them. The first is Easter, the Church’s celebration of the triumph of nonviolence. The second is Anzac Day, when so many New Zealanders remember the horrors of war, best summed up this year by our foreign minister the Honourable Winston Peters, speaking at Gallipoli to the New Zealanders, Australians and Turks gathered there, of the need to resolve conflict between nations by diplomacy and ‘conversation’ rather than by war. A lot to think about here for our June meeting.

In peace,
Margaret.

The news you’ve been waiting for!

APF Retreat Weekend

When: June 2007: from Friday 8th (arrive between 5 and 6 pm) to after lunch Sunday 10th.

Where: Houchen House, 83 Houchen Road, Hamilton.

Retreat Leader:

Brother Brian, former Minister-General of the First Order of the Anglican Society of St Francis.

Retreat Theme:

Our Mission in the Church and the World.

Registration form enclosed.

In Memoriam

Philip Dixon Crump, 1907–2007

Phil's life spanned the century of the largest-scale killing through war and violence – the greatest disregard for human life – in history. As a committed Christian he was especially ashamed to see the church acquiescing in war and he longed for it to be true to its gospel of peace.

As a member of the Methodist Bible Class Movement Phil came under the influence of Ormond Burton. Refusing to undertake military service he spent most of the war years in detention camps. Phil saw families, churches and friendships torn apart; yet he never became bitter; he maintained the bonds of friendship with those who disagreed with him.

On his retirement as a dentist Phil studied for a BA at Auckland University, majoring in classics. He graduated in his ninetieth year, probably the oldest person ever to graduate at this university.

Phil never failed his Lord in the great passion of his life. Through all his vicissitudes he maintained his gentle, persistent and courageous witness.

An abridged version of Chris Barfoot's eulogy at the funeral of Philip Crump 22nd January, 2007. The funeral made such an impression on the young Vicar of St Philip's Church that he asked Chris to preach when the readings included "Blessed are the peacemakers..."

The Revd Humphrey John Taylor

Born in Christchurch, Humphrey Taylor was the third son of the Reverend Frederick Taylor, well known for his pacifist views in World War II, and brother of David and Roger. The Taylor family were among the group who set up the APF New Zealand branch in Christchurch in 1948.

Like his father and brothers, Humphrey became a clergyman. He was refused admission to St John's College during the war because he was a pacifist, but Bishop Cherrington of Waikato trained him, and ordained him for service in that diocese in 1943. As priest in charge of Ngaruawahia in 1944-45, he wrote in his parish magazine about "that dreadful and revolting invention called the atomic bomb."

From 1948-53 Humphrey lived in Canada and was a vicar in Montreal and in Yukon. Following a year as a curate in England, he returned to the Waikato where he served at the Cathedral and at Te Kauwhata before becoming chaplain at Tokanui Psychiatric Hospital. After taking a Diploma in Social Science at Victoria University, he became a psychiatric social worker at Kingseat and at Palmerston North, retiring to Hamilton around 1988.

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Newsletters by email

The committee has decided that after this mailing both *The Anglican Peacemaker* (UK) and *The Anglican Pacifist of Aotearoa/New Zealand* will be sent by email unless people specifically request otherwise. Those who do not have email will continue to receive the newsletters by post.

This move will not only save money (existing subs/koha do not cover the cost of printing and postage) but will allow us all to read *The Anglican Peacemaker* in its original form as a glossy, coloured magazine and/or to print it out in either colour or black and white. Those interested in the Care of Creation may like to save trees by not printing it out at all!

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