

## Notes from Vestry Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- A First Aid kit is being installed in the kitchen.
- Handrails are being installed on the steps in the front of the church.
- Nativity Redevelopment Liaison Team are waiting for the report from the architect – this is due late October.
- Health and Safety records are being reviewed and updated – all areas of ministry are reminded of the importance of reporting all accidents and near misses.
- Nativity phone system old and fragile and well overdue for upgrade so this is being actioned.
- The tree outside Barnies is causing maintenance problems and has been earmarked for replacement.
- The Parish Nurse is recuperating from surgery and will be out of action for six weeks.
- The mission workers supported by Nativity are all now back at their mission locations, facing some challenges and working their ministries.
- NZ Church Missionary Society (NZCMS) is celebrating their 125 anniversary. A Prayer Vigil will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, focus on Missions.
- A copy of the Treaty of Waitangi from 1860s was discovered two years ago among some old Nativity documents. This has been repaired and restored and held in the local museum. Photos and information is being prepared for parishioners to see.



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## Missions update

**The Tuckers and Corins** are now back in their respective countries.

- **The Tuckers** have been faced with a number of ministry challenges with some of their students who are experiencing struggles, particularly with finances and discrimination.
- **The Corins** have had a good start back, with the children settling well at school, and delightful 38-degree temperatures (welcome after New Zealand winter). They send thanks for the fellowship and support they received while back home.
- **The Hughes** family are now settled into their apartment and are enjoying language classes and starting to use their newly acquired language. They are having a good time building relationships with the local people and sharing hospitality with them. Mosquitos that carry a nasty virus are a potential problem for the coming cooler season but so far, they are remaining healthy. They send thanks for all your prayer and support which they have felt carrying them while they adjusting to the new culture and other challenges.

**Synod** had a morning focused on overseas mission. The Diocesan Mission target for 2018 was increased, spread throughout the Diocese.

**NZ Church Missionary Society (NZCMS)** celebrate 125 years of ministry on 25 October.

**Prayer Vigil** in St Barnabas Chapel on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October will have a focus on CMS and other missions, particularly those missions Nativity has an interest in.

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