

## GREETINGS FROM BISHOP ROSS



I am looking forward to being part of this celebration at St Philip's. This is an important moment of thanksgiving for the parish. The era when the current church was constructed was a time of incredible hope and confidence for Anglicans about the future.

As we remember this moment in the history of the parish, we can also be looking forward to our future with renewed hope for the mission of the Gospel.

**The Right Reverend Ross Bay  
Bishop of Auckland**

## CELEBRATING PARISH FAMILY

The anniversary of the building of our church is a wonderful opportunity for us, as a parish family, to celebrate God's blessings in the past, present and into the future.



It is a time to remember our history, and to give thanks for those who have offered their energy and resources to build the spiritual as well as physical foundations of the parish. It is also a time to look forward with renewed hope and joy, to the next chapter of life in this community.

It is also with joy that we welcome Bishop Ross to the parish for the first time, as he leads us in worship and thanksgiving.

**The Reverend Michael Berry  
Vicar, St Philip's Church**

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUILDINGS

The original St Philip's Church was opened on 9th October 1898 and stood on the corner of St Heliers Bay Road and Paunui Street. A small wooden structure 80ft by 20ft with an iron roof, it was intended to last only a few years! Over the years though improvements were made, including the addition of a hall in 1931.

Following the Second World War, the area began to expand rapidly. Facilities were needed in Glendowie and the sloping section in St Heliers prevented any further development of the old church.

The solution came with the purchase of Bishop Averill's old home which stood on our present site. A new church - our current one - was built on the site and opened on 19th June 1960. The old church was moved to a site in Riddell Road, and renamed St James' Church. Thus the growing needs of the area were met.



During the 1980s, however, it was decided to consolidate the parish. The old church was moved again, from Glendowie to Te Atatu - it remains there today, as St Paul's Church. The Glendowie properties were sold; the funds were used to make the parish debt free and to build the parish lounge between the hall and the church.

***We give thanks to those who, with such generosity,  
faith and foresight, built the strong  
foundations of St Philip's.***

**St Philip's Anglican Church  
92 St Heliers Bay Rd, St Heliers, Auckland 1071**

## ***St Philip's Church St Heliers Bay and Glendowie***

**5<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Celebrations**

*Celebrating 50 years of life and  
worship in our current church buildings.*



**18th and 20th  
June 2010**

# Reunion and Remembering

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6:30pm**  
**\$20 per person**

As we celebrate the last 50 years of parish life, this evening is an opportunity for parishioners of the past and present to remember and reunite with friends and church family.



The evening will include a presentation on the historical and current life of the parish as we look forward to the next 50 years of ministry in the community of St Heliers and Glendowie.

This social evening will be celebrated with drinks and hors d'œuvre.

# Service of Thanksgiving

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 10:00am**  
**Complimentary Lunch**

This special service of thanksgiving will mark 50 years of worship in this church building.

Our new bishop, The Right Rev'd Ross Bay, will join us for the first time and lead us in worship and thanksgiving.

This is an opportunity for the parish to give thanks for past and present parishioners as well as our benefactors, past clergy and lay leaders - all who have laid the foundations of our parish community.



The service will be followed with a light informal lunch as the conversations and memories continue.

*(note: this will be the only service this day)*

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2010

### RESPONSE FORM

#### Friday June 18 - Reunion and Remembering

Adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Children attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ Free

Names of those attending:

#### Payment Options:

- Cheque (to 'The Parish of St Heliers')
- Direct Debit to account (01-0262-0010639-000)  
*Please enter 'celebration' and your name in reference fields*
- Payment on the night

#### Sunday June 20, Service of Thanksgiving

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ (for catering purposes)

#### Contact Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June to:

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