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ANZAC Story from the Rev Nikki Watkin, Kohimarama Presbyterian [2013]



"I remember in my last parish visiting an elderly man who told me many stories over my years of visits. One particular story will always stand out. He was a soldier in World War 2 serving in Italy. His job was to draw maps of the area. One day during the notorious battle of Monte Cassino he was walking some distance with a fellow soldier. They stopped for a rest and his friend pulled out a tin of pineapple - a rare treat for both of them. He remembered this meal as being extra special as they ate the fruit and drank the juice. He told me it felt like they were sharing communion. Next day his friend was killed in battle. It had been their "last supper" he concluded.

Let us pray; God of courage and hope, on this day the ANZACs received the baptism of fire and later pain of defeat. They gained an immortal place in our nation's history, Help us remember those, then and since, on all sides of each conflict, who have fought for their cause, on land, sea. and in the air. As our tipuna they remain with us in spirit. And the people say AMEN.

Whittaker's Chocolate ANZAC Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Rolled Oats
- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Cup Desiccated Coconut
- 1 Cup Soft Brown Sugar
- ¼ Cup Golden Syrup
- 125g Butter
- 2 Tbsp Boiling Water
- ½ Tsp Baking Soda
- 250g Block Whittaker's 50% Dark Chocolate



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 160°C fan bake and line two oven trays with baking paper.
2. Combine rolled oats, flour, coconut, and sugar in a bowl. Heat together butter, golden syrup, and water in a small saucepan until butter melts. Stir in baking soda, then mix into dry ingredients until well combined.
3. Roll mixture into small balls (approx. 20) and place on trays, allowing sufficient room between each for spreading. Flatten each ball slightly with a fork and bake for 15minutes (for a chewy biscuit) or 20 minutes for a crunchier biscuit.
4. Allow to cool on the trays for 5mins before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.
5. Once cool, melt a block of Whittaker's 50% Dark Chocolate in a small bowl. Dip half of each biscuit in chocolate and place on a wire rack until set. Keep in an airtight container for up to a week.

Selected Lectionary reading for Sunday 25 April. 1 John 3; 16 - 24.

We know love because Jesus has loved us and has commanded us to love one another.

Theme; Jesus commands us to love. As Christians, followers of the way of Christ, we are under divine obligation to love one another through the eyes of love. This makes a difference in all our relationships. Christians are those whose lives are determined by the love of God in Jesus Christ, and because of that love, are determined to love one another .

Encountering 1 John; The First Letter of John must have been written to a church that was bitterly divided. Why would this Christian pastor talk so much about love if love and getting along together in love was not the problem. Most of us think of love as an emotion, something that one either feels or doesn't feel. But the writer here speaks of love as a decision, a commitment that one makes, something that one decides to do. As Paul said elsewhere "The love of Christ controls us" and we are recipients of the great love of God in Jesus Christ.

Prayer; Lord, teach us how to love as you have loved us. Teach us to love the unloved and the unlovable. Teach us to see others as you see them; teach us to see ourselves in the light of your forgiving, forbearing love. Amen

Taken from the resource of William H Willimon.

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 27th April 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | **"A Creative Time"** | • Music Fun Creations • Flax Weaving with Tania • Creating Crafts with Miranda • Lego Creations • Lunch Creations with Dorothy. Come to the St. Andrew's Church Hall and join us for those two hours. Welcome to kids all ages, no cost. Hope to see you there.



1:00 pm | Steady As You Go | Balance, strengthening and gentle exercises for senior folk's health and well-being..

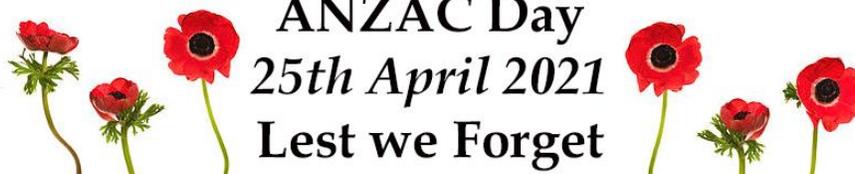


Many thanks to all contributors for the wonderful collection of groceries, fruit, vegetables, produce, and preserves given so generously at last Sunday's Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Now been given to the Foodbanks in Rakaia and Ashburton Presbyterian Support.

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Anzac Services

25 th	10:15 am	Rakaia Community Hall	Rakaia
	10:00 am	Mt. Hutt Memorial Hall	Methven
	10:00 am	Mayfield Hall	Mayfield



May Sunday Service

2 nd	10:30 am	St. John's Methven Harvest Thanksgiving with All Saints	Rev. John Titlow
		Minister. A Parish Service, All Welcome.	
		Finger Food for Lunch	

Holy God, we pray that you would raise up men and women of wisdom and to promote understanding between the different peoples of the world. As the rain falls and restores life and prosperity to our land, so shower us with your love that we may work for peace in all our relationships. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

