



It's not just about Sundays!

Celebrating 100 years

In 2010 we marked in style the 100th anniversary of the opening of St Alban's Church in Eastbourne. Since then we have got on with being church, so we thought we would like to share a bit of news about what we do.

Not only Sundays

Everyone knows that church is about services on Sundays and on other high days and holy days. But that is only part of the story. God commands us to love our neighbours as ourselves. So, that is what we try to do 24/7.

Faith into action

Some of our work is collaborative with the other Eastbourne churches and with other organisations in the community. But everything we are involved in doing is about "walking the talk".

Here are some examples:

- **Pop-in and play.** 9.30-11.30 in the church hall, every Friday morning during term time. A great opportunity for mums, dads or other carers of pre-schoolers to bring their young ones along for play, chat and morning tea.
- **EZEE Meals.** Quick and easy frozen meals ideal for the busy or infirm are available every Monday 10.00-midday from the church hall.
- **Youth Worker Trust.** From its inception we have contributed to the Trust to ensure that local teens can enjoy organised Friday evening activities and benefit from the guidance of a youth worker.
- **Community Garden.** To the rear of the church building is a community garden that is used to grow veggies and promote sustainable living. The church garden itself is a beautiful place to visit and be at peace.
- **Hospital and home visits.** We arrange visits for people who need prayer, companionship and other support.

- **Men's Breakfast Group.** A joint initiative of the local churches, this group meets in the Pavilion in Days Bay at 7am on Wednesdays every 4-6 weeks for breakfast, fellowship and a talk from a noted speaker.
- **Meditation.** Saturday mornings, 8.00-9.00, locals meet in the church to learn and experience the practice of stillness and silence.
- **Responding to need.** We help to organise community events that enable us to contribute funds to disaster-affected communities, such as at Pike River and in Christchurch.
- **Baptisms, weddings and funerals.** Services are provided for those who would like to welcome a child into the church, celebrate a wedding, or mark the passing of a loved one.

Happening soon

If you haven't been to church for a while, want to deepen your faith, or are simply interested in learning more, you might be interested in the following events:

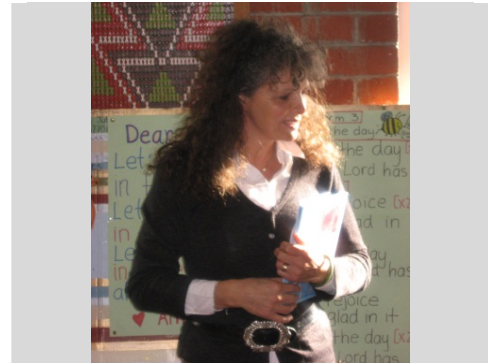
- **Back to church Sunday.** Join us for worship and morning tea on Sunday 11 September, 8.00 & 9.30.
- **Retreat in Daily Life.** Sunday 11 – Friday 16 September, go on retreat while staying in the Bays.
- **Adult way of faith.** A journey of discovery for those who would like to explore what faith means in the modern world, beginning term 4.

For further information on the above email damon.plimmer@xtra.co.nz.

Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about the church, please visit our website: www.stalbans.eastbourne.net.nz. Or join us at one of our regular services: 8.00 and 9.30 on Sundays, 10.00 on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome.

St Alban's is located in Ngaio Street.



Jutta Chisholm is a well-known figure in Eastbourne, walking her dog with her husband Phil, and being greeted by many of the children. And, in the St Alban's community, she is the much loved and admired leader of Sunday Clubs. But she has only been a committed part of the church for a relatively short time.

In her native Germany, she and her sister were baptised at a very early age by the local Catholic priest. However, her family had relatively little involvement with the church.

As a young person in Eastbourne, where her family arrived in 1968, she was involved with Youth for Christ and took part in other church-led social activities. St Alban's was where she was married and where her father's funeral was held. But, as is often the case, it was not until she had children that she was drawn wholeheartedly into the church. Her two boys attended children's events at the church occasionally, and they were invited to take part in the Understanding the Eucharist course. Jutta sat in on the course and learned so much that she decided to become more actively involved.

Sunday Clubs aside, St Alban's for Jutta is a place of sanctuary, where she can escape the hustle, bustle and pretences of the world. It is a place where she can drop-in and feel God's presence. Asked what being part of the church means to her, she says: "It's wonderful. You can be totally who you are, and when you go into church you can feel God saying "You are forgiven – be at peace" "