

Community Day at Carey

LAURIE GUY WRITES:

I thought Andrew Picard did a very fine unpacking of Moses-related material at last Tuesday's chapel. Moses was in a jam. What kept him going? Andrew answered from the Exodus text: memory and hope. Memory of God's activity in the past. Hope of a better future. Memory and hope enabled Moses to live in the present. The talk deeply resonated with me in relation to my ongoing work on the Book of Revelation. I love that book, its mystery, its layered complexity, its inspiration, its simple message that Jesus is a winner – and so in the end is Jesus's gang.

I wrote a chapter of a small new book on Revelation the day after Andrew's chapel talk. It was on 'Downing the Dragon' (Revelation 12). I went home buzzing. I felt like Handel, who wrote his *Messiah* musical in 24 days – inspired!

What is it that inspired me? It was like Andrew said: memory, hope. In Revelation 12 the dragon was knocked down (v.9), but he was not knocked out (vv.13, 17). In fact the outlook was almost as bad as ever. That was the lived experience of those little first-century churches in western Turkey. Tremendous pressure, the stench and hot-air blast of a dragon's breath on the backs of their necks, perhaps even death. Yet somehow John's writing inspired them, got them singing, got them marching. Their present seemed bleak; yet they had memory of God's activity on behalf of his people in Scripture, in Christ. And they had a future hope. 'Hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!'

THIS WEEK @ CAREY...

12 March 2012

PHOTO of the WEEK



This week's picture.....

Come up with a good caption for this photo

We would love to receive any interesting photos that you might like to share with the Carey Community. Submit any photos of interest to Shireen so we can put it in the next edition.

NOTICES

FORMATION GROUP PLUS

This is YOUR Formation Group, full-timers or part-timers, (unless you are a PL, YPL or Intermission)! Come along and join us - for personal formation and growth, encouragement, support and building friendship – and did we mention the morning tea? We meet on Tuesday Mornings from 10.00 - 11.10 in Room 1 (and you get to go to chapel, too, immediately afterwards). Contact Peter (email: peter.hart@carey.ac.nz) if you would like to find out more...

LENTEN PRAYERS

Come along on Wednesdays at 12.40 at the Chapel as we reflect on Lent. All are welcome!

GRADUATION 2012... All Welcome ... Help Required

Graduation will be held at the Manukau City Baptist Church on **Saturday 24 March 2012. Come and celebrate with our graduates.**

We require ushers to help out on the Friday morning and also on the Day. Please email Shireen if you're able to help... shireen.chua@carey.ac.nz. We really need your help in making this day a special day for the Carey Community.

Where is God today? It is a question I wrestle with as I think of a much-prayed-for little girl who died from cancer a week or two ago, and as I think of a much-prayed-for-man who apparently has recently had a provisional medical clearance from life-threatening cancer after a decade of battle.

I find in lots of ways I have fewer answers than I used to have. Theodicy, explaining the ways of God, I cannot explain his ways. Problems of pain, famine, disaster, war, any answers I have are limited and provisional. I am baffled. I wrestle with the realities of faith and life. What do I have? History – a reminder of the acts of God in Scripture, in Christ, in past lived experience. And hope – for the future. And in the present? Faith in God's presence now – even when I don't see or feel it.

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MAXX TRANSPORT TICKETS

Are you a full time student and regularly use the bus, ferry or train to get to Carey or around the city? We have a number of MAXX ID stickers that go on your student ID card which will allow you up to 40% discount of the cost of public transport. Please see reception for this sticker!

ACCOMODATION WANTED

With the Integrative Block course coming up (March 22 and 23) a few of our distance students are coming up and require accommodation – if you are able to help can you please contact Neroli Hollis

CAR RIDE NEEDED FOR MARCH

Rohini Paul needs a ride home after the Afternoon Class on Tuesday and Wednesday to Royal Oak for the month of March. Email rohiniimpaul@gmail.com or 624 0904.

CAR NEEDED

One of our Pastoral Leadership students needs a car for their placement this year. Do any of you know someone who might be able to lend her a spare vehicle through until October? It would be much appreciated! Please contact John Tucker or Karen Schilperoort

CAREY PRAYER CHAIN

We're keen to offer faithful, daily prayer for students, lecturers and friends/family – please email your requests to carey.prayer@gmail.com or anonymously in Nigel Irwin's pigeon hole if you wish. And if you'd like to join the prayer-chain, let me (Nigel) know. James 5:16, Phil 4:6