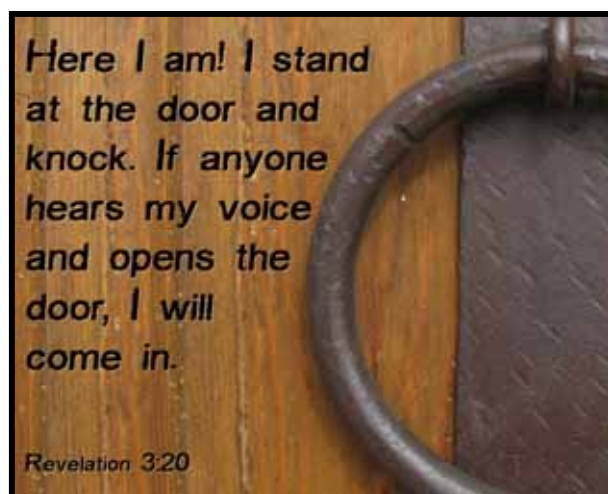


St Luke's Anglican Parish Magazine

Rotorua
June - July 2013



Jesus knocked and I answered

Our Mission:

St Luke's is an Anglican Christian Community of faith:
Following Jesus. Reaching out to all.
Worshiping, Learning, Growing and
Celebrating Life together.

From the Vicar....

Winter is upon us. Now is the time to be thinking of ways to be cheered and encouraged despite the cold weather, lack of sunshine and wetness under foot. At least the drought has gone, unless your garden has a high stocking rate. Spare a thought and a prayer for farmers who will be coping with the consequences of the drought for some time.

Looking ahead we are planning to hold a **Mid-Winter dinner** on Saturday 13 July. This will also be a fund-raiser for the **Marsden Cross Project** which I have written about previously. Remember that it is to ensure that the site of the first Christian service of worship led by the Rev Samuel Marsden and supported by his friend the Nga Puhi Chief Ruatara, on Christmas Day 1814 at Oihi Bay, Northland is properly recognised and will become a place of pilgrimage for all Christians and others who want to visit the beginnings of the Christian faith in this land. The plan is that there will be a conference centre, chapel and interpretive walkway built on a block of land already purchased at the site adjoining the Marsden Cross. Our target is to raise \$1000 to assist this project. Please come to the dinner and consider ways you could assist.

Our AGM was held in May. The names of those elected and appointed are on Page 12 in this magazine. I record my thanks and appreciation for those who contribute to the important decision-making and leadership role that vestry has in our Parish. A special thanks to Pam Mayhew who has completed a three year period on vestry. This year we will need to put some long-planned projects into action – the upgrade of the hall kitchen,

finding a solution to the heating of the church and the exterior maintenance of the whole St Luke's complex. This will mean using some of our reserve funds. We have been assisted by a generous grant from the Rotorua Trust for the hall, and we have increased our reserves through the sale of the Blomfield St house.

In all this we strive to remain true to our mission: to be an Anglican Christian Community of faith: "following Jesus, reaching out to all, worshiping, learning, growing and celebrating life together." To help us fulfil these goals this year I would like to offer a four week long 'Discerning Our Gifts' workshop. We will also be offering a Readers and Leaders workshop for those involved in leading worship on 22nd of June and then another one in September.

Tena koutou katoa. Ka haere matou i rung i te ingoa o te Karaiti. Kororia ki to Atua. Kia kaha!

Alex Czerwonka



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Mid week Communion

Every Wednesday,	10am	Eucharist
1 st Wednesday, (A.A.W.)	10am	Eucharist

REACHING OUT WITH COMMUNION

If you are unable to come to Church and would like us to visit or bring you **Home Communion**, or you know someone who is unwell and would like a home or hospital visit please phone the office on ☎ 348 5390
Or Alex on the above phone numbers

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Welcome to the family of Christ.

Funerals:

April 3rd Mary (Molly) Ryan

April 10th Anthea Mary Gillian Larson

April 29th Janet Dowse

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace, AMEN.*

He's coming back!
The dead shall rise,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies.
Upon that hope my soul relies;
He's coming back! - *sherbert*

Wiremu Tamihana

Prophet, Kingmaker



Tarapipi Te Waharoa, or Wiremu Tamihana as he was later known as, was born at Tamahere near Cambridge in the early 1800's. He was the second son of the famous Ngati Haua chief, Te Waharoa. Tarapipi participated in several war expeditions in the Waikato and Taranaki districts, but when Ngati Whakauae destroyed the mission station at Ohinemutu in 1836, he intervened on behalf of two mission workers and led them to safety.

In 1835 Alfred Brown, assisted by his wife, Charlotte, set up a mission station near the Matamata pa, just north of

Waharoa. Tarapipi was one of their most promising pupils, and he continued to be a diligent student of the Bible all his life. He learned to read and write in Maori and became the most voluminous correspondent among nineteenth century Maori. When Alfred Brown was forced to abandon the Matamata mission station, Tarapipi kept in touch with him at Tauranga and organised church services and school classes at Matamata.

Tarapipi became chief of his tribe following the death of his father, Te Waharoa in 1838. Following the advice of Alfred Brown Tarapipi and 200 converts left Matamata pa and set up a Christian pa named Tapiri nearby, where services could be held undisturbed and where inhabitants could live a Christian life. A raupo chapel was built and on 23 June 1839 Alfred Brown baptised Tarapipi, who chose the European name of William Thompson, the Maori form of which is Wiremu Tamihana.

Wiremu continued his peacemaking efforts by constant attempts to persuade his own tribe to give up war. He also arranged a peace with the traditional enemies of the Ngati Haua, culminating in a feast at Matamata in 1846 to celebrate the occasion with the Rotorua tribes. In the same year, Wiremu moved his Christian followers to the Peria Hills. Here a settled, orderly community was established, with each house surrounded by its own plantation of wheat, maize, kumara and potatoes. There was also a school, four mill, post office, whare runanga, and a church built on top of a hill. In the 1850's Wiremu began to take a greater part in the wider arena of Maori affairs. He became concerned with the problems of how the Maori people were going to cope with the increase in European settlement and the worst features of European culture. He wanted to encourage agriculture and education for his people and to prevent the further sale or lease of Maori land.

Wiremu earned the title, "Kingmaker", when he took a leading part in the election of the first of the Waikato kings, Potatau Te Wherowhero in April 1857.

Tamihana remained deeply involved in the King movement and helped set up a Maori-language newspaper, *Te Hōkioi*. When war broke out in

Taranaki in 1860 he acted as mediator. The government remained suspicious of his motives and hostile to the Kīngitanga. Some Waikato warriors fought alongside the Taranaki rebels, although Tāmihana and others tried to dissuade them. Governor Gore Browne seized on this to accuse Waikato of violating the Treaty of Waitangi and to demand their submission. In reply, Tāmihana wrote that the King movement did not conflict with the British Queen's authority: King and Queen could exist together, with God over both.

Before his death on December 27th 1866 at Turanga-o-moana near Matamata he agreed to lease land to Josiah Firth, who raised a memorial obelisk in Tamihana's honour. The parishioners of All Saints' Church, Matamata, erected a permanent memorial cairn to Tamihana in 1966. In 1984 a stained glass window commemorating him was placed in the church because it was near the site of his early Christian community.

We remember the life of Tarapipi Te Waharoa, (Wiremu Tamihana), an extraordinary man of his time. Even though some of his dreams and visions of the future did not eventuate in his time, he held onto his faith dying with his Bible in hand, on June 23rd the day of his baptism.

Greater than winning any medal
Will be hearing the Master say, "Well done!"

Fantastic Offers



Read; 1 Peter 1:3-9

I am amazed at the unbelievable offers that flood my email box every day. Recently, I added up the offers of free money that came to me in week, and my "take" totalled \$26 million. Each of those offers was a fraud. Every one –from a 1million prize to a \$7million offer was nothing but a lie sent by unscrupulous people to

squeeze money from me.

We're all vulnerable to fantastic offers – to scams that in reality pay off with nothing but trouble. We are offered false hope that ends in dashed dreams. There is one offer, however, that is genuine, though fantastic beyond belief. It's the offer God makes to us- salvation through faith in Jesus' finished work on the cross: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). It is an offer that cost Him greatly – and we get the benefits. The book of Romans tells us, "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (4:25 NIV)

By saying yes to salvation, we can have hope (Titus 1:2), peace (Romans 5:1, forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7), incomparable riches (Ephesians 2:7), and redemption (Ephesians 4:30). This is the real deal.

Jesus' death and resurrection guarantees it. – *Dave Branon*

This is taken from "Our Daily Bread" dated April 30th 2013. When I read this I thought just how true it is that we can get caught up in desirable offers, bargains (that may not really be a bargain), deals and scams. It is so easy to be taken in by smooth talking sales people.

When there is only one offer that cannot cause you anything but joy, peace, love, forgiveness and redemption and that is salvation through Jesus Christ.

If you would like to speak someone about this then please call Alex on

☎ 348 9383 / 027 3010795.

Amazing Love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing Love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for? - Wesley

Presence

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.-

Martin Luther



Of all the attitudes we bring to prayer, presence is at once one of the simplest and one of the most difficult. Buddhists call it "taming a monkey mind" We call it the need to "resist distractions." Whatever any of us call it, the effects of the condition are the same. We begin to feel far away, even alienated, from the God who seems so far away from us.

However much time we put into saying our prayers and going to church, God remains more an idea than a reality. We look for God "to come". We do not expect to find God here.

But where else would God be, if not here? And if here, what creates the Plexiglas between us? God, Scripture says, is 'not in the whirlwind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire.' God, Scripture says, 'is in the still, small voice within.' So what is blocking us from making the journey within? Sinking down into the self where the Spirit resides and the waters run deep is close to impossible in a culture built-in noise and talk and information and advertisements and constant movement and a revolving door schedule. Silence and space and solitude are light years away from the raging list of unending activities we carry always in our heads.

Instead, as a culture we are forever on our way to somewhere else. Being here now, bringing to the present moment all the self we have, is more myth than reality. It is an ideal fondly to be acclaimed, seldom to be achieved. People live in buildings full of people now, not even on shady streets with huge yards, let alone on ranches miles apart. We simply do not have much luxury to listen to ourselves any-more, let alone listen to the God within.

Even most of the praying we do is noisy. We say prayers; we seldom simply sit in the presence of God and wait. The very thought of simply listening for the whisper of the soft, still voice within is not only rare, it is uncomfortable these days. Shouldn't we be doing something, our souls shout at us. Shouldn't we be going somewhere, doing something, at least saying something holy?

But it is the voice of God within that brings calm and direction. It drains the negative energy out of the present so that we can go on, calmly aware that there is nowhere where we are alone.

This kind of prayer prepares us to feel the presence of God everywhere because we have discovered that the presence of God is within. It enables us to respond to it in waves of trust that carry us far beyond the storms of the present to the fullness of the future.

Mantra: *Give me the grace to be quiet, to listen for your voice in my heart.*

God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of YHWH, for YHWH is about to pass by" Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by YHWH's power; but YHWH is not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but YHWH was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire – but YHWH was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:11-13)

*Taken from 'The breath of the soul' 'Reflections on prayer', by Joan Chittister
Ria Sandberg loaned me this book and I thought that you would like to read this piece.*

Prayer should become as natural as breathing.

Free Will

If there are a thousand steps between us and God, he will take all but one. He will leave the final one for us. The choice is ours. – Max Lucado

Prayer

Give me the spirit of prayer, dear Lord
That I may commune with Thee
As I travel along life's rugged road,
In Thy company always to be. - Dawe

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Contact the Parish Office for further information about any of these ministries: 348 5390 or email: st.lukes@clear.net.nz

Children's Ministry:

Sunday school takes place during term time at the 10am Sunday Service. The programme follows the children's talk and concludes with partaking of the Eucharist.

Young People's Ministry: (DragonSlayers)

The Youth group meets fortnightly on Sunday afternoon at 4pm, finishing with dinner at 5.30pm, close by 6pm.

Leadership Training For Youth (LT4Youth): Please contact our Vicar or the Regional Youth Facilitator Jo Keogan ☎348 7744, or ☎021 455030 to enrol for this. LT4Youth is for those 14 years and over. It involves being linked to a mentor and gaining a range of experiences and completing challenges based on the five marks of mission: 1) Telling our story, 2) Faith formation, 3) Serving others, 4) Social Justice, 5) Care of Creation & the environment.

Prayer Group:

Meet each Wednesday at 12 noon in St Luke's lounge.

Drop in Centre:

Has a midday meal each Tuesday from 10.am to 12.30pm with the meal being served at 12noon. Everyone is welcome to join in with the meal or to just come and chat. Spare ice cream containers are always welcomed along with spare fruit and vegetables. Please contact Tim on ☎348 5259.

Centreshop:

Your pre loved clothing, shoes, quality books or kitchen ware is always welcomed at the Centreshop. Proceeds assist the Parish, as well as local service groups and charities as donations. Shop manager is Ngaire Hay ☎347 7075.

Growing Through Grief:

This ministry is run during school term at St Luke's and in local Schools. The ministry helps children who are experiencing sadness from loss in their lives. Children can talk about their grief in a safe environment. Contact the Co-ordinators; Gaelyn Brake or Deanne King ☎350 3384.

St Francis Whanau Aroha Childcare and Family Support Centre:

The interest of Parishioners is always welcomed to help with maintenance or to serve on the Management Committee. Contact the chairman Alex Czerwonka ☎348 9383.

Pastoral Care:

Alex Czerwonka ☎ the church office on 348 5390 or ☎027 301 0795

Prayer ministry: Each Sunday during the 10am communion service, Prayer ministry is offered under the cross.

AAW: Meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month after the 10am service all women are welcome. Contact: Loeta Davies ☎ 348 6322

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping the one command:
"Love your neighbour as yourself." Galatians 5: 14



Swithun, Bishop of Winchester

Not a great deal is known about the life of Swithun. He was born in the kingdom of Wessex and educated at its capital, Winchester. King Edbert of Wessex appointed Swithun as his chaplain, and part of his responsibilities included the education of his son, Ethelwulf. When Ethelwulf succeeded to the throne in 839, he consolidated the importance of Wessex as the major kingdom in England. He was more interested in religion than the military life. In 852 he chose Swithun as bishop of Winchester. He became famous for his acts of charity; for the chroniclers say he was a diligent builder of churches in places where there were none before, and a repairer of those that had been destroyed or ruined. He also played an important role as an advisor to the king.

Swithun died on 2nd July 862, and at his own request was buried not in the cathedral, as would have been normal for a bishop, but in the grounds of the cathedral, (*where it might be subject to the feet of passers-by and to the raindrops pouring from on high*). A century later, when the cathedral underwent extensive alterations, Swithun's remains were relocated and encompassed within the new building on July 15th 971. This was accompanied by heavy rain and reports of miraculous cures, giving rise to Swithun's association with healing and stories about forty days of rain if rain fell on St Swithun's Day. There were further translations of Swithun's remains in 974 and 1093. His shrine was demolished during the Reformation (1500's) but restored in 1962.

Saint Swithun's day,
If thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain,
Saint Swithun's day,
If thou be fair
For forty days
'Twill rain nae mair'.

We remember Swithun on July 15th, he gave his life for the betterment of others, in his charitable work, in the building of churches and the rebuilding of desolate churches. When he visited parishes he walked.

The older saints who trust God's Word

Have trod where younger ones now walk;
They've fought the battles they will fight-
Their wisdom teaches truth and right. *Branon*

Christ's Church Ngakuru



Anglican worship is by arrangement. Most Sundays, worship is Presbyterian.

Other days of the month at Christ's Church there is also:

1. Mainly Music for pre-schoolers on Mondays at 10am.
2. Movie nights on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

3. Also on the 5th Sunday there is a service.

Cafe

You are most welcome to come to any or all of these events. For more information call: Chris Whyte ☎ 333 1829

Prayer

O Lord, help me in every way
To have a faithful heart;
Teach me to love and serve Your church,
And always do my part. - *Fitzhugh*



to

Working Bee Hero's

Thank you to all that came to help with the gardening and clean up of the church grounds on Saturday 27th April. We would especially like acknowledge the team from the

Tuesday Drop in Lunch, Jennifer, Denis, Marshall, Turei and Sam. These five felt that they wanted to give back because of the outreach and lunches provided on Tuesday Drop In. If you are in need of help in your garden, please contact Tim Edwards on ☎348 5259

Christianity is the only co-operative society that exists for the benefit of non-members - *William Temple*

The Unknown



An Arab chief tells the story of a spy captured and sentenced to death by a general in the Persian Army. The general had the strange custom of giving condemned criminals a choice between the firing squad and “the big, black door”

The moment of execution drew near, and guards brought the spy to the Persian general. ‘What will it be,’ asked the general, “the firing squad or ‘the big, black door’?”

The spy hesitated for a long time. Finally he chose the firing squad.

A few minutes later, hearing the shots ring out confirming the spy’s execution, the general turned to his aide and said, “They always prefer the known to the unknown. People fear what they don’t know. Yet, we gave him a choice.”

“What lies behind the big door?” asked the aide.

“Freedom,” replied the general. “I’ve known only a few brave enough to take that door.”

The best opportunities in our lives stand behind the forbidding door of the great unknown. – *Don McCullough*

Taken from ‘1001 quotes, illustrations, and humorous stories’ ©2008

We are blessed by choosing the door, not really knowing what lay beyond the door that Jesus knocked upon. Revelations 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them and they with me.

Praise the Lord!

Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark –

Rabindranath Tagore (Indian poet, born 1861)

Parish AGM

Church Warden: John Carr (appointed by the Vicar)

Church Warden: Anna Jackson (elected by the Parishioner's)

Synod Representative: Carol Gillice (middle of term of office)

Synod Alternate: John Carr

Regional Representative: Sr Therese Parkin (appointed by vestry)

Regional Alternate: Barney Jewell

Elected Vestry Members: Steve Luscombe, Matt Keogan, Barney Jewell, Hazel Pickering, Cornelius Sandberg, Sr Therese Parkin,

Centre Shop:

Elected Committee Members: Eileen Geddes, Carole Bates, Pat de Carteret, Tim Edwards

Vestry Representative: Hazel Pickering.

Our New Youth Intern

Hey everyone, I'm Tess Le Guern, I am from Mt Maunganui and I'm 18. At the Mount I go to St Mary's church. I have two older sisters and one older half-brother. I went to Bethlehem College from the age of 11 until I was 17. I have lived in the Mt for 17 years but I also have lived in Auckland. I am $\frac{3}{4}$ French and $\frac{1}{4}$ German and I am learning to speak both French and German.

This year I am one of two Youth Interns for our diocese and I am based here in Rotorua until about halfway through September. Some of the things that I like are fashion and art and someday I hope to either become a nurse or a fashion editor for American Vogue. With the skills I gain from this internship I hope to use them in whatever I do, especially in the career in which I choose. Some of the skills I want to gain out of this year, or at least from this placement here in Rotorua, are to find who I am as a person and grow in myself and in my faith; also to be a bit more confident. Also this year I am required to do a New Testament study and complete about 3-4 papers over the course of the year.



So, what exactly am I doing here?

Well, I am here to help with different things in the parish;

To learn more about different parishes within our diocese;

To teach others what I have learned in my home parish;

While gaining new skills to take with me when I leave and go home and into the world as a young woman.

Some things I look forward to while I am here?

- Getting to know people here
- Making new friends
- Doing things like rest home visits and hospital visits
- Learning new things
- Discovering a bit more about who I am
- AND
- Learning a bit more about Waiapu

The Jesus I never knew

By Philip Yancey

I am not writing a book about Jesus because he is a great man who changed history. I am not tempted to write about Julius Caesar or the Chinese emperor who built the Great Wall. I am drawn to Jesus, irresistibly, because he positioned himself as the dividing point of life – my life. “I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before angels of God” he said. According to Jesus, what I think about him and how I respond will determine my destiny for all eternity.

Sometimes I accept Jesus’ audacious claim without question. Sometimes, I confess, I wonder what difference it should make to my life that a man lived two thousand years ago in a place called Galilee. Can I resolve this inner tension between doubter and lover?...

I like to read and have been known to pick up a book and unable to put it down until I have got to the last full stop at the end of the book. I have also been known to read a book more than once.

I first read one of Philip Yancey’s books a few years ago called ‘What’s so amazing about Grace’ ©1997. From this book I decided that if I found another of his I would purchase it and read it. Thus I have done. This book was published in 1995. I know, it was along time ago, but I think that even today it is a good read. Philip looks at the Jesus of the Gospels as a Journalist and writes in a way that one can not but see him as the man he was in the flesh. He sets aside all those visions of Jesus that we had as children and shows us the man who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable and ultimately satisfying. - Carol

We Gather Together

‘Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.’

Romans 12:13(TNIV)



One of the greatest pleasures in life is a home cooked meal. What a relief after a hard day to sit down in the late afternoon at a table set with familiar plates and filled with bowls of our favourite foods. What a joy to look up from our places and see the loving faces of family or friends.

During a meal like this we reconnect with those we

love, unwind, and speak our minds with no fear of censure. It's time to be our comfortable selves. For an Amish family in Illinois, however, it also became a way to pay a debt.

Nine year old Samuel was in a terrible accident. Mangled by a machine used to grind up corn stalks, he almost lost his arms and legs. It took 28 operations to save his life and three of his limbs. His family was grateful for the medical treatment he received, but daunted by the six figure bill. The Amish community usually helps itself in these situations, but this was beyond their ability.

The family's solution was to open their home to strangers each weekend. People came for dinner and left a donation at the end of the meal. After five years, about half of the medical bill had been paid.

More important than the money, though, was the emotional impact on the family and their visitors. Those who came to dinner were touched by the simple Amish way of life and the happiness they saw in their hosts. The family was overwhelmed by the number of people who were eager to help, and by the encouraging cards and letters sent to them.

In times of need, we don't always like to ask for help. We prefer to give rather than receive. We wonder what we possibly have to give during a crisis.

An Amish family gave of themselves – their home, their fellowship, and good nourishing food lovingly prepared. Around a simple table an unforgettable lesson in giving and receiving.

I found this in my copy of 'Tea Time with God' ©1996

To show your Love for God , share your love with others

A Tiny Rose bud



A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice.

The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any of the petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. Because of his great respect for the older preacher; he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while

keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud, without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so easily,
But in my hands they die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,

Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So, I'll trust in God for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance
In each step along the way.

The path that lies before me,
Only my Lord and Savior knows.
I'll trust God to unfold
the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

I found this on the internet at 'Inspire21.com'. It reminds me of how important it is to have God in everything that we do, all of our comings and goings during each and every day that we are blessed with. Carol

No place is more secure than to be in God's hands

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