

Family Circle **Auckland Community Church**



December 2009

- ❖ Tony's ordination
- ❖ New organ
- ❖ Christmas party & carols

Tony Franklin's ordination

On Sunday the 8th November 2009, in Christchurch, yes, on a nice fine day Tony and David met with family and a few friends at the Curator's House Restaurant, Botanical Gardens for a very pleasant lunch, which started the day for Tony's Ordination into the N Z Methodist Church.

The Ordination Service was held at the Durham St Methodist Church, starting around 3pm and was led by the President Rev Alan Upson and Vice President Lana Lazarus, the address being given by Past President Rev Jill van de Geer.

It is significant that at that service, there were in fact 2 Ordinands, who are gay, Tony Franklin (referred to throughout the service as "Anthony"), David Poultney and then also Andrew Donaldson who was accepted into the Methodist Church from MCC.



After the service, and some time chatting outside the church quite a number of Tony's friends went to the Belgian Beer Café for drinks and a meal, where the good feeling of the service and congenial company along with lots of chatter and laughs, continued on for some time, bring to close a great day for Tony and David, and could it be, also for the Methodist Church.

Hugh Dyson

Who's who on the Board

Co-Chairpersons	Nigel Bartlett, Peter Lineham
Co-Treasurers	Craig Blockley, Stephen Witherden
Secretary	Alastair Priestley

New Organ at St Matthews



Stephen Vincent sits at the keyboard of the replacement electronic organ. The pipes of the new organ will be put in place during 2010.

Upcoming events

Christmas Dinner Saturday 12th December. 5pm at All Saints Church Hall Ponsonby

Sunday 13 December: Our Carol Service with St Matthew-in-the-City at 8pm. A collection will be taken for Genderbridge.

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