

Next Danish service: Påskegudstjeneste

Auckland, the 6th of April at 4 pm at the Danish House.

For more information: www.danishsocietynz.com

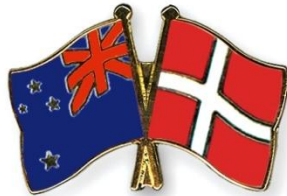
Støt den danske kirke i New Zealand !

Den Danske Kirke i New Zealand er en privat dansk kirke, som bygger på den danske folkekirkes bekendelsesgrundlag. Kirken hører under Danske Sømands- og Udlandskirker, og er under gejstligt tilsyn af Lolland-Falsters biskop Steen Skovsgaard. Formålet med kirken er at give danskere i udlandet mulighed for at bevare forbindelsen til de traditioner og ritualer, som vi kender fra den Danske Folkekirke.

Den Danske Kirke i New Zealand har ikke en bestemt bygning eller et kirkerum, som er den danske kirke. Kirken er en national kirke, der strækker sig fra den nordligste til den sydligste del af landet. Gudstjenester, dåb, konfirmationer, vielser, begravelser og sammenkomster foregår i de lokale kirker og forsamlingslokaler eller i private hjem alt efter hvornår og til hvilken lejlighed du kalder præsten.

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Du kan støtte kirken ved at overrække kontanter til præsten i forbindelse med hendes besøg i din menighed eller ved at indbetale penge på Giro 500-3660 eller på Danske Bank Reg. nr. 4400 Kontonr. 4525 2100 49 og mærke indbetalingen "New Zealand"



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Church news April 2014

What is happening?

The Danish Church in New Zealand is growing. During the last year we have gained more support-members of the Danish Church in New Zealand, and I would like to welcome them all. We have also expanded our list of Christmas Services, so now the Danish Church in New Zealand is celebrating Christmas services in Hamilton, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

As the pastor holds the official celebrant status and offers marriages all over New Zealand we have the joy of being a part of the wedding day for Danes and their friends and family who live or travel in New Zealand. And as you can see from the picture below, no matter how the weather turns out – the Blessing of the marriage will be given.



Michelle Madelung and Peter Hald Rasmussen is getting married on a rainy day at Sandfly Beach, Otago by Pastor Anja Gronne Mathiassen

Fastelavn in Dunedin

Our traditional Danish Fastelavn (Shrovetide) in Dunedin has become a strong and well visited yearly tradition.



The Cat Queens Matilda F. Andersen and Anna Goodin

This year a lot of happy dressed-up kids AND some parents turned up and “beat the barrel, honoured the Cat Queens, ate the “fastelavnsboller” made by the Danish Baker/ Danish Delight in Dunedin, played, talked, ate hot dogs and enjoyed the lovely weather. Huge thanks to Pete and Mette Goodin for hosting the event.

Confirmation in Geraldine

In the beginning of March I had the honour of going to Geraldine for the confirmation of Margrethe Nicoline Saaby Bendsen. Over the last six months Margrethe has been taking lessons via the internet so she was ready for her confirmation. The confirmation took place at the family’s private home near Geraldine and was followed by family members present

as well as via Skype plus a lot of the family’s local friends who helped celebrate this big and important day.



The Bendsen family with their newly confirmed daughter Margrethe Nicoline Saaby Bendsen and pastor Anja G. Mathiassen

Pastor on Sabbatical leave

From mid April to the end of July my family and I will be in Denmark and Italy on sabbatical leave. While in Denmark I will visit some Danish congregations and give a lecture about the Danish Church in New Zealand, how it is founded, supported and what a privilege it is to have access to a Danish church when you live far away from Denmark. During our sabbatical leave I will be checking my email now and then but not regularly. So if you have any urgent enquiries please feel free to contact the Danish Consulate in Auckland, Niels and Rita Jaegersborg by e-mail:

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