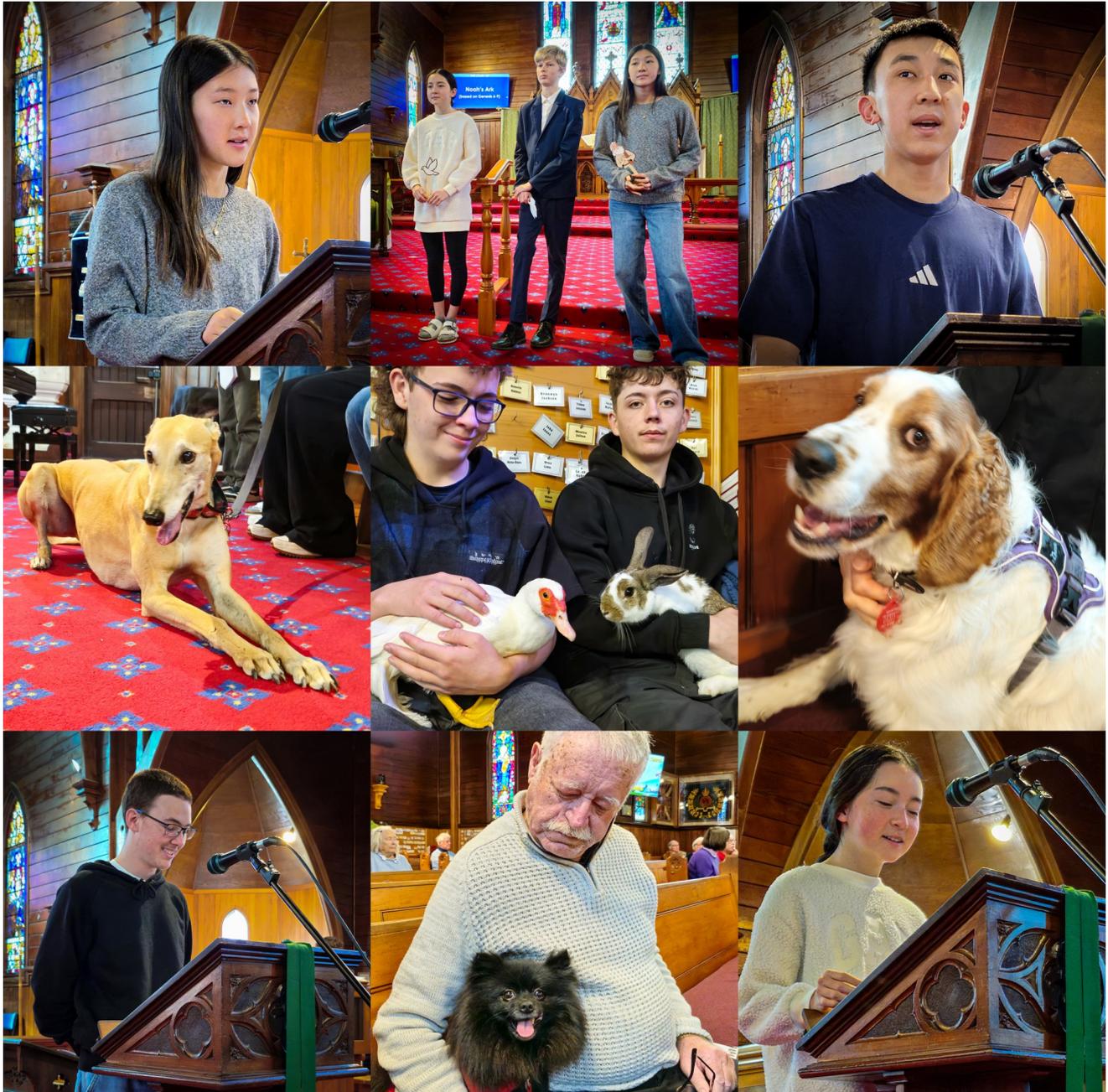




# THE BRIDGE

St Andrew's Anglican Church, Cambridge  
Come and See! Come and Follow! Come and be Transformed!



## Blessing of the Pets Service

*photos: Michael Jeans*

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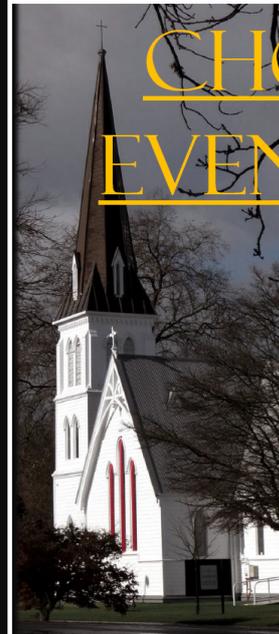
October 2025

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- Wednesday 1 10am Holy Communion, Centre  
1pm Care Group, Centre
- Monday 6 10am Selwyn Centre, Centre  
7pm Venite Choir, Centre  
School resumes - Term 4
- Wednesday 8 10am Holy Communion, Centre
- Sunday 12 4pm Evensong, Church
- Monday 13 10am Selwyn Centre, Centre  
2:30pm Holy Communion, Resthaven  
on Burns
- Wednesday 15 10am Holy Communion, Centre  
7:30pm Evening Women's  
Fellowship, Centre
- Monday 20 10am Selwyn Centre  
2:30pm Holy Communion, St Kilda  
7pm Venite Choir, Centre
- Wednesday 22 10am Holy Communion, Centre  
1:30pm Afternoon Women's  
Fellowship, Centre
- Monday 27 Auckland Anniversary Day  
9am-2pm Craft Fair  
Office closed - No Selwyn Centre  
2pm Holy Communion, Oakdale
- Tuesday 28 7:30pm Vestry meeting, Centre
- Wednesday 29 10am Holy Communion, Centre

The Bridge deadline for November  
contributions is Thursday,  
16 October  
email: [standrewcam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:standrewcam@xtra.co.nz)

## CHORAL EVENSONG



St Andrew's  
Cambridge  
Sunday  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
2025  
4pm

Come and Sing!  
All welcome - rehearsal at 2.15pm

contact Merv Hunt

[agcity@gmail.com](mailto:agcity@gmail.com)

021 135 9904

### ORGANIST FUND

St Andrew's Anglican Church Cambridge is blessed with a beautiful 2 manual, 34-stop George Croft & Son pipe organ. The organ had a major refurbishment in 2020. Several significant changes include a state-of-art midi capture system with record and playback functions, the addition of a 16' Pedal Trombone, 8' and 4' Swell and Great Trumpet, and an Automatic Bass Coupler.

While St Andrew's has a specific fund for donations toward the maintenance and repairs of the organ, we now need to establish an 'Organist Fund' to ensure the funds to pay a professional organist for our regular main services and events. If you would like to donate toward either of these funds, you can set up an automatic payment, or a one off donation to the following account:

Name and account number:

St Andrews Church  
020300 0025058-00

Please state in the reference box either 'Organ' or 'Organist'.

## From Fr Ben

Kia ora koutou katoa,



What a joy it was to have our Sunday school help lead our service for our Intergenerational Pet Sunday. It is a blessing to have a Sunday school that is both willing and able to serve and help us all be reminded of God's call to all God's children to *be like children*. One of the things that we often see in children is the way that they live in the moment and try to live fully (as we work hard to manage and organise them! 😊). Jesus reminds the disciples and us throughout the Gospels that the shape of the faith of children is something that we should all be following as an example for our own faith.

As I write this, I am preparing for another service in which the Gospel reading encourages us to remember the fullness of life that Jesus came to show to us a fullness of life also seen in John the Baptist, albeit in a very different way. In this Gospel reading (Luke 7:31-35), Jesus responds to those who have been criticising him for being someone that people want to be around. Specifically, Jesus has been accused of being someone that goes out to eat and drink and therefore must be a glutton and drunkard.

I think that one of the characteristics of Jesus' ministry was that he was a very enjoyable person to be around. The reason he is known for eating and drinking was not due his over-indulgence in food and wine but, as we can tell from the way he is characterised throughout the gospels, because people often invited him to their homes, to their communities, to their events and he would happily and joyously share in those with them. What we see in Christ is an image of the fullness of life, a life of abundance, an abundance of joy. So too are we being called to share with Christ in the joys of life.

Our intergenerational pet service is an example of sharing in that joy with one another and a glimpse into part of what it means to live life more fully. As we share together in adoring and cooing over our pets and share in the diverse variety of noises as we gather and worship our God, it was a revealing of the fullness of life that will eventually be revealed in whole through Jesus.

*Joyous and life-giving Lord, thank you for the great gift of joy and life that we receive through Christ Jesus. Help us to follow in the example of our tamariki, our children, as they show us how to live in the joy that comes from you. Give to us and to all the transforming and renewing power of your Holy Spirit that we might all be examples of your joy and loving-kindness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*More photos by Michael Jeans from the Pet Service*

**Men's Fellowship**

Next meeting: 6pm, Thursday,  
20 November - Parish Centre  
Quiz Evening

\$20 - correct change please - includes  
dinner and drinks

For catering purposes please record your name  
on the clipboard in the church porch or phone  
the Office - 07 8276751 by Monday morning,  
24 November

**Are you interested in implementing  
Automatic Bank Donations to St  
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If you would like to change your method of  
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020300 0025058-00

For our records, please include your initials  
and surname and in the reference section  
"giving"

## Vestry News

Vestry met on 26 August where the following items were raised.

- Mark Gordon, whose company Exterior Wash generously donated their time to chemically clean the exterior of the Church and Centre.
- Circulation of information regarding the current Financial position of St Andrews.
- There will, again this year, be an additional Craft Fair in November which will assist with fund raising efforts.
- Renting of the Vicarage during the interregnum was looked into but real estate agencies are not interested in short term rentals.
- The Vicar's laptop and the office computer needs updating.
- Rev Juliet purchased blankets to use in the Church over the cooler winter months for parishioners to use.

## Selwyn Centre

The Selwyn Centre has continued to meet every Monday with a good number of guests attending regularly. We have had a few guests unwell or having hospital stays. It's always wonderful when they return to Selwyn Centre again.

We did a couple of sessions talking about being safe in our homes. There is a big number of over 65 year olds that fall over in their own home every week. Peter Fox-Worthington from St John's, gave us some practical tips on staying safe. It was great to hear that most of our guests do have personal safety alarms and have no hesitation in using them if required.

Susan Pini, one of our volunteers, has had a recent holiday in Vietnam. She delivered an excellent presentation on her Vietnam escapade. Paul and Susan experienced the hot season. There were some lovely photos of lantern making, food tours etc.

Spring is a beautiful season for bulb flowers, especially daffodils. We crafted some daffodils from paper and light card.

Next year we will be needing some more volunteers for Selwyn Centre as Susan Pini and Nan Ferguson are unable to continue their volunteering with us. They have both diligently volunteered for many years and we will miss their skills. If you can help on a Monday morning (even 1 or 2 times per month) from 9:30 to around midday I'd love to hear from you.

*Yvonne Johnston*





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## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Labour Day weekend

**Monday 27 October 2025**

9am until 2pm

Refreshments available

Contact Ian 0275 673 139

### Women's Fellowship

#### Afternoon Group

Next meetings  
1:30pm  
Wednesday,  
22 October  
Parish Centre  
Leader:  
Glynis Gasnier

#### Evening Group

Next meeting  
7:30pm  
Wednesday,  
15 October  
Parish Centre  
Leader:  
Susan Pini

#### Emergency Meals

Evening Women's Fellowship members have taken on responsibility for stocking the church freezer with meals. These are home cooked by us mostly, comfort food, with portions for 1-2 people. These are for parishioners who are unwell, post-op, and unable to temporarily cook for themselves

If you need to access these meals or know someone who would benefit, please contact Kay in the church Office.

#### Missions

For September and October the Missions Box collection will go to Anglican Action - Mahi Mihinare.

A social justice mission based in Te Ara Hou Village, Hamilton, Anglican Action offers hope to individuals who seek it and is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Anglican Action is committed to justice and advocacy to foster a more equitable and fair society for all. Services offered include parental education; youth mentoring and support; and accommodation to assist individuals reintegrating to the community after Imprisonment.

Mentors provide guidance, encouragement and practical assistance to those recently released from prison or other institutions and also to young people navigating their involvement with the youth justice system. This includes life skills, work readiness and finding employment as well as providing safe housing for those reintegrating into society.

The parent education programs are child centred, assisting mothers prioritise the well being of children, building strong and positive relationships.

Donations play a vital role in supporting the mission of Anglican Action in making a positive impact in the lives of those they serve.

Donations for the Missions Box can also be made to the church bank account, with the reference "Missions":

Saint Andrews Church - A/c number 02-0300-0025058-00

Thank you for your faithful support.

Lauris Crook

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**Christmas  
Passion  
for art<sup>25</sup>**

Cambridge Artists Exhibitions  
29-30 November  
Cambridge

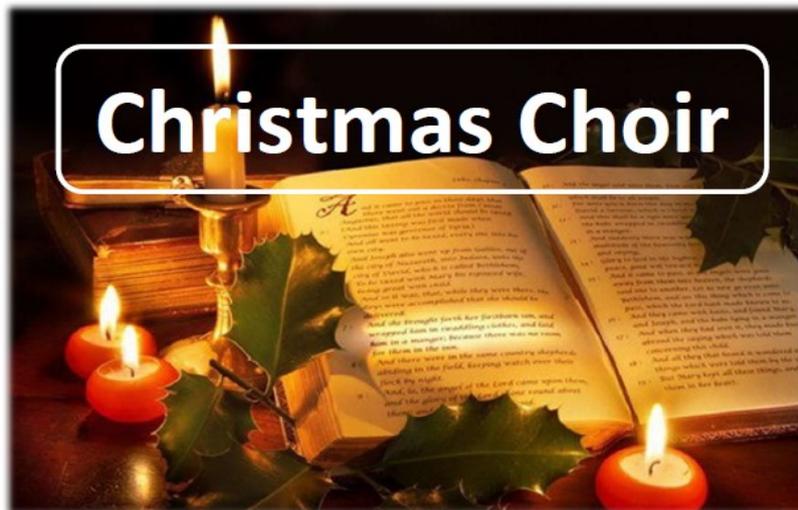
Visit the  
artists in  
their homes  
or studios.  
10am- 4pm

For more information,  
visit the website below  
and look for Passion for Art

[www.carolehughesart.co.nz](http://www.carolehughesart.co.nz)

**Selwyn Centre**  
For 65+ age group  
\$4 per session  
Mondays in the Centre:  
10am - 12 noon  
(except for public holidays  
and a short recess  
over the Christmas -  
New Year period)  
Enjoy companionship  
whilst exercising,  
participating in  
activities, and over  
a cup of tea!  
Come and join us and  
bring a friend!  
*For further information  
please phone  
the office  
078276751*

**Venité Choir**, St Andrew's Cambridge  
warmly invites singers of all ages and abilities  
to join their



We will sing at St Andrew's and at the  
Cambridge Christmas Festival  
Rehearsals begin on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at  
7pm in St Andrew's Parish Centre.  
Please join us by first contacting Merv Hunt  
021 135 9904 [agcity@gmail.com](mailto:agcity@gmail.com)



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