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February at St Andrew's Church

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PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH & APRIL

March

Sunday 1	3pm Vocālis Choir Concert, Church
Monday 2	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 4	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Lent Study Group, Centre 1pm Care Group, Centre
Friday 6	7pm Youth group (11-14 y/o), Centre
Monday 9	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 11	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Lent Study Group, Centre
Friday 13	7pm Youth group (11-14 y/o), Centre
Monday 16	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
Wednesday 18	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Lent Study Group, Centre 7:30pm Evening Women's Fellowship, Centre
Thursday 19	6pm Men's Dinner, Centre
Friday 20	7pm Youth group (11-14 y/o), Centre
Sunday 22	4pm Evensong service, Church
Monday 23	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Tuesday 24	7:30pm Vestry meeting, Centre
Wednesday 25	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Lent Study Group, Centre 1:30pm Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Centre
Friday 27	7pm Youth group (11-14 y/o), Centre
Saturday 28	9am Palm crosses with flax, Centre
Sunday 29	PALM SUNDAY
Monday 30	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre

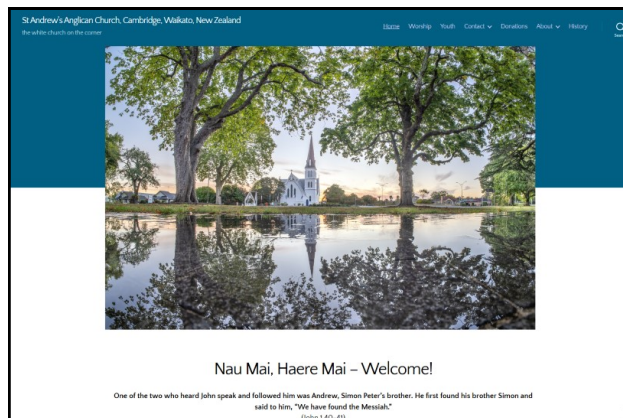
April

Wednesday 1	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Lent Study Group, Centre 1pm Care Group, Centre
Thursday 2	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday 3	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday 4	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday 5	EASTER SUNDAY
Monday 6	EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday 8	10am Holy Communion, Centre
Monday 13	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 15	10am Holy Communion, Centre 7:30pm Evening Women's Fellowship, Centre
Thursday 16	6pm Men's Dinner, Centre
Sunday 19	11:30am AGM Meeting Part 2, Centre
Monday 20	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
Wednesday 22	10am Holy Communion, Centre 1:30pm Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Centre
Friday 24	7pm Youth group (11-14 y/o), Centre
Saturday 25	ANZAC DAY 2pm Wedding, Church
Monday 27	PUBLIC HOLIDAY for ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 28	Vestry meeting, Centre
Wednesday 29	10am Holy Communion, Centre

NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE

For the Church calendar, upcoming events, weekly pew sheets and liturgy, please visit our new website:

www.standrewscambridge.org.nz



With regularly updated pages about our services, worship, youth programmes, and everything else, we hope this will keep you informed about all the happenings at St Andrew's Church.

Morning Tea for 8am service-goers

On Sunday 22 March at 9am (following the service), you are welcome to enjoy hot cross buns and good fellowship in the Parish Centre.

Evensong Service

Please join us in the Church at 4pm on Sunday 22 March.



YOUTH Programmes

Saint Andrew's Youth - SAY

Current meeting times

Ages 11-14: Fridays at 7-8.30pm, Parish Centre.

Ages 15-18: Sundays at 10am, Parish Hall Lounge.



Please see our page: standrewscambridge.org.nz/youth

St Andrew's Church AGM Part 1 & 2 - 2026

Our AGM will take the same format as in recent years i.e. we will have the AGM in two parts.

The AGM Part 1 meeting was in February for the election of Vestry, People's Warden, Synod Reps and Nominators.

The second part of the meeting is scheduled for Sunday 19 April at 11:30am in the Parish Centre and will receive all the various reports including the Finance Report. General Business will follow and the AGM for 2026 will be closed at the end of this meeting.

Reports from the leaders of all Parish groups will be required to be submitted to the Parish Office by Friday 21 March 2026.

From Rev Stephen

E te Whaanau a te Karaiti - Peace be with you!

On behalf of my whole family I wish to express my deep gratitude for the generous and gracious welcome that we have received from the Parish. Your collective manaakitanga has enabled me to settle in and begin to explore life at St Andrew's with a real sense of hope. I am excited by the ministry and vision being exercised by so many in the parish across so many areas. I also wish to acknowledge all those who have worked so hard during the interregnum. Ngaa mihi nui!



As the nights grow longer and the mornings colder, the challenge of Lent deepens. Remember that you are not alone. As you put something down, take something up, and give something away, know that millions of Christians around the world share your struggle and commitment. The little difference that each of us makes contributes to a global effort for God.

As I write about the 'struggle' of Lent, I am conscious of more conflict in the Middle East. Most of us cannot imagine what it is like to live with the constant threat of such violence. Many of us are confused by competing nationalist claims of God's endorsement of war. Especially as each of the nations involved share the same Abrahamic God: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. If you are left wondering where God is in all this then know that God stands with the vulnerable and marginalised. Know that the Prince of Peace works alongside aid agencies, emergency staff, and volunteers.

As we approach Easter we remember that Jesus rejected violence. Although he could have raised an army, he chose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey. Although he could have leapt from the Cross and struck the soldiers down, he chose instead to turn it into a symbol of hope rising from pain and suffering. So please pray for peace: for the protection of those everyday people who have no influence but live with every consequence. Pray that hearts of stone become hearts of flesh committed to justice for all.

Service of Installation for The Reverend Stephen Black



Rev Stephen & Bishop Philip



Rev Stephen and the Waikato Diocesan School community



Wardens, Susan and Stephen

On Sunday 1 February at 2pm, St Andrew's Church was packed and overflowing with excited guests, ready to witness the special occasion of Reverend Stephen Black becoming Vicar of the Parish.

Bishop Philip Richardson presided over the day, delivering the Presentation and Institution of the new Vicar, as well as giving a wonderful sermon referencing the Beatitudes. Representatives from other Cambridge churches and community places offered their warm welcomes to Rev Stephen. Farewells were given by appreciative staff and students from Waikato Diocesan School to their former Chaplain.

The Presentation of the Symbols of Ministry - including The Bible, Water of Baptism, Hospitality, and the Bread and Wine of Communion - were also handed over to Rev Stephen by various parishioners. The sung hymns included 'Be Thou My Vision' and 'Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer'.

With Rev Stephen's family all present (and his rather large extended family of Diocesan students and colleagues), other clergy also came along to show their support. The celebrations continued in the Parish Hall after the official events. Thanks to all who helped organise the day.

Photos courtesy of Michael Jeans.

Lent at St Andrew's

Hear God's invitation to you this Lent: 'Return to me with all your heart' (*Joel 2:12*).

During these 40 days leading up to Holy Week, we are hosting a Lent Study Group in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10:45am. All are welcome. There are also plenty of online resources via our website, including a Lent info booklet, Study Journal, and updates from our Lenten Garden.

Last month on Ash Wednesday (18 February), St Andrew's Church had two Holy Eucharist services - one morning and one evening - marking the beginning of this important season in the Christian calendar.

Lenten Garden

Throughout this season of Lent, witness the changing scene and events from the amazing Biblical story of Jesus, leading up to his death and resurrection. Similar to our recent Advent Garden, this display in the Church is a new initiative at St Andrew's which hopes to share the powerful message of the Messiah, Christ Jesus, and what he did for all the peoples of the world.

Please invite your family and friends to come along and see the incredible account of Jesus unfold before their eyes. (Note, the *Week 1: Ash Wednesday* scene is on the cover page photo).



Week 2: The Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

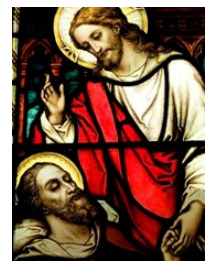


Week 3: The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

March/April Missions

Our mission appeal for March and April will be for The Leprosy Mission of New Zealand. The Leprosy Mission was found in 1874 after a missionary found a group of people sitting under a tree as they were banished from their village as they had leprosy. This was in India. In 1912 this missionary came to New Zealand and the Leprosy Mission New Zealand was formed.

Leprosy still exists in many places throughout the world, including several Pacific Islands – including Papua New Guinea, Timor and Kirabati. If left untreated, it can cause severe disabilities including disfigurement and blindness. It was a disease of shame and isolation. People with leprosy were often afraid to seek help. The good news is that leprosy can be cured through medical interventions and support. Please give generously to this Mission Appeal and make a difference to leprosy sufferers in the Pacific and other places.



Volunteer appreciation profiles



Michael Jeans

Church website designer and online pages manager for the past five years.

Thank you for everything you did, keeping the Church's online space buzzing...

We look forward to continuing seeing you as a Selwyn Centre volunteer this year, and of course, as a star photographer!



Merv Hunt

Church music director during the interregnum period in 2025.

Thank you for taking on this responsibility while the Church was in a transition time. With your great organising of the hymns and organists, you kept the music alive!

Church News

- Over the past month, we have measuredly begun updating systems at St Andrew's Church with a view to blend together tradition, history, and modern technology. Aiming to improve methods of communication and work here, we are positive that things will settle into place nicely as the year progresses. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we strive for a timely and balanced transition for good.

- The upkeep of a historic building is usually ongoing, and thus the topic of 'grounds and building maintenance' is appearing in many conversations here at St Andrew's. The possibility of forming a Church caretaking team is looking like a viable solution, with each volunteer bringing their specific skillset to help with odd jobs as they arise. More to come on this soon.

Selwyn Centre - Happenings in February

After a couple of informal meetings in January, we have settled into a busy February. We started off the first two weeks focussing on the Winter Olympic Games. We watched a youtube clip showing some of the fantastic events that participants do. We partook in a small quiz about the games and recalled some of the daring events these superb the amazing sports people do. The following week we did our own mini Winter Olympic games. There was much hilarity among the group.

We even had a medal ceremony!

In February it is the start of the Chinese New Year. We made and decorated paper lanterns in addition to learning about the traditions around the Chinese New Year. The date is determined around the lunar cycles and some countries call it the Lunar New Year. This event lasts for 15 days. With Easter coming up and it being the season of Lent, we looked at other festivals that various cultures hold - many of them have a religious component to them.

We were delighted that Rev. Stephen has popped in to say hello to the guests and we look forward to him joining us when time permits.

Yvonne Johnston - Selwyn Centre Coordinator



Photos from the mini Winter Olympics

Missions Box for February: Kids in Need Waikato

Last month's Missions Box recipient was Kids in Need Waikato. This is a locally based charity which supports children, and their caregivers, who are in the care of someone other than their parents. In many cases, these will be grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

The support Kids in Need provides includes personalised care packs for the children and to caregivers and the rest of the family through coffee groups, events and retreats.

The founders of Kids in Need are Linda and Graeme Roil of Cambridge. This charity now supports over 1,300 children and 500 caregivers every year.

Men's Fellowship - 19/02/26

Our guest speaker this month, Ralph Dearlove, shared the history of his ancestor Abraham Honore who sailed to New Zealand in the 1850s to assist a German Lutheran priest, Johann Wohlers, based on Ruapuke Island, 15km Southeast of Bluff.

At the time, Ruapuke Island was the stronghold of chief Tuhawaiki with a population of approximately 200. Rev Abraham Honore was a missionary tasked with preaching the Christian faith but also seeing the need for a school and a better health outcome for this small population, something that he worked extremely hard to achieve. Later he would marry, have a family and move to the mainland.

Abraham spoke fluent Maori and gained the trust of the local people and was once heard to say that he wanted to take nothing from the Maori people but he had the greatest gift to share with them.


He lived the rest of his life here and preached his last sermon three weeks before he passed away.

A big thankyou to Ralph for putting this evening together for us, truly an ancestor to be proud of.

Rob Laing

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**World Day
of Prayer**
Friday 6 March 2026

“I Will Give You Rest: Come”
A service prepared by WDP Nigeria

You are invited to join in
worship and fellowship
at your local church

Place: *Trinity St Paul's Union Parish Cambridge
43 Queen Street*

Time: *7 pm*



**Women’s
Fellowship**
Afternoon Group
Next meeting: 1:30pm
Wednesday 25 March
Parish Centre
Leader:
Glynis Gasnier

Evening Group
Next meeting: 7:30pm
Wednesday 18 March
Parish Centre
Leader:
Susan Pini

Men’s Fellowship
Next meeting: 6pm
Thursday 19 March
Parish Centre
Leaders:
Rob Laing
Peter Spiller



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Cambridge Social Services Christmas Cheer 2025
Excerpt from the thank you speech from Amy:
“On behalf of the Cambridge Social Services Christmas Cheer Committee, I would like to sincerely thank you all for the generosity and kindness you have shown in supporting Christmas Cheer 2025. Because of your support, we were able to provide Christmas food hampers, supermarket vouchers, and presents to 95 families here in Cambridge who are currently engaged with local services including Cambridge Community House, The Salvation Army, Mana Hapori, Te Manawa o Cambridge, and Plunket. That meant full tummies on Christmas Day. It meant the joy of opening a gift on Christmas morning. And it meant the dignity of being able to purchase necessary items at the supermarket. But what truly shows the impact of your generosity is the feedback we received from families. Many of our staff were met with tears — tears of relief, gratitude, and sometimes pure exhaustion at finally feeling supported. Parents told us they had been lying awake at night worrying about how they would make Christmas happen for their children. Because of you, that worry was lifted. Christmas Cheer is truly a community effort. It reflects what Cambridge does best — looking after our own and wrapping around our whānau when they need it most. Your generosity did more than provide food and gifts. It provided reassurance. It told families they are seen, valued, and cared for by their community. On behalf of the committee, our partner agencies, and especially the 95 families you have supported — thank you.



**CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION**

This certificate is presented to

St Andrews Church & Family

Thank you for your generous contribution to Christmas Cheer 2025
Your support has helped bring joy to whānau in need in our
Cambridge Community at Christmas time

Cambridge Social Services

Letter from St Paul's Putaruru

Dear St Andrews Parish,

Thank you so much for your generous support of our mission focused ministries that we offer to our community. Your gifts of money and Christmas gifts enabled us to give away about 110 large bags of new gifts to vulnerable children and adults. About 65 went to children and 45 to Mental Health Adults who live in residential care in Putaruru and Matamata.

We will continue to offer Messy Church about every 6 weeks, weekly cooking classes for our Mental Health Adults and a free box of lucky dip groceries each week or every other week to about 25 families. The groceries come from a Tokoroa Charity called Halo which is part of the Government No Food Waste programme.

Your generous support is a real blessing and is always very much appreciated.

Yours in Christ
Mary Addison

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NORRIS WARD MCKINNON



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**Happy
birthday,
Ian**



To our Church Verger, Ian.
Card made by Glynis.

3pm Sunday 1 March
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\$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
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the office
078276751

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If you would like to change your method of giving to automatic payment, our account name is: *Saint Andrews Church*
Bank account number: 020300 0025058-00
For our records, please include your initials and surname and in the reference section "Giving". Thank you.

Dear St Andrew's Parish community,
Grace and peace to you all.
Do you feel God is calling you to Licenced Lay Ministry?
Are you interested in taking on leadership roles in children's and youth work or providing care to vulnerable adults?
If you feel that God might be calling you, then we would like to hear from you!
Please do talk to one of the vestry members so that we can support you and your application in the new Diocesan process.
If you would like more information about this new Diocesan Lay Licensing process, please talk to one of our Synod reps, Lauris Crook or Stephen Riddell, or feel free to contact Rev Stephen Black.
We would be delighted to hear from you!



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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Holy Communion, and Children's Liturgy

REST HOME SERVICES

2nd Monday of the month - 2:30pm at Resthaven on Burns

3rd Monday of the month - 2:30pm at St Kilda

4th Monday of the month - 2pm at Oakdale

The Bridge deadline for April/May 2026
contributions is Thursday 16 April.
Email: office@standrewscambridge.org.nz



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Signed: