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PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- Monday 1 10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
Wednesday 3 10am Holy Communion, Centre
Monday 8 10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
2:30pm Holy Communion, Resthaven
on Burns
Wednesday 10 10am Holy Communion, Centre
1pm Care Group, Centre
Sunday 14 10am Pet Service, Church
Monday 15 10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
2:30pm Holy Communion, St Kilda
7pm Venite Choir, Centre
Wednesday 17 10am Holy Communion, Centre
7:30pm Evening Women's
Fellowship, Centre
Friday 19 Last Day of school Term 3
Monday 22 10am Selwyn Centre
2pm Holy Communion, Oakdale
7pm Venite Choir, Centre
Tuesday 23 7:30pm Vestry meeting, Centre
Wednesday 24 10am Holy Communion, Centre
1:30pm Afternoon Women's
Fellowship, Centre
Thursday 25 6pm Men's Dinner, Centre
Sunday 28 Daylight saving starts today
Monday 29 10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
7pm Venite Choir, Centre

The Bridge deadline for October
contributions is Thursday,
18 September
email: standrewcam@xtra.co.nz



Situations Vacant

Parish Administrator

Due to the upcoming retirement of Kay as Parish Administrator, we are beginning a search to find someone to fill this role. If you are interested in the part-time role, or know of someone who might be, please contact the Wardens for a copy of a job description.

Kay has been in this position for over fifteen years and given dedicated service to the parish. We look forward to acknowledging Kay's work near the end of October and wish her well for the future.

CCOS news

Technically we are no longer Cambridge Committee of Social Services but Cambridge Social Services Incorporated. Our new constitution was adopted at our AGM in July. We have been engaged with the difficult and very time consuming business of rewriting our constitution to meet the legal needs of being an Incorporated Society under the new Act. We had a lot of help from Community Waikato and it seems many Incorporated Societies have had difficulty working out how they will comply with the new Act. We re-elected our team of chairperson--Anne Morrison (Violence Free Waipa), secretary---Gabby Byrne (Cambridge Community House) and Treasurer---Marie Payne (CAB.) We are now working on how often we will meet and when and where. Of course Christmas Cheer will continue and a sub committee meets all through the year. As well, funds are made available to the Community House for petrol and groceries. We hope for bimonthly meetings with a speaker but our overarching need is for an opportunity to network and build relationships among those organization and churches who offer social services in Cambridge. We need to learn what the gaps in meeting need in Cambridge are and being there to support each other.

Juliet Drage

From Fr Ben

Tēnā koutou katoa, kia tau te rangimārie me te atawhai noa o te Ariki, a Īhu Karaiti, ki a koutou!
Grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ to you all!



One of my favourite verses to recall as we gather around the altar of the Lord and share together in the eucharistic sacrament is from the Gospel of St Luke (also another favourite of mine). The author writes,

“[Jesus] said to [his disciples], “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer”

I love recalling this verse in particular because it reminds us all that:

- It is Christ who calls us to the altar.
- It is Christ who hosts us at the altar.
- Christ is *eager* to share in the eucharist with us all!

For many of us it easy to enter into the regularity of a routine. On Sunday’s we go to church, we do these specific things during the service, we join in with morning tea, and then we go about the rest of our day. But I think that this verse from the Gospel of St Luke helps us to remember the desire and joy of Christ each and every time we join with him to share in the eucharistic meal. It helps us to remember the sacredness and sacramental nature of what it is that we share in at the eucharist. It invites us to come to the altar each time with a renewed call from Christ to unburden ourselves before our God and to find rest in the love that is offered in Christ and the love that we hope to embody as a community towards one another and towards all who we are fortunate to encounter each and every day.

As Bishop Philip often reminds us, we are not communities that exist for ourselves. We are not communities that exist with ourselves at the centre of its purpose. But we hope and we work together to be communities whose purpose is found in sharing the love of Christ with those outside of our communities! It is for us to be and to live as those wellsprings of life so that all may know us by the love that we have within us and for one another.

In other joyful news, I was very pleased to get engaged on 27th July to my partner-now-fiancée, Hineauripo Waenga. Hineauripo is a teacher and currently lives and works in Ruatoki, near Whakatāne. We are hoping to get married at the Cathedral in early January 2026. Please do keep us in your prayers that we might enjoy our engagement, the planning of the wedding, and the planning of our life together.

Holy and everliving God, you are the source of all love, you welcome us to share in the richness of our life, grant to us the power of the Holy Spirit to transform and conform our hearts and our lives to always share the love which we have received with all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Fr Ben

Men's Fellowship

Our guest speaker for July was Graeme Doole, science group manager at Ag Research, former chief economist at Dairy NZ, a former economic advisor to the NZ Government, and former professor of economics from Waikato University.

The subject for the evening was the growth of the dairy sector across the last 40 years, and the opportunities that are available.

With the aid of a great PowerPoint presentation, his farming background, and obvious passion for the industry, Graeme talked us through some of the major problems facing today's farmers.

Graeme also brought along colleague and leading scientist Alvaro, between the two of them, they explained in detail some of the research that is being carried out regarding the reduction of methane from large herds, the modification of grazing varieties and the possibility of a vaccine to further reduce it, while still maintaining good pasture growth, and improving production per Kg of feed per animal.

This is next level science, but Graeme said that nature always wins in the end which I guess is its own protection against us taking things a bit too far.

This sort of research is absolutely necessary in sustaining our way of life while also protecting the environment.

A very big thankyou to Graeme and Alvaro for a great evening, we very much enjoyed your company.

Rob Laing

Obituary – Philippa Mary Baker

Philippa Mary Baker passed away peacefully in Hamilton, New Zealand, on Thursday, 7 August. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend whose courage, generosity, and faith touched all who knew her.

Philippa was born in Kuala Lumpur and, with her mother, fled to Sydney and then London during the Japanese invasion in World War II. Her father, a prisoner of war, returned to the family when she was a young girl. Educated in England, Philippa endured the loss of her mother in her early twenties.

At age 20 she moved to Kenya, where she worked as an air hostess. In 1961 she married Keith Baker, beginning a devoted marriage of 43 years marked by love, companionship, and adventure. Together, they raised three daughters—Samantha, Tamsin, and Vanessa—instilling in them independence, resilience, and strong values.

After many happy years in Kenya and England, Philippa faced the sudden loss of her husband with characteristic strength. She went on to create a full and vibrant life, dividing her time between Cambridge, New Zealand and south Buckinghamshire, England, before eventually settling permanently in Cambridge at age 74.

Philippa embraced life with energy and enthusiasm. In Cambridge, she was a keen bridge and mahjong club member and player, loved travelling, gardening, birdwatching, and was an enthusiastic follower of the local rowing, horse racing and polo. Her community of friends and family cherished her warmth, humour, and zest for life. A regular of St. Andrews congregation, her faith was central to her journey, guiding her through each chapter with clarity and grace.

Philippa is survived by her three daughters—Samantha, Tamsin, and Vanessa—her sons-in-law Simon, Dan, and Dave, and her grandchildren Aaron, Wyn, and Jazzy. She will be remembered for her strength, her adventurous spirit, and the deep love she shared with her family and friends.

Tamsin Baker



Vestry News

Vestry met on 22 July where the following items were raised.

- Work on the Bell Tower has now been completed.
- Repairs to the gutter and dormers above the Lady Chapel are underway.
- The Seminar Room (between the Office and Vicar's Office) is available to use as a space to have private conversations or to hire. Please contact the Office Administrator for details regarding booking or using this room.
- Minor repairs to the Vicarage are being addressed and the garden requires some attention.
- Our year-to-date deficit is now over \$23,000. Vestry is exploring avenues to address this shortfall.

Are you interested in implementing Automatic Bank Donations to St Andrews?

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"

Men's Fellowship

Next meeting: 6pm, Thursday, 25 September - Parish Centre
Speaker: Simon Brew - General Manager, Cambridge Town Hall

\$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, 22 September
Please note there is no October meeting

Selwyn Centre July and August

The Selwyn Centre continue to meet every Monday in the Parish Centre and what a fine bunch of over 65 year olds we have attending. There is a real sense of comradery and support within the group. Our guests and volunteers assist and support each other through transport, phone calls, visiting one another and telling of personal experiences. We have very caring and kind-hearted guests and volunteers.

Our programme is varied. In the last few weeks, we have talked about cars and some of our early driving experiences such as where we learnt to drive, who taught us to drive, being stopped by Traffic Officers etc. Our first cars were certainly different to cars of today!

We have also had two sessions of participating in card games and other games. We had the most interesting talk from one of our guests who was a Customs Officer in the 1970's. At that stage female custom officers were very thin on the ground. There were no two days the same and she even discovered a lot of heroin on one female traveller! Thank you, Paula, for the interesting talk.

Yvonne Johnston



Celebrating July birthdays



*Heather explaining how easy it can
be to be scammed*



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**Blessing
of the
Animals**

 Sunday 14 September
 Celebrate this special day with us
 as we gather for our annual
 Pet Service at 10 am
 All pets welcome!

Women's Fellowship

Afternoon Group

Next meetings
1:30pm
Wednesday,
24 September
Parish Centre
Leader:
Glynis Gasnier

Evening Group

Next meeting
7:30pm
Wednesday,
17 September
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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Waiting for Gertie!

Written and performed by Helen Moulder
Directed by Jeff Kingsford Brown



Music, Mayhem and Madness

"A concoction of delicate whimsy" - Theatreview

Yes, the legendary diva is coming to Cambridge to give a musical lecture to the St Andrew's Opera Guild (STOG). Her indefatigable accompanist, the equally legendary Miss Gertrude Rallentando, is nowhere to be found, so Cynthia must battle on without her.

LENGTH: 65 mins.

SUNDAY 21st September, 4pm

St Andrew's Parish Hall

Tickets: Booking in advance - \$20 (www.trybooking.com/nz/YEA)

Door Sales - \$25

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
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