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*Easter at St Andrew's Church*

Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

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## PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR FOR MAY & JUNE

### May

Sunday 3	12pm New Members Lunch, Centre
Monday 4	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 6	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre 1pm Care Group, Centre
Monday 11	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 13	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre
Monday 18	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
Wednesday 20	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre 7:30pm Evening Women's Fellowship, Tivoli
Saturday 23	2pm RSCM AGM, Centre
Sunday 24	9am Pentecost Morning Tea, Centre
Monday 25	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Tuesday 26	7:30pm Vestry meeting, Centre
Wednesday 27	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre 1:30pm Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Centre

### June

Monday 1	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 3	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre 1pm Care Group, Centre
Monday 8	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 10	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre
Monday 15	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre
Wednesday 17	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre 7:30pm Evening Women's Fellowship, Centre
Thursday 18	6pm Men's Dinner, Centre
Monday 22	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre
Tuesday 23	7.30pm Vestry meeting, Centre
Wednesday 24	10am Holy Communion, Centre 10.45am Acts Study Group, Centre 1:30pm Afternoon Women's Fellowship, Centre
Monday 29	10am Selwyn Centre, Centre 7pm Venité Choir, Centre



The Bridge deadline for July 2026 contributions is Thursday 18 June.  
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## POSITIVE GROWTH

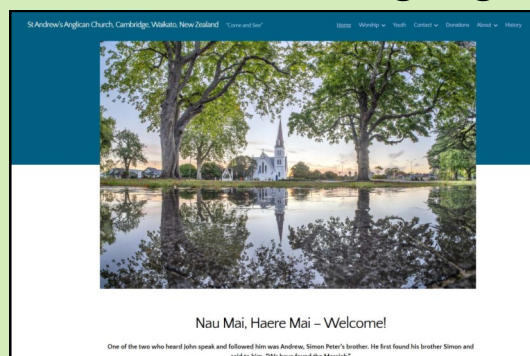
Over the past two months, we have seen growing numbers in Church attendance, weekly visitors, and website traffic.

*Thank you for your encouragement as we seek to build on this, with further community outreach and development.*

### Website updates

To see the Church calendar, upcoming events, and other resources, please visit:

**[www.standrewscambridge.org.nz](http://www.standrewscambridge.org.nz)**



We appreciate your feedback as we continue to work on the website, with a view to making it more user-friendly and informative.

## YOUTH Programmes

### Saint Andrew's Youth - SAY

#### Current meeting times

Ages 11-14: Fridays at 6-7.30pm, Parish Centre.

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



Please see our page: [standrewscambridge.org.nz/youth](http://standrewscambridge.org.nz/youth)

### Acts Bible Study

This 12-week course will look at the Acts of the Apostles (the second part of Luke's gospel).



The group are meeting on Wednesdays at 11am in the Parish Centre - please feel free to join in.

Some great resources can be found on the website, under 'Study' in the 'Worship' tab.

### Pentecost Morning Tea

On Sunday 24 May at 9am, there will be a social gathering in the Parish Centre for combined service-goers. Both 8am and 10am parishioners are invited to meet together over a cuppa.

## From Rev Stephen

From time to time we lament the confusion of a northern hemisphere church schedule in a southern hemisphere landscape. In the UK, Lent draws people into lengthening days and the promise of spring. In Aotearoa we prepare for the lengthening nights and farewell the summer. As Easter approaches the other side of the world, the flowers begin to bloom and new life abounds. In Cambridge, we are dead-heading the last of the roses and knitting scarves.



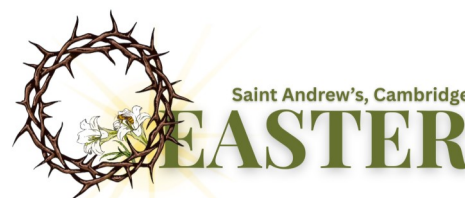
But then there's Pentecost and suddenly the seasons are back on our side.

Throughout Lent we use purple to indicate a time of preparation. At Easter, we shift to white and gold to communicate purity, holiness and joy. Soon, however, we will leap into red for Pentecost. On this day we will celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles like tongues of fire. We will marvel at the transformational moment in which all those gathered understood the Good News in their own language. God's ongoing promises of redemption are realised and autumn plays its trump card.

St Andrew's has magnificent trees, well-known for their spectacular turn. When you see them, I invite you to celebrate the Holy Spirit at work in our community. Pentecost calls us to be witnesses who proclaim the Gospel. At one level it is a call to help turn hearts from stone to flesh. At the same time, remember Tumnus (the faun from CS Lewis' Narnian stories). He was most likely named after Vertumnus the Roman god of growth and change. Allow God to change you with the seasons - to shine with the light of the Holy Spirit. Remember also Tumnus' journey from betrayal to forgiveness and reconciliation.

We are all characters in God's story of redemption. As your story unfolds, know that God is alongside you.

## Lent & Easter at St Andrew's Church



Beginning with Ash Wednesday in February, the Lenten season brought a particularly reflective and solemn series of events including the Lent *Gratitude* study course for adults, *A Journey Through the Wilderness* for the youth, and many parishioners giving up something for Lent as a way to fast and focus on the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12) was the key Bible verse during these 40 days, reminding us of God's invitation to all.

Holy Week 2026 at the Parish began with a session of flax palm cross creations, before Palm Sunday which saw the regular services start outside the Church as in the Anglican tradition. From Monday to Thursday that week, we hosted Morning Devotion services, which then led into our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Easter Day on Sunday witnessed great celebration services here of Jesus' victory on the cross, defeating sin and death - and offering us eternal life with Him as our Saviour.

Church attendance and online views were at a peak during the Easter season too, showing how the cross will always be of central importance to the Christian faith and that many New Zealanders do still observe and respect the reason for this holiday. The Reverend Stephen Black delivered a variety of thought-provoking, lively, and interactive sermons which were enjoyed by many. Thank you to all who were involved in making a very memorable Holy Week at St Andrew's Church. (More on this over the page).

## 2026 Easter Moments



### Church Open Doors Outreach

St Andrew's Church remained open daily from 11am-1pm in the lead up to Easter, and this initiative is planned to continue into the winter months. During this time, visitors and parishioners have been able to enjoy the Lent and Easter Garden displays, with the changing scenes to match the Gospel message in the Anglican Calendar.

### Lent & Easter Garden



*Maundy Thursday  
(John 13:1-17, 31b-35)*



*The Empty Tomb  
(John 20:1-17)*

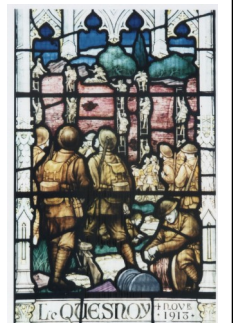


*The Road to Emmaus  
(Luke 24:13-35)*

To view all the scenes and commentaries, please visit the 'Lent Garden' page on our website.

### Le Quesnoy Connection

Photos of the WWI stained glass windows in St Andrew's Church, in particular the window depicting the liberation of Le Quesnoy, were recently featured in an article released on platforms including [RNZ](#). In an interview with *The Detail* podcast team, Heather Wellington from the Cambridge-Le Quesnoy Friendship Association mentioned some of our special links to the French town, most especially the Reverend Clive Mortimer-Jones who served as Chaplain to our men in France during his time as Vicar here at St Andrew's Church. *4 November 1918 - we will remember them.* To read the full article, please click the link above or visit our website homepage.



### Volunteer appreciation

Our Church could not function without the generous gifts of time, expertise and money made by our community. This edition we are especially grateful to Ian Dunn and his team who have worked to keep our church doors open during the day. There are beautiful stories arising from chance encounters every week. This is such a powerful ministry and invitation to the community. Thank you and bless you!

## Church News

- In addition to the regular services and groups, it has been a busy time at St Andrew's Church with Lent and Easter, new youth programme start-ups, baptisms, and of course, AGM meetings. Much has been discussed regarding the financial position of the Church at this time and how we must implement a Mission Plan to cover all the bases - prioritising the spiritual needs of the community while also being practical and sustainable with our financial choices and increasing running costs of the Parish.

- The Hall Lounge has recently been transformed into a cosy youth space, thanks to the donations of parishioners and the vision (cool design ideas!) of our young people.

## Selwyn Centre Happenings

### March

Once again, the Selwyn Centre have been active and having a grand time together. On March 9<sup>th</sup> we held a garden get together at Kay and Grant Saxton's place. The weather was kind to us, and Kay and Grant were marvellous hosts. Michael Jeans and Kay provided some games for us to play. This included quoits, pétanque and croquet. Our wonderful volunteers prepared a wonderful morning tea. Lynne, Jan, Jill, Kay and Michael were busy ensuring everyone had a plate of delicious food to accompany their tea or coffee. It was a wonderful morning with lots of chatter and it was enjoyed by all.

March 1<sup>st</sup> was St David's Day, the National Day for Wales. We had an interesting chat about Wales and enjoyed watching some fabulous Welsh singers - Katherine Jenkins was my favourite.

We also talked about the weather and some old-fashioned weather sayings as the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March was World Meteorological Day.

### April

We had the Community Librarian come to visit us and she informed us about all of the services that the library can provide for Waipa residents. There is a great array of audible books for readers with poor eyesight, a good selection of large print books. There is even a 3D printer that is available for Waipa residents to access. On request they can visit you at home with a selection of books. The main thing to remember is the library staff are always willing to help - you just need to ask.

We had a session talking about the Artemis space rocket and other space things. Most of our guests did not think they'd like to be an astronaut!

We enjoyed a delicious cake to celebrate our April birthday guests. Jan, Alan Heather and Ngaire had birthdays.

It was sad to hear of Val Massey's passing in Christchurch. She had been such an enthusiastic member of our group until last year. I will always remember her jovial character and willingness to fully participate in the programme.

*Yvonne Johnston*



## Men's Fellowship - 16/04/26

Our guest speaker for April was Robin Walker, an engineer specialising in drinking water, wastewater and the one with lumps in for the Waipa District Council.

Robin has been our guest many times and has spoken about all the major infrastructure projects in the district over the last 10 years.

For this meeting he talked in more general terms about our drinking water, where it comes from (Lake Karapiro, The Waikato River, Groundwater, and small streams), the process of producing clean water, and its storage distribution and management especially during the summer and at peak use times.

Did you know that we only have 24 hours of water storage (around 20 olympic swimming pools worth) at any one time, soon to be increased with larger tanks at the Cambridge water treatment site...

Another big thank you to Robin for putting on the evening - his enthusiasm for his job is always infectious, with a good few laughs along the way. Next meeting is June 18th.

*Rob & Peter - the Fellowship Team.*

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## Women's Fellowship

### Afternoon Group

Next meeting: 1:30pm  
Wednesday 27 May  
Parish Centre  
Leader:  
Glynis Gasnier

### Evening Group

Next meeting: 7:30pm  
Wednesday 20 May  
Movie night  
Leader:  
Susan Pini

## Men's Fellowship

Next meeting: 6pm  
Thursday 18 June  
Parish Centre  
Leaders:  
Rob Laing  
Peter Spiller



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## May/June Missions

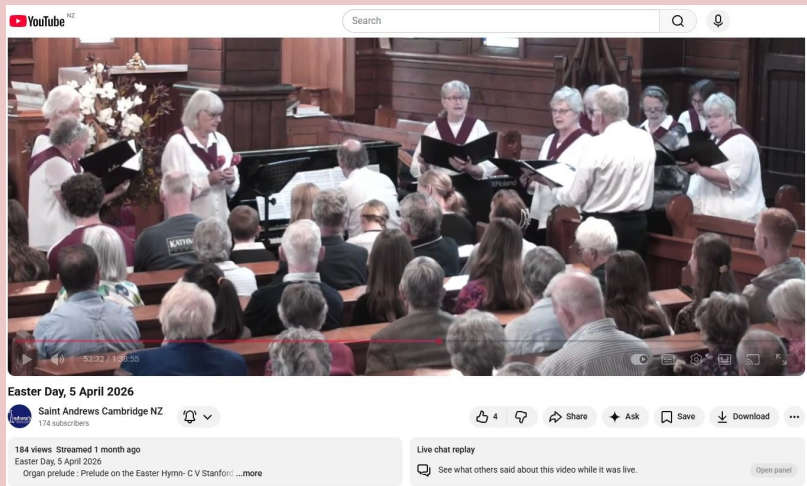
The Missions Box recipient for May and June will be Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF)

This is an international and independent medical humanitarian organisation delivering emergency medical aid to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict.

MSF was founded in 1971 in Paris in the belief that all people should have access to healthcare regardless of gender, race, religion or political affiliation. Today, MSF is a worldwide movement of nearly 65,000 people, who work in over 70 countries providing medical care where the need is greatest. MSF's actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality. It is a non-profit organisation, assisted by volunteers and dependent on donations to continue to help those most in need.

## Connected and Appreciated

Over the past couple of months we have noticed more and more online connections. If that's you, thank you! We are delighted that you are able to worship with us. If there are things we can do to improve your experience, please let us know. You can email the office or the vicar with your great ideas and suggestions.



## Evening Women's Fellowship

Invite you to our annual  
Movie Night  
@ Tivoli Cinema  
on Wednesday 20th May  
"The Sheep Detectives"  
Meet @ 6pm for Nibbles  
Movie starts at 7pm  
(Bar open for drinks)  
Tickets \$22 includes nibbles

Bookings essential as tickets are limited  
Contact [leonieaustin@hotmail.com](mailto:leonieaustin@hotmail.com)

or

Susan Pini 07 8233405

or

See Leonie or Susan after church

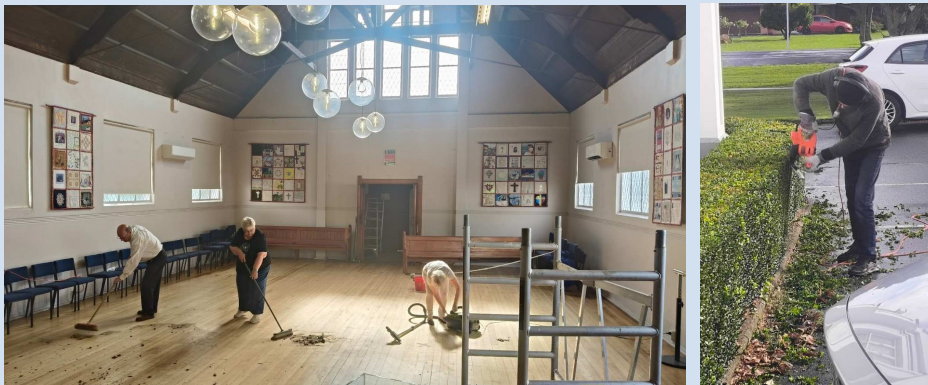
## Evensong Service

Please join us  
in the Church  
at 4pm on Sunday 28  
June. *A traditional service of  
music...*



## WORKING BEE - Saturday 18 April

A wonderful group of people came together to help tidy up the Church grounds, with a particular focus on the Hall. There were some great discoveries, neat fix-ups, major dust removal, and lots of laughs throughout the day. With all these various skill sets among the group, there may be a possible grounds maintenance team forming here at St Andrew's Church...



A special thank you to Chris Jolley, Ralph Dearlove, Bruce Crook, and Stephen Riddell for their incredible efforts on the day and beyond!

*Many hands make light work.*

### End of year giving receipts

These are available for collection from the Parish Centre foyer on Monday to Thursday mornings, and from the Church Porch on Sundays. For any further questions, please contact the Office or Ian Dunn. We thank you for your kind contributions to St Andrew's Church.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.

For apart from me you can do nothing."

(John 15:5)



### Are you interested in giving 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: 02 0300 0025058-00  
For our records, please include your initials and surname and in the reference section "Giving". Thank you.

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NORRIS WARD MCKINNON



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### 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!

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Holy Communion

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

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

#### Baptisms

The parish welcome into the family of the church through baptism:

22 March Dahra Lenihan, Loretta Jones, and Olivia Jones  
26 April Eva Rose Zayya  
3 May Leila McCathie MacKay

#### Funerals/Memorial services

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those who have died.

2 April Colleen Grinter  
29 April Alexander Wyers

#### Weddings

We congratulate the following couple who were married at St Andrews recently:

25 April  
Alison Penn & Adam Colsell



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