

THE BRIDGE



May & June at St Andrew's Church

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"Come and see" - John 1:39

PARISH CENTRE CALENDAR

July

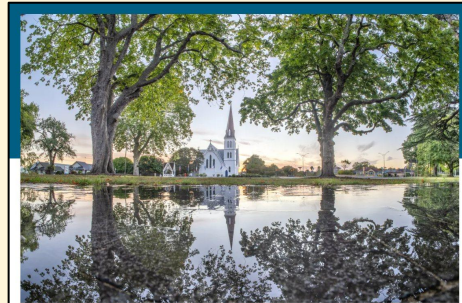
Wed 1	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Acts Bible Study
	1pm	Care Group
Mon 6	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 8	10am	Holy Communion
Sat 11	9.30am	Le Quesnoy Group
		Open Day
Mon 13	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 15	10am	Holy Communion
Mon 20	10am	Selwyn Centre
Wed 22	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Acts Bible Study
	1.30pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship
Mon 27	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Tue 28	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed 29	10am	Holy Communion
	11am	Bible Study (TBC)

August

Mon 3	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 5	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Bible Study (TBC)
	1pm	Care Group
Mon 10	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 12	10am	Holy Communion
	11am	Bible Study (TBC)
Mon 17	10am	Selwyn Centre
Wed 19	10am	Holy Communion
	11am	Bible Study (TBC)
	7.30pm	Evening Women's Fellowship
Mon 24	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 26	10am	Holy Communion
	11am	TBC
	1.30pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship
Mon 31	10am	Selwyn Centre

Online Viewership

Our website and YouTube channel both continue to get good traffic, with parishioners getting regular updates and being able to join services from home.



Come and See – Haere Mai kia Kite – Venez Voir

Since January, we have seen an average of 1000 views per month on our website, with growing interest in our Worship and Study resources as well as the Youth page. Keep watching this space!

YOUTH Programmes

Saint Andrew's Youth - SAY

Current meeting times

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

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



For more info, please see our page:
standrewscambridge.org.nz/youth

Acts Bible Study

This 12-week course is looking at the Acts of the Apostles (the second part of Luke's gospel). The group meets on Wednesdays at 11am in the Centre - please feel free to join in. Resources can be found on the website, under 'Study' in the 'Worship' tab.



The Bridge contributions deadline for Spring 2026 is Thursday 20 August.
Please email: office@standrewscambridge.org.nz

FROM THE VICAR

June Rev-lection from Reverend Stephen Black

“The rector bears the cure of souls in a parish and is responsible for worship, teaching, and pastoral care.”

Richard Hooker, The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity



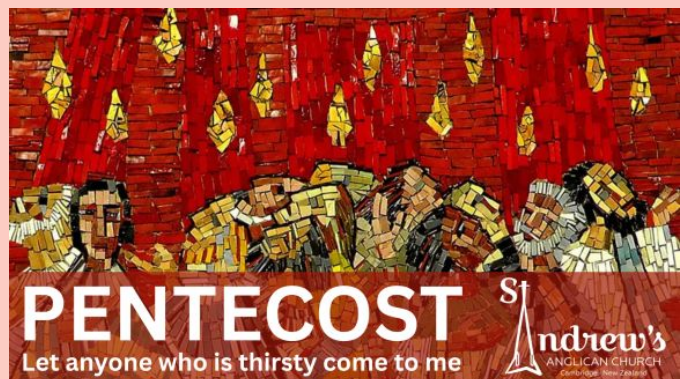
I routinely encounter people who have never met a Vicar (Rector). Inevitably - and quite reasonably - they ask what I do to fill my days. For me, there are three key areas: mission, ministry, and management. Mission concerns the work we do with and beyond the community to extend God’s kingdom. Ministry entails prayer, worship, teaching and pastoral care in the Parish. Management is an expression of leadership and administration. 400 years ago I might have simply said, “I have the cure of souls in Cambridge.”

It’s a beautiful phrase. When you hear ‘cure’ it can help to think ‘curate’ and ‘curator’ - someone who ‘takes care of’ and ‘watches over’. In te Reo we might say *kaitiaki* - a caregiver, steward and guardian. This complements the less familiar word ‘rector’ (as in ‘director’); whereas ‘vicar’ describes the person who holds authority on behalf (vicariously) of the Bishop in a specific place. And no matter what, I should be reverend - both worthy of respect and committed to revering (worshipping) God.

With all those words behind us, there is room for action ahead! My prayerful hope for St Andrew’s is that together we can celebrate our history as we shape our community’s future. As the Vestry prepares to develop a Five-Year-Plan, please know that we will be giving time and energy to all the M’s above. We are committed to supporting our younger members and have a huge opportunity to grow our care of older people. At present we are exploring external partnerships and funding: collaboration is critical to our future. These partnerships will be complemented by increased community interaction through rental/hire arrangements and events.

St Andrew’s is iconic in Cambridge. Our wider community expresses great admiration for our buildings and integrity. They support us warmly and generously. Together I hope we will be known not just as “the white church on the corner” but at the very centre of Cambridge.

Pentecost at St Andrew’s Church, 2026



On Sunday 24th May, the parishioners were greeted by a fittingly red and boldly decorated Church, complete with bright banners and balloons. This was all thanks to the Friday youth group who used their combined efforts to add a celebratory flair to our place of worship. The great spectacle from our service has been viewed online over 100 times on YouTube.

The Day of Pentecost is an exciting time in the Christian calendar, as it reflects on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first believers (found in Acts, Chapter 2).

Vestry News

Vestry (the elected body responsible for governing the Parish) meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. They oversee mission, ministry, and management. Each issue we will provide a quick update on recent progress, but if you ever have questions, please just ask one of our members or contact the Office.

Mission

- In June, we were raising funds for *Medicins sans Frontiers* (Doctors without Borders); the month previous, it was NZ Leprosy.
- On Sunday July 5, the Vestry will spend the day together developing a plan for our mission to the wider community. We will provide ongoing updates in future issues of *The Bridge*.

Ministry

We would like to thank Susan Cochrane and her team for the superb Parish Dinner - we look forward to many more. Along with the outstanding catering, we were blessed with the superb musical talents of Holly Christina, Erin Bouwer, and duo Ange Smith and Rev Stephen.

Management

- Property: We now have a Property Subcommittee who are monitoring repairs and maintenance. We are grateful to Ralph Dearlove, Chris Jolley, Bailey Spiers, and Stephen Riddell for their willingness to manage this mighty job: the heat pump in the Church has now been repaired; the Lychgate has been assessed and will be repaired; the posts outside the Parish Centre have been painted; a lawn mower has been sourced; and security cameras have almost been funded. In addition, we want to celebrate the additional work that Stephen Riddell, Bruce Crook and others undertake quietly to maintain our property (so many leaves!). Thanks to the whole team.
- Finance: Thanks to your financial support and Vestry's careful management, we are gradually recovering. Once we have confirmed and shared our Five-Year-Plan, we will start a stewardship programme to protect the past and secure the future.



This term, the junior youth group has begun to explore the Lord's Prayer. This is the foundational prayer of Christianity. In his book *The Greatest Prayer*, John Dominic Crossan describes it as a "radical manifesto and a hymn of hope for all humanity." Too often we repeat it without a moment's thought for either...

Last week, we looked at what it means to see God as a shared "Father"; for us to be brothers and sisters together. Then we explored what heaven was and where it might be. To help, we turned to Genesis 1. This mighty text celebrates the creation. It affirms the majesty of God and defines humans as made in God's image. But 3000 years ago, how did people understand the world's construction?

First, they understood God as installing order on chaos. Unlike any other god, our God is completely ordered and totally merciful. God separated the waters above from the waters below, established dry land and supplied the pillars it rested upon. God secured the heavens and cast the firmament. Ultimately, God took up residence within this newly created realm. Although the heavens are above us, all creation is saturated with the presence of God. Nevertheless, we look to the heavens to acknowledge that God oversees all things and is perpetually present to us all. As the Psalmist records: *How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!*

What better way to celebrate the construction of the universe and God's loving attention than with cake?! To recreate this ancient model you will need: a packet of ginger nuts, 200ml of fruit juice, 250ml cream (whipped), one premade spiced apple cake (or similar), and some green dye. All you need to do is: dip the ginger nuts in orange juice, 'cement' them together with whipped cream, and stack them in four ordered columns. Next, place the cake (dry land) on the pillars. Now add green dye to the cream and apply that liberally to the whole thing! Finally you can place an upturned glass bowl over the top to remember God's heavenly presence and protection.

Selwyn Centre - May and June Activities

What a team of lovely volunteers help out at the Selwyn Centre. While I was on holiday in United Kingdom the volunteers continued to run Selwyn Centre. Monday mornings are so important to our guests as they enjoy meeting up with each other, having a chat over morning tea, and contribute to the planned activities. Our guests form such strong friendships and support each other. Many thanks to all the volunteers who diligently assisted in ensuring the Selwyn Centre carried on in my absence - Lynne, Jan, Michael, Lauris, Kay, Jill and Bernice. We have welcomed a new volunteer, Jing who comes over from Hamilton.



*Celebrating May birthdays.
What a lovely cake.*

As Hebrews 13:16 says “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

It was World Train Day in early May and activities focussed around train trips we have been on, steam trains and stories (or movies) about trains. We recently had a librarian from Waipa Libraries talk about services the Library offers to Cambridge residents. We had Citizen’s Advice Bureau come and talk on 18th May. They provide so many services to people needing advice and help. Lynne led an interesting discussion on the happiest moments of our life. I talked to the guests about my travels to UK in May.

We are having a soup lunch on 6th July and 10th August. If you’d like to join us, please feel welcome - just let the Office know.

Yvonne Johnston - Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator



**PARISH
DINNER**

*More photos on cover page
(courtesy of Michael Jeans)*



On Saturday 20th June evening, a large group of parishioners gathered together in the Hall for a special evening of food, fellowship, and live music. Many thanks to those who contributed to the delicious array of food, and all who helped with setup and packdown.

Our hosts for the night were Merv Hunt and Susan Cochrane who made everyone feel very welcome.

We had music performances from Erin Bouwer (guitar and vocals), Angela Smith and Rev Stephen (piano and guitar), and Holly Christina (guitar and vocals). It was a great night had by all.

Men's Fellowship - June 2026

The subject for the Men’s Dinner evening on Thursday 18 June was truly fascinating and it turns out that Rev Stephen is a great storyteller.

Stephen recently took a pilgrimage through Turkey (‘Turkiye’ - new pronunciation), following in the footsteps of Paul the Apostle.

Paul was born in Tarsus (in modern day Turkey), a Roman citizen and devout Jew and was to spread Christianity throughout the Roman empire.

Starting in Istanbul and the Blue Mosque we were transported back in time through Roman, Ottoman, and Byzantine empires, with Basilicas, Temples, and Amphitheatres capable of seating 60,000 people.

Accompanied by a great powerpoint display and history lesson we were treated to a wonderful evening.

A big thank you to the Rev Stephen Black.

Rob & Peter - Fellowship Group



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Women's Fellowship

Afternoon Group

Next meeting: 1:30pm
Wednesday 22 July
Parish Centre
Leader:
Glynis Gasnier

Evening Group

Next meeting: 7:30pm
Wednesday 19 August
Parish Centre
Leader:
Susan Pini

Men's Fellowship

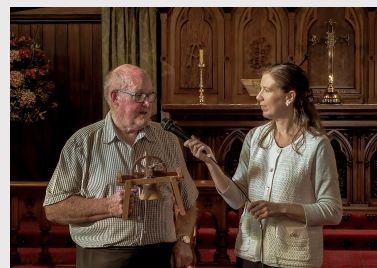
Next meeting: 6pm
Thursday 20 August TBC
Parish Centre
Leaders:
Rob Laing & Peter Spiller



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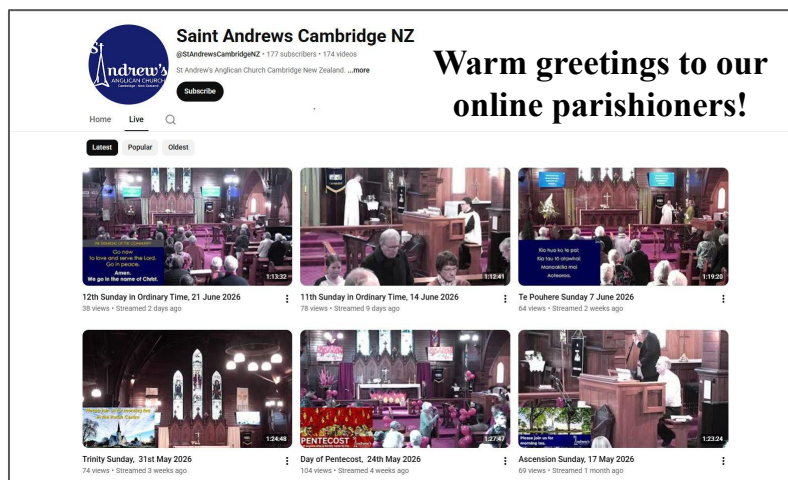
Cambridge Historical Society Visit



On Saturday 27th June afternoon, we hosted around 35 members from the Cambridge Historical Society for an hour-long tour of St Andrew's Church. Led by Holly (from the Office), with Tom Fuller and Ian Dunn as specialist guides, the guests enjoyed learning about our historic buildings, the stained-glass windows and their Biblical references, the many interesting features inside the Church, and our link to Le Quesnoy, among other facts and stories.

Ian Dunn was in high demand for his great knowledge about the bells, the organ, and his other tales of the 1881 building.

An afternoon tea was held in the Parish Centre following the tour, thanks to our Events Team. The feedback was positive and we look forward to hosting more tours of St Andrew's again soon. With appreciation to Cambridge Museum for organising this event.



Afternoon Women's Fellowship

What do you do on the fourth Wednesday of each month?



If the answer is 'nothing much', why don't you come along to the Parish Centre at 1.30pm and join the other ladies who belong to the Afternoon Fellowship... We have a short service and a variety of speakers but, most important of all, there is plenty of time for a catch up with friends - and a cup of tea with sponge kisses to follow (it is a well-known fact that the sponge kisses are our major drawcard!).

We look forward to seeing you.

July/August Missions

The Missions Box recipient for July and August will be Hospice Waikato. Providing a variety of specialised care services free of charge for people with life-limiting illnesses, Hospice Waikato supports patients, their families, children and carers through illness, death and bereavement. The Hospice Waikato Foundation was founded in 2010 to ensure the future of Hospice services will be available for generations to come. Every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

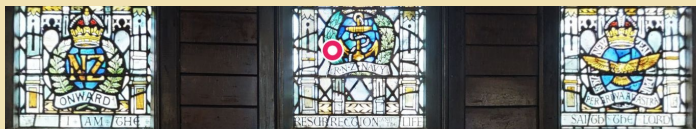
Donation Appreciation

Special thanks to Neil Porritt for his recent lawnmower donation for our Grounds Maintenance Team. The first mow of our lawns with this unit was done on Monday 29 June, and everything looks so neat and tidy. Thanks, team!



We remember the
Reverend Dr Noel
Derbyshire (1941-2026).

*Vicar of St Andrew's
Church 1993-1999.*



From our Church windows: *"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord.*
This is from John 11:25 - the words of Jesus.



Celebrate the Le Quesnoy Connection

You are warmly invited to join us
at St Andrew's Anglican Church
Cambridge to celebrate Bastille Day.

Saturday 11 July 2026

Learn about the historic French connection between
Cambridge and Le Quesnoy, including a guided tour of
St Andrew's to view the stain glass windows and a few
other French connections!!
Set departure times on the half hour from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Brought to you by

Le Quesnoy Friendship Group
and
St Andrew's Anglican Church, Cambridge



Church Visitors

During the month of May, 56 people from countries such as France, Chile, and Australia came through the doors of St Andrew's Church. The feedback from this 'welcomer' ministry has been very positive. Thanks to our wonderful Church minders for enabling this to continue.

*St Andrew's Church is open daily
from 11am-1pm.*

If you would like to join the Church minding team, please contact the Office or Ian Dunn. It is a nice way to meet locals and tourists, and invite them to explore our beautiful and historic building.

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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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bring a friend!

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays 8am and 10am - Holy Communion

Wednesdays 10am - Holy Communion

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

FROM THE PARISH

Funerals/Memorial services

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ken Chamberlain.

Baptisms

Our next Baptism is on 16 August.

Weddings

We invite you to pray for Andrew & Amber along with Ella & Scott as they prepare to get married.

DONATIONS

St Andrew's Church is grateful to all those who support our ministry, operations, and maintenance for our Heritage NZ Category 1 buildings and organ.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit the Office or use online banking with our account details:

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Alternatively, please scan the QR code:



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