

THE BRIDGE



July & August, St Andrew's Church

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"Come and see" - John 1:39

PARISH CALENDAR

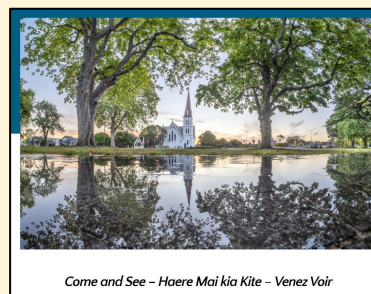
Sep		
Wed 2	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Bible Study
	1pm	Care Group
Mon 7	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 9	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Bible Study
Mon 14	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 16	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Bible Study
	7.30pm	Evening Women's Fellowship
Mon 21	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Tue 22	7pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed 23	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Bible Study
	1.30pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship
Mon 28	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 30	10am	Holy Communion
Oct		
Mon 5	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 7	10am	Holy Communion
	1pm	Care Group
Mon 12	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 14	10am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Bible Study
Mon 19	10am	Selwyn Centre
	7pm	Venité Choir
Wed 21	7.30pm	Evening Women's Fellowship
Mon 26	9am-2pm	St Andrew's CRAFT FAIR
	10am	Holy Communion
Tue 27	7pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed 28	10.45am	Bible Study
	1.30pm	Afternoon Women's Fellowship

Spring School Holidays:

Begins 26 September and ends 11 October.

"Come and See" - In person & Online

Thank you for adapting so quickly to our website 'news space' (homepage) for all updates, including readings and Bible study tools. Our YouTube channel also continues to get good traffic, with parishioners joining in to the services from home.



Very soon, you may be able to see new physical signs outside the Church, displaying service times and upcoming events too. Keep a lookout for the progress! We hope that many passer-bys will notice and feel welcome to visit St Andrew's Church.

YOUTH Programmes Saint Andrew's Youth - SAY

Current meeting times

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

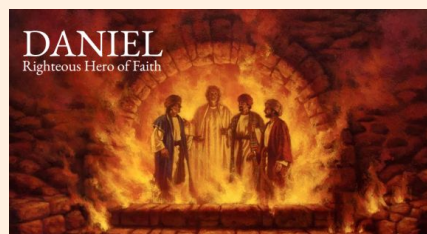
Ages 15-18: Sundays fortnightly at 10am, Lounge.



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

Daniel Bible Study

This new course is looking at the Book of Daniel. The group meets in the Centre on Wednesdays at 10.45am for a hot drink, before study commences at 11am - please feel free to join in. Resources can be found on the website, under 'Study' in the 'Worship' tab.



**The Bridge contributions deadline
for Nov/Dec 2026 is Thursday 22 October.**
Please email: office@standrewscambridge.org.nz

FROM THE VICAR

Winter Rev-lection from Reverend Stephen Black

"Doing certain things well" (Romans 12)

It turns out I can't ski. This is not false modesty, it is my painful reality. I also know I cannot water ski, so at least I am consistent. I spent a day trying very hard to snowplow, bend my knees, reach forward, and lean - often all at once.

To my credit, I did not wipe out any small children (they are more nimble than you might think). Robson was not so lucky (or nimble). Strangers only rushed to my aid looking genuinely panicked once. Fortunately I was able to break my worst falls using my head, back, neck, and wrists. Spectators from the cafe reported that some skiers were doubled over with laughter. I might have said I was just "doubled over", but in fact I discovered my skis and poles behaved like mad magnets. Their irresistible forces repelled or attracted each other without warning. Over the course of the day I think I probably 'skied' for about 30 seconds and spent at least 60 minutes taking my skis on and off.

St Paul says, *"God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to"* ski, then ski with as much grace as God has given you. But if you are not a skier, don't worry about it. There are so many other gifts that we need. You might have the gift of prophecy, leadership, teaching, kindness, or encouragement. Perhaps you are a great listener, loyal friend, advocate or analyst. Whatever it is, you can put it to work in God's Kingdom. As we look to our future as St Andrew's Cambridge, we are asking you to think about what God has called you to do. Please spend some time in prayer asking God about what you might be doing. Then, please let us know.

May God guide us all to discover who we can become.



Oh, the Joys of Skiing...



Featuring learner skier, Rev Stephen. Photos very kindly captured by Robson Reid-Roe.

If the goal was to reach the orange bollards, our Vicar certainly achieved that with flying colours!
You can read more about the skiing trip on the next page.

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

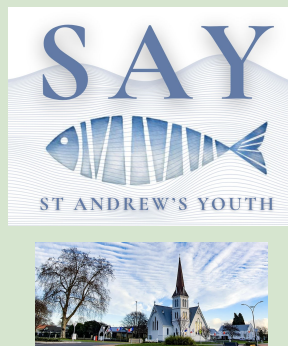
- In July and August, we were raising funds for Hospice Waikato.
- We recently produced a 'Need Help' poster which is now displayed in our Centre window. It features a list of local services that directly support those struggling - providing basic needs like food, showers, and shelter.

Ministry

We continue to keep the Church open daily from 11am-1pm (apart from Mondays). There has been great feedback from tourists and locals, all feeling genuinely welcomed just from seeing the doors open. Thanks to our Minders for greeting everyone and offering Gospel books, tracts, and prayer cards where needed.

Management

- Property: a new roadside sign for the Church is planned to go up in early September. Also, a date has been announced for our next Spring Clean: Saturday 14 November from 8am onwards.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Juliet and her team of volunteers continue to do wonderful work with the young ones on Sunday mornings.

A message from Juliet:

The photo above shows one of the prayer activities from Sunday School this term. We are now learning about the life of the prophet Moses and God's wondrous deeds as God frees the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and leads them to the promised land.

We finish the term with a showing of the film, *Prince of Egypt*, on Sunday 20th September.

SKI TRIP 2026

After months of planning, sausage sizzling, and anticipation, we finally made it away to Whakapapa ski field for a superb weekend in the snow. After a straight-forward trip down the country, we gathered our hire gear and settled into Maggie's and Dem's magnificent Waimarino accommodation. Dem took us through the basics of skiing (which appeared to be absorbed by everyone but the Vicar). Early Saturday we hit the slopes. Some of us repeated this all day and ate more snow than sandwiches, but by lunchtime our young people were navigating Happy Valley with increasing confidence. The conditions were perfect for learning and taking in the views. By the afternoon, some were confident enough to tackle the highest slopes. That night we enjoyed a range of treats supplied in advance and settled in for an evening of sharing treasures, cards, and crash stories. The weather turned overnight and we were delighted to encounter falling snow in the morning - for some this was the first time! Despite the cold we made the most of the second day before returning to base and packing for the trip home.

We are extremely grateful to the parish for its months of support and encouragement as well as to all those who managed the logistics that enabled us to go. Likewise, a massive thank you to Penny and family for loaning so much ski gear over the weekend, along with Maggie and Dem who were wonderful and generous hosts. Finally, our thanks to Michele and Andrew whose idea this was - we would not have done it without you.

Selwyn Centre - Happenings in July and August

The Selwyn Centre has continued to meet every Monday in the Parish Centre. We have had a robust programme over the winter months and despite the cold chilly mornings, we have had strong attendance. We are very grateful for the baking we receive weekly from our volunteers as well as the Good Bakers who supply items for a delicious morning tea. Our guests love a good natter while eating morning tea. The Good Bakers are local people who enjoy baking and give their baking to community groups like the Selwyn Centre. In the photo is Amanda who works at the Citizens Advice Bureau. Jan and I are having a serious talk about her baking! Amanda has baked for us many times over the last two years or so.



We have also had two soup lunches. Many thanks to Lynne and Jan who made delicious kumara and pumpkin soup. There was also vegetable and tomato soup.

One of our guest attendees (and also a parishioner), Jann, delivered an interesting talk about her career as a journalist. She met many interesting people in her working life and also had the good fortune to review cafes and restaurants.

It has also been World Population Day, Cat Day and World Friendship Day so we discussed these topics, listened to related music and did other activities related to these topics.

Yvonne Johnston - Selwyn Centre Co-ordinator

Men's Fellowship - August 2026

Our guest speaker this month was Brad Pierce, co-founder of local company Treadlite NZ.

Treadlite are leaders in tyre recycling, having the only recycling plant in NZ and are dedicated to having a positive impact on the environment.

They turn old tyres into premium products, including arena mix, and various granule sizes used for playground matting, roading, sports fields, mats, and gym flooring.

Their journey started seven years ago, with a ute and trailer and one employee; they have recently moved into larger premises, have 52 trucks, 70 permanent staff, and a nationwide network. They pick up and process three million tyres a year that don't end up in landfill.

Now, isn't that a feel good story?! A huge thank you to Brad.

Rob & Peter - Fellowship Group



God's Gift

An exercise in trust

By Paula Cross

God's given me a wondrous gift
That I can scarce believe
He sent the Holy Spirit of His precious Son
To fill my empty heart
I felt so undeserving
And could not understand
Why this marvel should occur
I kept asking - God, why me?
Why have I been chosen?
To receive such a reward
Surely there are so many others
Who have earned it so much more?
I felt the Spirit's presence
Within me moment by moment
And feel so very unworthy
To have this happen to me
I've had to learn to just accept
This gift I've been bestowed
For who am I to question why
God's given it to me?
At first it was a burden
I felt so ill at ease
But now I accept the knowledge
And just allow it to be
I trust that over time
God's plan will be revealed
That slowly as I change and heal
This gift will be used wisely and well
And some days I lose sight of it
And think that it has gone
I think I've been unappreciative
And had the Spirit withdrawn
But I've learned that this is not the truth
That God's gift, once given
Will always be
I just need to still myself with peace and calm
To reconnect with Jesus within
And so, dear God
I thank you, with all my heart and soul
For the blessing of the Holy Spirit
And all I'm beginning to know
For this is just the start
Of an extraordinary journey
Which I have to learn to accept with trust
Let go, and enjoy the ride.

About the poet:

20 years ago, in 2006, parishioner Paula Cross received the Holy Spirit and wrote poems reflecting on her experience - one of which she is sharing with you. In June 2026, she shared her experience with the Afternoon Women's Fellowship.

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Women's Fellowship

Afternoon Group

Next meeting: 1:30pm
Wednesday 23 Sep
Parish Centre
Leader:
Glynis Gasnier

Evening Group

Next meeting: 7:30pm
Wednesday 16 Sep
Parish Centre
Leader:
Susan Pini

Men's Fellowship

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



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Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Friendship Group visit

On Saturday 11 July, we hosted the Cambridge/Le Quesnoy Friendship Association here at St Andrew's. The Bastille Day-themed event turned our Centre into a French-like cafe, with some lovely displays highlighting our sister-town relationship as well as an array of historic posters and books about the 1918 event which connected us. Guests were able to enjoy some yummy French cuisine too. In the Church, historian Tom Fuller and Holly C-R led half-hour tours for the various groups that came through. Many were amazed to hear the incredible story of the courageous WWI Kiwi soldiers in France and our Church's particular connection to the Liberation through our vicar at the time, Reverend Clive Mortimer-Jones, who also served as chaplain to the men on the fields in France during that memorable November.

On display in the Church, we had a stunning painting from Deborah Jardine, a Kiwi artist with a personal link to the event (photo and description below).



Liberation of Le Quesnoy

This painting tells the story of the 2nd battalion, led by Lt. Col. Leonard H. Jardine, during the assault on the Porte de Valenciennes at Le Quesnoy in November 1918. It honours the courage, sacrifice and determination of the soldiers who liberated the ancient French town without devastating it and captures a defining moment in New Zealand's history. The Germans had dynamited the bridge leading to the gate; the New Zealanders managed to remove all but one which blew up the last portion of the bridge, but they found a plank to span the gap and, under fire from snipers, continued the assault. Sadly, 189 New Zealand soldiers lost their lives that day, but not one of the French women and children held captive by the Nazis lost theirs.

**St Andrew's Craft Fair,
Cambridge
LABOUR DAY
Monday October 26
9am till 2pm**



**This year we are celebrating 30 years
1996 - 2026**

**EARLY
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

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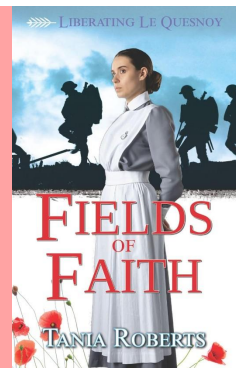
Spring Bible Verse



"Let us know, let us
press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the
dawn; he will come to us like
the showers, like the spring
rains that water the earth."

Hosea 6:3

In August,
a Book Launch
was held in the
Parish Centre
for the new
novel from
Tania Roberts,
from her
Le Quesnoy
series.



September/October Missions

The Missions Box recipient for September and October will be St John Health Shuttle.

They offer a free community service that transports people to medical and health-related appointments, to and from their homes. The Health Shuttle operates on a donation basis. This means passengers are invited to contribute what they can, to help keep it running for everyone who needs it.

A team of dedicated volunteer drivers and assistants continue to provide this excellent service to Kiwis throughout the country. Thank you for your contribution to support them.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Thanks to the lawns team for their continued work over the winter season. And a huge thank you to Chris Jolley for tending to the Church gutters, climbing up on a giant ladder to a terrifying height to do the work! Thanks for your bravery and service.



Our next **Church Working Bee** is **Saturday 14 November from 8am-3pm**. Please note it in your diary, if you're keen to be involved. Any time you are able to offer that day will be so appreciated. The more people and skills we have around, the less arduous the work will be!



From our Church windows: *Their name liveth for evermore.*
This is from the Book of Sirach, Chapter 44, Verse 14.



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23 August 2026
49 views • Screened 3 days ago

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16 August 2026
67 views • Screened 10 days ago

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12 July 2026
87 views • Screened 2 weeks ago

Spring greetings to our online parishioners!

Pop-up Quality Collectibles/Vintage Market

On Saturday 22 August, the lovely Barbara Campbell and her team of very creative and talented stallholders ran a market in our Hall. The weather was beautiful and the day was a great success. Here's some feedback from Barbara about the event:

The heritage feel of the Hall and the quality of the venue helped make the Pop-up Vintage Market a real success. People really enjoyed being able to walk up from the Farmers Market. Being indoors and having toilets and kitchen on-site made it very comfortable for the traders.



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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)

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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

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the Church:
Alexander Collette-Moxon
Nicholas Collette-Moxon
Indianna Smith
Eleanor Smith

FROM THE PARISH

Weddings

We invite you to pray for Ella & Scott as they prepare to get married in October.

Funerals/Memorial services

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

Gerald Wake
Robert Parr
Mercia Bengé

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.
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