



St Marks E-News

Carterton

13 March 2026

Welcome

Worship this Week

Sunday 15 March

9.30am Eucharist

(followed by morning tea)

Thursday 19 March

10.00am Eucharist

(followed by morning tea)

Wairarapa Morning Prayer

Tuesday-Thursday at 9.00am

Zoom Meeting ID: 878-669-21496

Diocesan Evening Prayer

Monday to Saturday at 9.00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 211-936-7784

Passcode: *prayers*

Readings and Collect

Sunday 15 March

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned
the world
the morning stars
sang together
and the host of heaven
shouted for joy;
open our eyes to
the wonders of creation
and teach us to see
all things for good,
to the honour
of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



St Marks AGM Part 2 2026

In this second part of the 2025/26 AGM we will receive the Churchwardens' annual report, reports on activities by St Mark's groups during 2025, and the 2025 financial accounts.

The AGM will be in the Parish hall on **Sunday 29 March** after the 9.30am Eucharist.



Please check you are on the Parish Electoral Roll. Being on this Roll enables you to speak and vote at all General Meetings. Copies of the Roll will be available in the church and the hall following Sunday worship.

If you have recently joined St Marks and wish to be on the Parish Electoral Roll, please complete one of the forms that will be beside the copies of the Roll and either hand them to a Churchwarden or Roger Wigglesworth, or place them in the metal mailbox outside the Parish Office door.

People preparing reports for presentation at the AGM are asked to have the text emailed to Roger Wigglesworth (roger@stmarkscarterton.co.nz) before **17 March**.

Copies of all the reports and the agenda for the meeting will be emailed to people on the Electoral Roll on 19 March.

St Mark's Fellowship

The next Fellowship gathering will be in the parish hall on Wednesday 18 March at 1.30pm.

The guest speaker will be from Hato Hone St John who will be talking about the community services that St John's provides.

Come along and hear our guest speaker, buy a raffle ticket or goods from our market stall, and enjoy a scrumptious afternoon tea—and of course, great fellowship.

We are also collecting good quality second hand swimwear, bras and glasses for donating to people living in Pacific islands.



Drama and Film at St Marks

St Marks will be the venue for a performance of Andy Dolling's one-man play "a GREAT rAW" as a part of the Carterton Peace Festival on **Sunday 15 March 6-7pm** (koha entry, R16).

"a GREAT rAW" is a theatrical debate about the greatness of War & Peace. Inspired by Archibald Baxter, this performance uses masks & music to ask questions about how we remember the past.

It is anticipated that the play will be followed by a workshop and a film, with the evening finishing around 9.30pm.



- Sunday 29 March** **Palm Sunday Family Service @ St Marks, 9.30am**
- Tuesday 31 March** **Diocesan Chrism Service/Refresh @ St Lukes, Greytown, 7.00pm**
- Thursday 2 April** **Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing @ St Marks, 10.00am**
- Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing, a meal and Eucharist @ St Matthews, Masterton, 5.30pm
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service with foot washing, @ St Lukes, Greytown, 7.00pm
- Friday 3 April** **Good Friday Service @ St Marks 10.00am**
- Good Friday @ St Matthews, Masterton:
- 9.00am Good Friday Service
 - 10.00am One hour Quiet Reflection
 - 12 noon Interactive Families Programme
- Good Friday, a family service reflecting on Jesus' death on the cross and the meaning of Easter @ St Lukes, 10.00am
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross, interactive family-friendly service, @ Epiphany parish carpark, 10.00am
- Saturday 4 April** **Easter Vigil @ St Marks 7.00pm**
- Easter Vigil @ St Matthews, Masterton, 7.00pm
- Sunday 5 April** **Easter Eucharist @ St Marks, 9.30am**
- Easter Sunday Celebration @ St Matthews, 9.00am
- Easter Sunday Family Eucharist, @ Epiphany parish, Hadlow School Hall, Masterton, 9.00am
- Easter Sunday, a family Communion service celebrating Jesus' resurrection @ St Lukes, Greytown, 10.00am



- 15 Mar The gREAT rAW @ St Marks, 6-7pm
- 18 Mar Rest home communions (Carter Court 10.30am; Roseneath 11.15am)
- 18 Mar St Marks Fellowship @ St Marks hall, 1.30pm
- 29 Mar St Marks AGM Part 2 @ St Marks, 11.00am
- 31 Mar Diocesan Chrism Service (*Refresh*) @ St Lukes, Greytown, 7.00pm
- 2 Apr Maundy Thursday Service @ St Marks, 10.00am
- 2 Apri St Mary's School Mass @ St Marks, 1.45pm
- 3 Apr Good Friday Service @ St Marks, 10.00am
- 4 Apr Easter Vigil @ St Marks, 7.00pm
- 5 Apr Easter Sunday Eucharist @ St Marks, 9.30am
- 7 Apr Shared Meal @ St Marks, 5.30-7.00pm
- 24 Apr NextGen Families' Fun Night @ St Marks Hall, 5.30pm-7.30pm.

**Bible Readings
this week**

- Mon** John 4: 43-end
- Tue** John 5: 1-3,5-16
- Wed** John 5: 17-30
- Thu** Matthew 2: 13-15,19-23
(St Joseph of Nazareth)
- Fri** John 7: 1-2,10, 25-30
- Sat** John 7: 40-52

**Sunday 22 March
Passion Sunday
5th Sunday in Lent**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45**

Blind Faith

Spirit of Christ,

we, who like to think
we are reasonable people
of scientific bent,
thank you for the gift

of blind faith.

Where we can no longer see
but stand bemused
and hope-less,
you come to our side
and give us the courage

to leap

across a love-gulf so deep
that it separates
Dives from Lazarus
and despair from joy.

Spirit of Christ,

stand by us today
that we may again leap
where reason fears to tread
and to love where ego stalls.
Amen

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

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