

# St Marks E-News

Carterton

8 May 2026

## *Welcome*

### Worship this Week

**Sunday 10 May**

**9.30am Eucharist**  
(followed by morning tea)

**Thursday 14 May**

**10.00am Eucharist**  
(followed by morning tea)

**Wairarapa Morning Prayer**  
**Tuesday-Thursday at 9.00am**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 878-669-21496**  
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**Diocesan Evening Prayer**  
**Monday to Saturday at 9.00pm**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 211-936-7784**  
**Passcode: *prayers***

### Readings and Collect

**Sunday 10 May**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 17: 22-31**  
**1 Peter 3: 13-22**  
**John 14: 15-29**

Eternal God,  
light of the minds  
that know you,  
joy of the hearts  
that love you,  
strength of the wills  
that serve you;  
grant us so to know you  
that we may truly love  
you,  
and so to love you that  
we may gladly serve you,  
now and always.

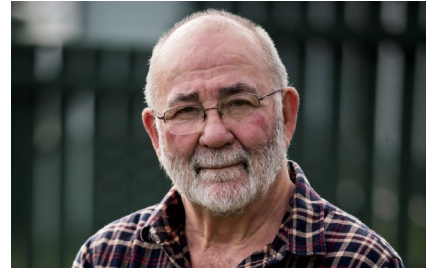


Bind us together Lord

## St Marks Fellowship Wednesday 20 May 1.30pm

Fellowship are privileged to have Sir Kim Workman KNZM QSO speaking at their next meeting about his advocacy for justice and prison reform, with emphasis on faith based units in the system.

In 2018 Sir Kim was awarded Senior New Zealander of the Year and is the author of the book *Journey towards Justice*. He is now retired and living in Greytown.



Fellowship extend an invitation to every parishioner and their family and friends to come to Sir Kim's talk. They have also invited members from other local churches.

As usual at Fellowship meetings there will be an afternoon tea (contributions to that are gratefully accepted), a raffle and, if you have an abundance of fruit, vegetables or preserves, please consider bringing them along for the sales table.

## Seasons for Growth needs more Companions



Seasons for Growth is a programme, operating out of St Mark's, that strengthens the emotional and mental wellbeing of children and young people who are adapting to experiences of change, loss and grief in their lives, such as following death, separation and divorce.

The 'Companions' who deliver the children and young people's programme typically are, or have been, teachers, school staff, pastoral care workers, social workers, counsellors, youth workers, community leaders and volunteers.

Companion training is provided over two consecutive days by an authorised trainer – either face-to-face or online. It equips participants to deliver the Seasons for Growth programme safely and effectively and builds their skills to support children's and young people's emotional wellbeing and resilience.

If you'd like to know more and/or be considered to become a certified Companion delivering the children and young people's programme in the Wairarapa, please contact Justine McDermott, Seasons for Growth Coordinator – Wairarapa, mobile 021 295 0900 or email [seasonswairarapa@gmail.com](mailto:seasonswairarapa@gmail.com).

## Pentecost Sunday 24 May 2026

There are two places for you to join in celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 24 May. We will have a Eucharist service (including a baptism) at St Mark's, starting at 9.30am.

At 10.00am there will be a combined service, "In One Place", to which people from all Wairarapa churches are invited. It will be held in the Wairarapa College Hall.



## Thy Kingdom Come 2026

Thy Kingdom Come 2026 is a global, ecumenical wave of prayer, initiated 10 years ago by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, that runs from Ascension Day (14 May) to Pentecost (24 May). From every corner of the world, Christians pause for eleven days to pray a single, ancient prayer: "*Come, Holy Spirit.*"

This year's theme is *God with us* — a reminder that the Spirit who came at Pentecost still draws near, still empowers, and still goes before us into every conversation, household and street we will walk this year.

As in previous years we are invited to pray, in our own way, that friends, family, neighbours and colleagues — those we love — would come to know the relentless love of God in Jesus Christ.

Specifically, each and every Christian across the globe is being to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of **5 people** who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

The official website - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>- has lots of ideas to help you on your prayer journey, including Digital Detox journals for young people and planning prayer walks around your neighbourhood.

You can also access the material through our diocesan website - <https://www.anglicanmovement.nz/thykingdomcome> .

## Parish Recycling

Would you like to help our recycling efforts?

Our recycling containers are located at the entrance to the hall.

We are looking for volunteers to take paper towels for composting and soft plastics to the recycling centre on the first and/or second Sunday of each month.

If you could help in this way please contact Els Kleinjan [elskeinjan@gmail.com](mailto:elskeinjan@gmail.com) or phone 021 445 616.

### Bottle tops and jar lids

To date we have been recycling only plastic milk bottle tops, but we have now found a group that welcomes any kind of lids/tops: plastic, tin, big or small. There is a new container for these in our recycling area.





- 14 May Thy Kingdom Come global prayer begins
- 20 May Rest home communion services: Carter Court 10.30am; Roseneath 11.15am
- 20 May Fellowship @ St Marks, 1.30pm
- 24 May Pentecost Sunday
- 2 June Shared Meal @ St Marks, 5.30pm
- 7 June Car Boot Sale @ St Marks, 10.00am
- 20 June Men's Breakfast @ Hadlow School, 8.00am

**Prayer for St Mark's Discernment Journey**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for all those you have called to be the body of Christ in this place.*

*Guide and strengthen this parish as we seek your will for the future. Teach us to wait without fear and to trust that you are already at work in what we cannot yet see.*

*Grant us a discerning heart, a listening ear, and a prayerful soul. Unite us in faith and love and give us courage to follow where you lead.  
Amen.*

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**Bible Readings this week**

- Mon John 15:26—16:4
- Tue John 16: 5-11
- Wed John 16: 12-15
- Thu Luke 24: 44-53 (Ascension Day)
- Fri John 15: 9-17 (St Matthias the Apostle)
- Sat John 16: 23-28

**Sunday 17 May**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

- Acts 1: 6-14**
- 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11**
- John 17: 1-11**

**The Presence of God**

*(inspired by John 14:15-21)*

God of all time and space,  
you initiated the relationship of  
love and generosity  
with creation  
at a time before and beyond  
all knowing.  
Through the Word  
and the Spirit,  
you continue in eternal love  
for all beings.  
Fill us with a deep  
and abiding awareness  
of your presence,  
your call,  
and your grace  
in our lives and in our world.  
Shape us to into the people  
you have made us to be –  
poured out in creative mercy  
for the sake of Jesus Christ  
in all creation.  
Amen.

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