



St Marks E-News

Carterton

10 July 2026

Welcome

Worship this Week

Sunday 12 July

9.30am Eucharist
(followed by morning tea)

Thursday 16 July

10.00am Eucharist
(followed by morning tea)

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.*

Readings and Collect

Sunday 12 July
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Genesis 25: 19-34
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Praise to you, God,
for all your work
among us.
Yours is the vigour
in creation,
yours is the impulse
in our new discoveries.
Make us adventurous, yet
reverent
and hopeful
in all we do.
This we ask through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Working Bee Saturday 11 July, 9.00am



The beautiful oak trees in the parish grounds which give us shade in summer, also give us leaves and acorns in Autumn.

We'd like as many people as possible to join us on Saturday 11 July at 9.00am to help remove the leaves and acorns from our grounds. The leaves will become green waste and the acorns will feed local porkers. Please bring your own leaf rakes and leaf scoops.



Support for St Marks Bell Tower Repair

You may have noticed the scaffold around the bell tower in the last week or so as this hard-to-reach place is in urgent need of repair. Of course, with all lovely architecture, there is a significant cost to maintain it. We would love your help funding this work and getting our gorgeous church back to full weatherproof condition.

All contributions towards the repair are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.

Donations can be made to: SAINT MARKS CHURCHWARDENS

Account number 02-0608-0016975-000 please include reference "Bell Tower".

St Mark's Fellowship, Wednesday 15 July, 1.30pm

This will be a "show, tell, do", plus fun, afternoon.

Beadwork, crochet work, calligraphy and bonsai will be featured, with the crafts people showing us how it is done.

To celebrate Matariki we will make flax flowers.

A fun afternoon is assured with a delicious afternoon tea to finish.

And as usual we shall also have a raffle and sale table.



Calligraphy

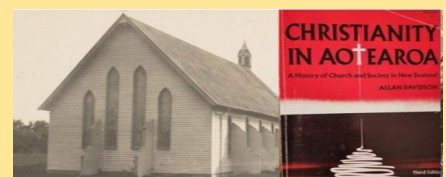


Christianity in Aotearoa

This is an 11-week EFM (Education for Ministry) course looking at the fascinating story of Christianity and the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. It begins with the first contacts between missionaries and Māori in the early nineteenth century and follows the development of Christian movements and churches here through to the present day.

The **zoom group** starts on the evening of **Monday 3 August**.

The cost is \$90, which includes a copy of the textbook *Christianity in Aotearoa* by Allan Davidson and the 70-page study guide.



To enrol, or for more information, contact Mike Crawford-Butler at educationforministrynz@outlook.com (phone 021 246 0672) or speak with Roger Wigglesworth who will be the mentor for this group.

E ngā hoa aroha o te Whānau a te Karaiti,

HELP US CROSS THE FINISH LINE



A SPECIAL AFTERNOON OF CONNECTION, COMMUNITY & HOPE

Since the devastating arson attack in **February 2025**, our church family has shown extraordinary faith, generosity, and perseverance. While the restoration has taken longer than we hoped, we are now so close to completing the journey.

We have nearly raised the full amount needed for completion, and we need your help for one final push.



*Let's gather to raise our spirits,
enjoy great company, and help us
complete the restoration of
Epiphany Church.*

HOW YOU CAN HELP



SPREAD THE WORD: Tell your family, friends, and neighbours.



SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Post the event details on your personal pages.



INVITE A GUEST: Bring someone along who would enjoy an afternoon of storytelling and community warmth.

Thank you for your unwavering support.



**EPIPHANY
CHURCH**
— MASTERTON —
FAITH • COMMUNITY • HOPE

You're Invited!



**SATURDAY,
8 AUGUST 2026**



2:00 PM



**HADLOW SCHOOL
DINING ROOM**

ENJOY:



A café-style afternoon tea



Warm companionship and community connection



A series of engaging 10-minute dramatised Gospel encounters featuring Jesus and his disciples



Spot prizes to (light-heartedly!) test your listening skills and Bible knowledge

ADMISSION:

A SUGGESTED KOHA OF \$20.
(Or whatever you are able to give.)



Every contribution brings us one step closer to reopening Epiphany Church.

**TOGETHER,
LET'S CROSS
THE FINISH
LINE.**





11 July Working Bee @ St Marks, 9.00am
 15 July Rest Home Communions (Carter Court 10.30am; Roseneath 11.15am)
 15 July Fellowship @ St Marks, 1.30pm
 8 Aug Help us cross the line fundraiser @ Epiphany parish, 2.00pm

Offering Emergency Short-term Accommodation

From time to time the Safer Wairarapa Community Trust needs to be able to find short-term accommodation for teenage clients, who need to moved from their current housing immediately, when a suitable permanent place for them to live is not available.

St Marks parishioners have opened their homes to these young people, usually for just a few days, while a new place is found for them to live.

If you feel that you might be able to offer short-term accommodation occasionally for teenagers please talk with Roger Wigglesworth (021 541 618)

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Bible Readings this week

Mon	Matthew 10: 34—11.1
Tue	Matthew 11: 20-24
Wed	Matthew 11: 25-27
Thu	Matthew 11: 28-end
Fri	Matthew 12: 1-8
Sat	Matthew 12: 14-21

Sunday 19 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 28: 10-19a
Romans 8: 12-25
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Your Word

You call us to love those
whom you would love,
and give us the words to say.

You call us to bring wholeness
to lives that are broken,
and give us the words to say.

You call us to bring comfort
to those who are grieving,
and give us the words to say.

You call us to bring
good news
to those who are seeking,
and give us the words to say.

Your word,
living water
in desert sands.

Your word,
blossoming
in parched earth.

Your word,
bearing fruit
wherever it is sown.

Amen

~ written by John Birch
<http://www.faithandworship.com/>