



St Marks E-News

Carterton 28 August 2026

Welcome

Worship this Week

Sunday 30 August

9.30am Eucharist
(followed by morning tea
and Discernment discussion)

Thursday 3 September

10.00am Eucharist with anointing
(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.

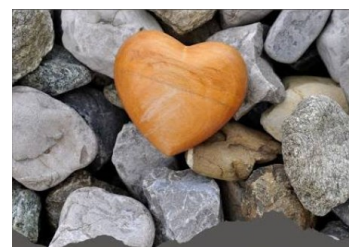
Readings and Collect

Sunday 30 August
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Exodus 3: 1-15
Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

God
of unchangeable power,
our strength at all times;
guard us
from all dangers
and support us
in all difficulties
that we may live
victoriously
now and forever;
through Jesus Christ
our Saviour.

Amen.



Working Bee: TOMORROW



Please join us on **Saturday 29 August** for a parish **working bee**, starting at 9.00am

We'll concentrate on the interior and exterior of the church building so it's looking spic and span when Bishop Ana visits on 13 September.

Please bring cloths, dusters, hand vacuums, vacuum cleaners, buckets and brooms. For those who'd like to help tidy the gardens and de-weed around the church please bring gardening tools & window cleaners with extendable handles.

We'll provide the morning tea.

Visit of our Assistant Bishop



On Sunday 13 September Bishop Anashuya Fletcher will preside and preach at the 9.30am Eucharist service at St Marks.

We hope that as many of us as possible can fill the church that morning and then join Bishop Ana at morning tea.

Help needed for important research

The Revd Annie Hawkes, who preached at the 9.30am service recently, is undertaking research for a Ph.D degree. For that purpose she needs to interview people who were the informal carer for a person living with dementia before they entered residential care. Annie is researching how the caregivers' faith has been impacted and supported during that period.

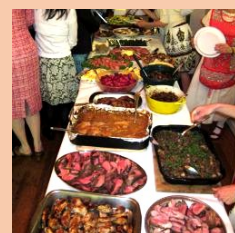
There are more details about the research on the last page of *E-News* and also details of how to contact Revd Annie if you can help with her research.

Parish Shared Meal Tuesday 1 September

The regular monthly parish shared meal is next Tuesday. It is held in the hall.

Bring some food—main courses or desserts—to share. Then pull up a chair and join in the conversations at your table. It's a great way to get to know other parishioners and their guests.

All are welcome.



Fellowship

At the next Fellowship meeting on **Wednesday 16 September at 1.30pm**, Kevin Jelley will talk on the Chaplaincy work he does and about the Advanced Care Plan or Shared Goals Plan promoted by the hospital.

All are welcome to the meeting, which is held in the hall.

We shall have the usual sales table and raffle and, of course, a lovely afternoon tea.



DISCERNMENT

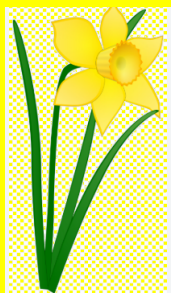
As part of St Mark's discernment journey, Revd Sam has been visiting the Parish home groups leading a study and discussion about discernment.

If you missed your home group meeting or are not currently in a home group, and would like to learn more about discernment, Sam is holding an open session following the after-service morning tea in the hall this **Sunday 30 August**.

Free lunch (pizza) provided!

All welcome.

Car Boot Sale and Market



Our monthly Car Boot Sale and Market will be held on **Saturday 5 September** at St Marks.

We start at **10.00am** and end at **Noon**.

Please help by bring goods for sale on our baking, produce or bric-a-brac stalls, enjoy a sausage from the barbeque or morning tea, and browse our extensive selection of books in the Little Parish Book Shop.

If you, or someone you know, would like a stall please contact either Kevin Jelley (021 147 1207) or Roger Wigglesworth (021 541 618). Stalls cost \$10.

Concert: The Mason Brothers

Wayne Mason (ex Warratahs) and Paul Bowers-Mason will give a concert at St David's Church, Carterton on Saturday 10 October at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$20.00.

To book a ticket either ring (06) 379 8325 or email st.david@xtra.co.nz.

Compassionate Communities in the Wairarapa

A Compassionate Community brings together individuals, community groups, organisations, businesses, and health providers to strengthen connections, reduce isolation, and create a community where people feel supported through life's most challenging times.

If you are interested in learning more about this movement, there will be an informal information meeting at the Greater Wellington Regional Council Buildings, 34 Chapel Street Masterton, 12.30-1.30pm on Tuesday 15 September.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Bernie Sellwood 027 680 1120.



- 29 Aug Working Bee @ St Marks, 9.00am
- 30 Aug Discernment session @ St Marks, 11.00am
- 1 Sept Shared Meal @ St Marks, 5.30-7.00pm
- 5 Sept Car Boot Sale and Market @ St Marks, 10.00am
- 5 Sept Quiz Night @ Epiphany Parish, 6.00pm
- 6 Sept 8.00am Eucharist in the church @ St Marks
9.30am Café Church in the hall @ St Marks
- 10 Sept St Mary's School Mass @ St Marks, 1.45pm
- 13 Sept Bishop Anashuya Fletcher preaching and
presiding @ St Marks, 9.30am
- 16 Sept Fellowship @ St Marks, 1.30pm
- 7 Nov Annual Community Fair @ St Marks, 9.00am

Bible Readings this week

- Mon** Luke 4: 16-30
Tue Matthew 5: 1-12
(Builders of the Anglican Church in
Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)
Wed Luke 4: 38-end
Thu Luke 5: 1-11
Fri Luke 5: 33-end
Sat Luke 6: 1-5

Sunday 6 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 12: 1-14
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20



Join us for Wairarapa Morning Prayer
Tuesday -Thursday 9.00am
Zoom Meeting ID: 878-6692-1496

Faith that carries the Cross

- God, it is too easy,
for faith to become an escape
- a way to avoid the pain of being
human and alive;
or a path to success
- a way to persuade the universe
to give us the things we want;
or a system of control
- a way to bend others to our will.

But the faith you offer is different,
Jesus,
more dangerous and compelling.
It's the faith that carries the
cross, that embraces death
and lays itself down
for the sake of others;
It's the only faith that can lead us
to resurrection, to life renewed and
overflowing.

We praise you for this faith,
God,
open our hearts to receive it.

Amen

— written by John van de Laar
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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

ARE YOU A PERSON OF FAITH WHOSE LOVED ONE IS OR HAS BEEN IN RESIDENTIAL DEMENTIA CARE?

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH ABOUT? WHY PARTICIPATE?

This project explores the experiences of people of Christian faith when a loved one resides in residential dementia care. The research will involve interviewing family members or anyone who was an informal caregiver for a person living with dementia before they entered residential care. It seeks to understand how caregivers' faith has been impacted and supported during this period.

This research is rooted in my own lived experience of being a daughter of a mother who required residential dementia care. I came to realise how important it is for faith communities to pay close attention to the faith journeys of care partners so that they may offer meaningful support. Your voice can help add to their understanding so that they can be informed about what is helpful.

ABOUT THE INTERVIEWS:

Interviews can be in-person or online. They will be conducted in a safe and supportive space.

All identifying details are removed and anonymized.

INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?

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