

# St Marks E-News

Carterton · 18 September 2026



## Welcome

### Worship this Week

#### Sunday 20 September

9.30am Eucharist *(followed by morning tea)*

#### Thursday 24 September

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 20 September**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**

**Exodus 16:2-15**  
**Phil 1:21-30**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

God, you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city. Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness, knowing that at the end of our journey Christ has prepared a place for us. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



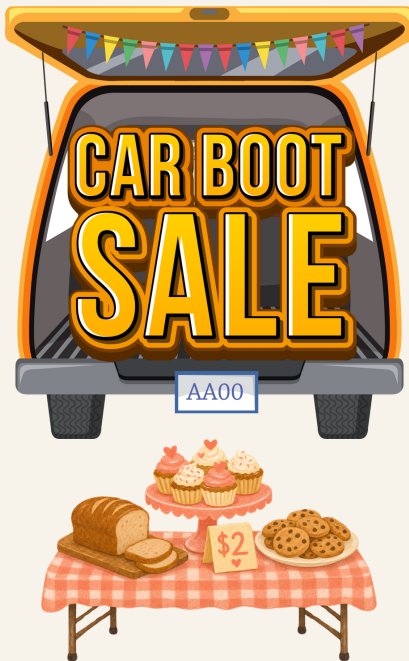
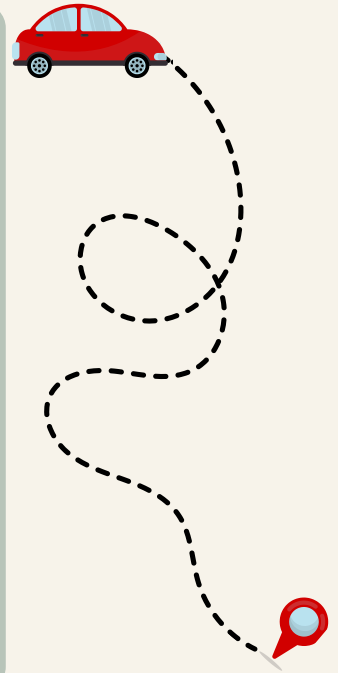
## Fellowship Visit to St Matthew's

The Masterton Pioneer Group has invited our Fellowship Group, and anyone else interested, to join them for a visit to St Matthew's Church on **Thursday, 24 September at 1.30pm.**

During the visit, we'll have the opportunity to hear about the history of St Matthew's Church and learn more about its place in the local community.

It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable afternoon, and you don't need to be a regular member of the Fellowship Group to come along – everyone is welcome to join us!

Car-pooling from St Mark's Church will be arranged. If you would like to join the visit, please let Pauline Coy or Yvonne Rogers know.



## Car Boot Sale – Can You Help? |

Our next Car Boot Sale is coming up on Saturday, 3 October, and we'd love your help to make it another successful morning. If you can contribute home baking, fresh produce, plants, books or good-quality bric-a-brac for our parish stalls, your donations would be very much appreciated.

We'll also need helping hands on the day with setting up, running the stalls and packing up afterwards. If you can spare some time, even for part of the morning, it would be greatly appreciated. Every donation and helping hand makes a difference! If you'd like to contribute or help out on the day, please contact Kevin Jelley.

Thank you for supporting our parish and helping make these community mornings possible.

## Thirty Days of Prayer

Anglican Missions has created a new Thirty Days of Prayer resource, inviting us to pray, reflect and act in support of God's mission in our communities and around the world. With short daily Scripture readings, prayers and simple actions, it can be used individually, with whānau or in groups – during Mission Month or at any time of the year.

Access the Thirty Days of Prayer resource [here](#). You can read it on your phone or computer, or print a copy to use as a booklet.





**26 & 27  
SEPTEMBER  
2026**

## Wairarapa Art Trail at St Mark's

As part of this year's Wairarapa Art Trail, St Mark's Church and Hall will become a gallery space, with a number of local artists displaying their work over the weekend of 26–27 September. Come along, explore the displays, meet some of the artists and enjoy the wonderful creativity of our local community – all within the beautiful setting of St Mark's.

We'd love to see you there! Make St Mark's one of your stops on the Art Trail, bring your family and friends, and take some time to wander through the displays and enjoy the work of our talented local artists. Everyone is welcome – come in and have a look!

## St Mark's Fair 2026 – It's Time to Start Planning!

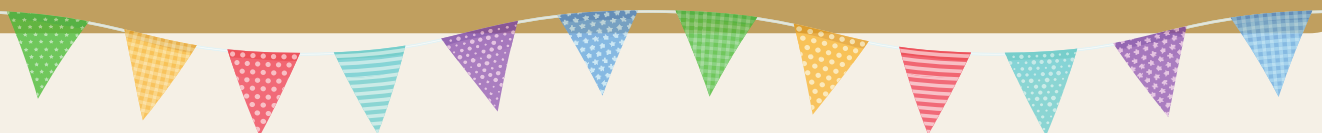
It may still be a few weeks away, but preparations are beginning for the 2026 St Mark's Fair on Saturday, 7 November – and now is a great time to start thinking about how you might be able to help.

We'll need volunteers both in the lead-up to the Fair and on the day itself. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Kevin Jelley.

Over the coming weeks, you might also start making, growing or setting aside things to donate. Alongside the items we regularly collect for our Car Boot Sales, we'll be looking for plants, home baking, crafts and jewellery for our Fair stalls.

Raffle tickets will be available soon, with more information to follow. Once they're available, please support the Fair by buying some yourself and encouraging your family, friends, neighbours and workmates to buy a ticket or two as well.

There'll be more news as we get closer to the day, but for now, save the date, start planning and think about how you might be part of this year's St Mark's Fair!



## 98 Days Until Christmas!

Yes, really! Christmas Day is just 98 days away. The countdown is officially under 100 days! Before we know it, we'll be singing familiar carols, gathering with family and friends, and celebrating once again the joy and hope of Christ's birth.



## Key dates for your calendar

| Dates        | Details                                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24 Sept      | Fellowship visit to St Matthew's Church, Masterton, 1.30pm        |
| 26 & 27 Sept | Wairarapa Art Trail – displays at St Mark's Church & Hall         |
| 27 Sept      | Daylight Saving begins – clocks move forward one hour             |
| 3 Oct        | St Mark's Car Boot Sale                                           |
| 10 Oct       | The Mason Brothers Concert @ St David's Church, Carterton, 7.30pm |

## Sunday 27 September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:1-17

Phil 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

### St Mark's Anglican Church, Carterton

| Roles                      | Contact Details                                                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Interim Priest in Charge   | Rev. Sam Bate<br>sam.bate@xtra.co.nz; 027 680 6087                         |
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| People's Warden            | John Wilkinson; 029 939 7730                                               |
| Pastoral Care Coordinators | Valerie Batchelor; 027 238 5633 & Keren Chiaroni; keren.chiaroni@gmail.com |
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| Parish Office              | Open 9.00am–Noon Tuesdays; (06) 379 8371                                   |
| Church email               | office@stmarkscarterton.co.nz                                              |
| Church website             | www.stmarkscarterton.org                                                   |
| Church Facebook            | St Mark's Carterton, NZ                                                    |
| Church bank account        | St Marks Churchwardens<br>02 0608 0016975 000                              |

## Bible Readings this week

Mon Matt 9:9-13

Tue Luke 8:19-21

Wed Luke 9:1-6

Thu Luke 9:7-9

Fri Luke 9:18-22

Sat Luke 9:43b-45

Call all the laborers, O God,  
Call your laborers who woke early,  
Call your laborers who came late,  
Call your laborers who feel wronged,  
Call your laborers who  
feel overlooked,  
Call your laborers who can't feed their  
children with this wage,  
Call your laborers who know they are  
working in your fields,  
Call your laborers who use their wage  
to increase your love,  
Call all your laborers, O God,  
Tell us to roll up our sleeves  
For we know that we have work to do.  
Let us find you in the work we share  
here and now,  
in Christ's presence we pray.  
Amen.

— posted on the United Church of  
Christ webpage