

St Marks E-News

Carterton · 9 October 2026



Welcome

Worship this Week

Sunday 11 October

9.30am Eucharist *(followed by morning tea)*

Thursday 15 October

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 11 October
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14
Phil 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Living host,
call us together,
call us to eat and drink
with you.
Grant that by your body
and your blood
we may be drawn to
each other and to you.
We make this prayer in
the name of Jesus
Christ our Saviour.
Amen.





ST MARK'S ROSTERS

We are very fortunate at St Mark's to have a willing team of helpers who make sure that our worship services run smoothly and allow everyone present to participate and worship our God. However, people do move away or need to step down from their duty, so we can always do with more help. And people often comment on what a blessing it is to be involved in ministry via the roster!

Tasks that are quite straightforward (and suitable for someone joining the roster for the first time) include:

- Operating the projector
- Greeting people at the door
- Helping with morning tea.

If you're reasonably new to St Mark's or not currently on the rosters, please do consider whether you might be up for one or two of these tasks, and let Roger or one of the wardens (Simon and John) know if you are. We guarantee full training and round-the-clock support!

The rostering procedure

It's a big, time-consuming job putting the rosters together, taking about 12 hours for each month's roster. Currently John, Simon, Roger, Judith, and Leya work on it. To keep it manageable, we follow this process, aiming to issue two or three months' worth of rosters each time:

- after setting up the templates, we begin with the roles of presider, preacher, and musician; for these, we contact the people assigned to each week, to make sure they're available
- we then fill all the remaining roles, checking that rostered people aren't away for an extended period of time and aren't rostered in consecutive weeks or too often in a month.

We don't have the capacity to check everyone's availability for every service. However, if you're going to be away for an extended period of time, it's helpful if you let Roger (office@stmarkscarterton.co.nz) know, so we don't roster you during that time. Otherwise, when the roster goes out, if you wish to change the date you are rostered on (e.g., you are unavailable), please arrange a swap with someone else and advise Roger. Thank you!

St Luke's 150th Anniversary Celebration

St Luke's is celebrating 150 years with a Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday, 10 October at 1pm, with Archbishop Justin presiding and preaching. The service will be followed by afternoon tea at Pāpāwai Marae to celebrate this special milestone.



St Mark's Fair – Can You Help with the Raffle?

With the Fair getting closer, we're looking for a few extra hands to help with our raffle.

We need volunteers to run the raffle table at New World on Wednesday, 28 October and Wednesday, 4 November.

We'd also love more people to take a sheet of raffle tickets to sell to family and friends. Every ticket sold helps support the Fair.

If you can help with the New World table or take a raffle sheet, please get in touch with Pauline Coy (027 327 8901).

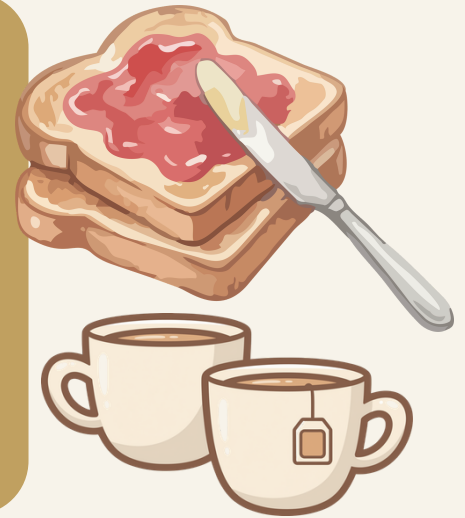


Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 24 October

Join us for the final Men's Breakfast of the year on Saturday, 24 October at Hadlow School Dining Hall.

Our guest speaker, Steve Thompson, will share stories and reflections from his life in farming, his work as a Police Chaplain, and his experience supporting men through life's challenges. Come along for a morning of good food, fellowship and conversation.

To attend, please complete the [Men's Breakfast form](#)



New Wine Festival 2027 – Early Bird Registrations

The New Wine Festival returns to Masterton in January 2027 for five days of worship, teaching, connection and activities for all ages. Early Bird rates are available when you book and pay before 30 November: Adult \$275 | Youth (11–17) \$180 | Child (5–10) \$130 | Preschool (2–4) \$100 | Infants free.

For more information or to register, visit [New Wine Festival 2027](#).



St Mark's Fair – We Need Your Help!

Our St Mark's Fair is getting closer, and there are lots of ways you can help make the day a success.

We're looking for volunteers to help before and on the day, as well as donations for our stalls. If you can contribute home baking, plants, crafts, jewellery, good-quality bric-a-brac or other suitable items, we'd love to hear from you.

Whether you can give your time, donate a few items, or help spread the word, every contribution makes a difference.

Save the date – Saturday, 7 November!

Fellowship meeting

Sir Kim Workman speaking on Marae protocols on Wednesday, 14 October at 1.30pm. This will be followed by a Fellowship visit to Pāpāwai Marae on Wednesday, 21 October at 10am. All are welcome.



Key dates for your calendar

Dates	Details
10 Oct	The Mason Brothers Concert @ St David's Church, Carterton, 7.30pm
10 Oct	St. Luke's 150th Anniversary Celebration, 1pm
14 Oct	Fellowship meeting, Sir Kim Workman speaking on Marae protocols, 1.30pm
24 Oct	Men's Breakfast @ Hadlow School Dining Hall, 8am
28 Oct	St. Mark's Raffle table @ New World Carterton
7 Nov	St. Mark's Fair, 9am to noon

Sunday 18 October | St Luke the Evangelist

Jeremiah 8:22-9:3

2 Timothy 4:9-17a

Luke 10:1-9

St Mark's Anglican Church, Carterton

Roles	Contact Details
Bishop's Warden & co-leader	Simon Chiaroni; 027 482 6328
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Bible Readings this week

Mon Luke 11:29-32

Tue Luke 11:37-41

Wed Luke 11:42-46

Thu Luke 11:47-end

Fri Luke 12:1-7

Sat Luke 12:8-12

Gracious God,
in love You open wide the doors
and welcome us into Your presence—
saints and sinners alike.
You spread a table before us,
filled with the richest fare—
a feast of love and mercy
for the body and soul.
We come with joy to meet You here,
to eat and drink at Your table,
to taste and see Your goodness,
to celebrate Your grace and mercy
in our lives.
May Your Spirit inspire our praise
and thanksgiving,
our prayers and petitions,
as we worship together in
Your presence.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our
host and Lord, Amen.

"Invitation to the Banquet", posted on re:Worship