

ARCHDEACONRY OF WAITOTARA

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Lance Pilbrow Archdeacon for Waitotara

Greetings Waitotara Archdeaconry

Lance Pilbrow here, and I'm writing to introduce myself as your new archdeacon. It has been great to spend a little bit of time getting to know some of the team of people involved in the Waitotara Archdeaconry and I'm looking forward to meeting more of you over the coming year.



Fiona has asked me to write a little bio for you all to get to know a little about me, so here goes! I am originally from Tauranga and grew up in the Baptist church where I came to faith and was baptised. After a season in Auckland studying film and television I met my now wife Julia and we're coming up on 19 years married - time flies! While in Auckland a mentor of mine had been urging me to consider pastoral ministry and so after doing some travel we returned to Auckland where I went to Carey Baptist College before taking my first pastoral role at Northpoint Baptist Church in Bell Block, New Plymouth. After a season at Northpoint, a relatively large, contemporary church, we both decided that it was the right time to explore some other forms of ministry, being curious about the lightweight forms of home church and simple reproducible forms of gathering that have been the norm in many parts of the world for centuries. Somewhere along the line here we also brought three boys into the world, Joshua (12) Daniel (10) and Benjamin (4). A few chance encounters led to a conversation with Bishop Philip and we seemed to have some common thinking around the state of the church, discipleship & mission and before I knew it I was working for the then Northern Regional Cluster. 8 years on I have now been working in the North as Development Enabler primarily building and coordinating a shared approach to youth work (called Mosaic), our Young Leaders internship program, supporting the creation of the Manna Youth Home in Oakura, getting alongside parishes for some coaching and consulting, and more recently some more general projects such as our new diocesan website and rebranding.

St Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera
Wesley Methodist Church, Hawera
St Luke's Co-operating Church, Patea
St George's Anglican Church, Patea
Church of the Good Shepherd, Waverley
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Stratford
All Saints' Anglican Church, Eltham
St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Opunake
St John's Community Church, Kaponga
Robert Gibson Chapel, Manaia

Our family helps run a small home church called The Workshop which is connected to our Anglican movement.

When it comes to Waitotara I am looking forward to collaborating with each of you. My hope is to see parishes rejuvenated! The challenges ahead are significant, but I believe with our collective wisdom and as we listen to the Spirit together we will find a way forward. May our efforts be guided by wisdom, courage, and a deep sense of purpose as we strive to fulfil our mission and vision.

Once again, thank you for your willingness to serve and for your dedication to the well-being of our church communities.

Kind regards
Lance

Easter Day—Rev Brendan gave us something to ponder on



These candies tell a story.
The best news you'll ever hear.
It's about Jesus dying on the cross,
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for Easter:
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.
It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave.
By His death, His children He did save.

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed
as He died in our place.
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.

Easter around the Archdeaconry

St Mary's, Hawera
Good Friday Easter Day



Palm Sunday
All Saint's
Eltham



Good Friday
Walk of Witness
Stratford

Passover Meal, Thursday 28 March All Saints', Eltham



It was a fun challenge to host over 80 people from the Eltham churches and other churches from our cluster for a Passover meal. We were seated, with all the elements of the Passover remembrance on the table in front of us – unleavened bread, bitter herbs, charoset (apple mixture), parsley, salt water, and water for handwashing - all beautifully set. And our own waiter to bring the wine or grape juice to us.

Pastor Sue Allen from Christian Harvest Church Eltham lighting the menorah to begin the meal. Their church team also operated the spit for roasting the lamb – some very important expertise to make it all happen!



Dipping parsley in the salt water to remember the bitterness of slavery in Egypt – some of the Kaponga contingent. A short service recounted most of the facets of Passover and their connections with Jesus and the Last Supper.

Matzah, or unleavened bread, a central element of the Passover festival, baked by Wynne.



It wasn't just a sparse Passover meal; it was a full roast dinner for 80 with a hard-working kitchen team. Valma Ogle (centre) had helped to lead the service.



During the meal and for a long time after, people really enjoyed gathering and chatting with new acquaintances and old friends.



It was a lot of hard work, organizing all the quantities, preparing the special Passover dishes, and cooking the roast dinner, but everyone who came appreciated the community atmosphere. Much of the food was donated (including the large lamb), so the meal was able to be offered with just a koha/donation box. The chance to gather as Eltham churches, as Central Taranaki cluster churches, and as members of the wider community, was greatly appreciated. Everyone wants to do it again soon, but the organizing committee might need two years to recover!



Wynne and Paul sang a worship song in English and Hebrew at the beginning, and here they are finishing the evening with the Blessing Song.

News from around the Archdeaconry



You can now watch Rev Paul Bowers-Mason's recent sermons through our website

www.anglicanswaitotara.org.nz

(go to the resources tab).

St George's, Patea

Combined Service 21 April to celebrate

"St George's Day"



Followed by shared morning tea

and

the Annual General Meeting of St Mary's and St George's Parish.

Please consider car pooling.

Hawera Horticultural Society

Autumn show

featuring

NZ National Chrysanthemum Show

12noon -4pm Sat 4 May

10am-3pm Sun 5 May

Community Centre, Albion St, Hawera.



May 2024 Services Roster

	Sunday 19 May Pentecost	Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday
	Morning Prayer	P Bowers-Mason HC
Holy Trinity, Stratford 10:30am		
All Saints, Eltham 9am	Lay Preacher	P Bowers-Mason HC
Manaia Methodist 10am	W Bowers-Mason HC	
Kaponga Community Church 10:30am	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements
St Barnabas, Opunake 10am	Own Arrangements	P Barleyman
St Mary's, Hawera 10am	B Gibbs HC	To Wesley
Wesley Methodist 10am	To St Mary's	M Lemanu
St Luke's, Patea 10am	R Smith HC	To Waverley
St Georges, Patea 10am	To St Luke's	To Waverley
Church of Good Shep, Waverley 10am	To St Luke's	B Gibbs

Please check the website for any changes to the service schedule

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Mid-Week Services Roster

	Wed 1 May	Wed 8 May	Wed 15 May	Wed 22 May	Wed 29 May
Holy Trinity Stratford	TBC	To Eltham	TBC	To Eltham	No Service
All Saints Eltham	To Stratford	W Bowers-Mason	To Stratford	W Bowers-Mason	No Service
St Mary's Hawera 10am	Thurs 2 May P Scaife	Thurs 9 May T Harrison	Thurs 16 May P Scaife	Thurs 23 May T Harrison	Thurs 30 May T Harrison

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