

Celebrations at All Saints', Eltham

The parish of All Saints Eltham had cause for celebration recently with the visit of Bishop Philip, two adult candidates offering themselves for confirmation, and one teenager being baptized. It meant the morning service had more components than usual, but the joy of witnessing new faith and commitment in Christ meant that the time passed quickly.

Baptizing a teenager beside a font was a new

experience for Rev. Paul. For starters, you can be a lot more generous with how much water you use.

It was really special as a family occasion too. Our teenager's dad was one of the confirmands, and had been baptized recently at the back of All Saints Church, not beside the font, but immersed in a portable (heated) spa borrowed from Christian Harvest Church Eltham. Whatever the amount of water, that baptism last December and this one too were equally moving experiences of God's grace.

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



Bishop Philip leading the confirmation part of the service reminded us all that this is our response to the love of God in our lives, to say "Yes" to God in our life-long commitment to be followers of Jesus. For +Philip there were some unexpected family connections with children from the E-Town programme many years ago now having children of their own, and being there to support loved ones. This was a powerful reminder that new expressions of faith often have their roots in the dedicated ministry of older generations over many years.

And we all managed to fit into the hall lounge for morning tea – just!



Rev Paul, Kage, Neil, Daniel and +Philip





Holy Week

| | Thursday 17 April | Friday 18 April Good Friday | Sunday 20 April Easter Day |
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| St Barnabas, Opunake | | 9am walk from Cenotaph to St Barnabas followed by Service | 10am |
| Holy Trinity, Stratford | 10am Maundy Thursday Service | Walk of Witness starts 9:30am at Salvation Army | 10:30am |
| All Saints', Eltham | | | 9am |
| St Mary's, Hawera | 10am Maundy Thursday Service | Combined Churches Walk of Witness, starts 9:30am at Hawera Baptist Church | 10am |
| St Johns, Kaponga | | 10am Good Friday Service | 10:30am |
| St George's, Patea | | 2pm Combined Churches service at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Patea | 10am |
| St Mary's Cathedral, New Plymouth | 5pm Chrism Mass (blessing of holy oils and renewal of baptismal vows.) | | |

5pm Sunday 13 April at Holy Trinity Stratford.

A Palm Sunday themed music worship gathering with Paul and Wynne Bowers-Mason.

All very welcome!





Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Three day Cursillo

4pm Thursday 3 July—Sunday 6 July 2025

Is being held at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls,
Hamilton.

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2025

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Quiet Mornings and Days with Heather in Taranaki 2025

A sacred time of silence for prayer and reflection with music, scripture, and creativity

Wednesday 16 April 9:30am—1pm at St James, Okato
“Journeying with God in Holy Week with Stations of the Cross”

Bring your Bible, writing materials, your journal and perhaps a cushion or / and blanket for comfort. Refreshments are provided. Koha is welcomed in assisting to meet costs. A variety of resources is always available.

For further information contact Heather Lofthouse Spiritual Director / SGM Supervisor on 021617894 or email heather1349@gmail.com

Exercise and Fellowship groups for Seniors

Mondays

10am St Barnabas Hall, Opunake

Wednesdays

Church of Good Shepherd, Waverley

Thursdays

10am Hunter Shaw building, Patea

All Welcome!!



St Mary’s Community
 Garden Working Bee
 dates

First Friday of the month 1-3pm

Second Sunday of the month 1-3pm

Mid-Week Services Roster

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| Wednesdays | |
| All Saints, Eltham | 10am 14 May—W Bowers-Mason |
| Holy Trinity, Stratford | 10am 28 May—W Bowers-Mason |
| Thursdays | |
| St Mary’s, Hawera | 10am each Thursday |

May 2025 Sunday Services Roster

| | Sunday 4 May Easter 3 | Sunday 11 May Easter 4 | Sunday 18 May Easter 5 | Sunday 25 May Easter 6 |
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| Holy Trinity, Stratford 10:30am | Morning Prayer | P Bowers-Mason HC | Morning Prayer | P Bowers-Mason HC |
| All Saints, Eltham 9am | W Bowers-Mason HC | P Bowers-Mason HC | Morning Prayer | P Bowers-Mason HC |
| Manaia Methodist 10am | | | W Bowers-Mason | |
| Kaponga Community Church 10:30am | P Bowers-Mason HC | Own Arrangements | Own Arrangements | Own Arrangements |
| St Barnabas Opunake 10am | Own Arrangements | Own Arrangements | Own Arrangements | Own Arrangements |
| St Mary's, Hawera 10am | 8am P Scaife HC 10am B Gibbs HC | To Wesley | 10am B Gibbs | To Wesley |
| Wesley Methodist 10am | To St Mary's | Methodist Minister | To St Mary's | M Lemanu C |
| St Luke's, Patea 10am | T Anaru | | | |
| St Georges, Patea 10am | TBC, please check web-site or weekly pew sheets | | | |
| Church of Good Shep, Waverley 10am | | B Gibbs | | R Smith |

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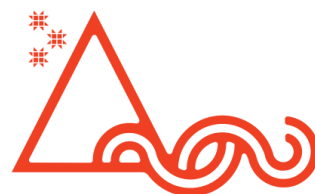
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www.waikatotaranakianglicans.nz

You can also find the link to daily zoom prayers.



You can now watch recent sermons from Rev Paul Bowers -Mason, Ven Lance Pilbrow

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