

Prayer and the Word

How often have you found yourself praying the same prayer, singing the song, over and over again?

I came across an article about PUSH prayer and I want to commend it to you. Write your prayer down and keep praying until something happens.

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

In the 2010 Oscar-winning film *The King's Speech*, actor Colin Firth plays the part of King George VI, whose ascension to the throne of Great Britain would be accompanied by his severe speech impediment. King George knows that to rule effectively and be taken seriously, he must have command over his diction. He hires a speech therapist played by Geoffrey Rush, who gives the king the confidence to enunciate words that he formerly struggled with, helping him to recover both his cadence and his self-assurance.

It is an incredibly moving film, one that highlights the importance and power of the spoken word.

God, who is the King of kings, creates everything by the Word of His mouth.

In fact, His Word is supreme in the universe. Nothing and no one can undo what He has spoken and what He has declared.

In Genesis chapter one, God creates the heavens and the earth, light and life, by nothing more than speaking. His Word is the beginning and the end of all things.

PUSH prayer (Pray Until Something Happens) is prayer that is based upon the Word of God. If you can see God's Word as seed, you will see that within this seed is the will of God. Every seed reproduces after its own kind. It cannot do otherwise. An orange seed cannot produce bananas and an apple seed cannot produce watermelons. This is because within each seed is its DNA.



Each word of God contains the DNA of God within it and it is sent forth for no other reason than to establish or bring about His will.

"so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

Jesus says in Matthew 13 - The Word of God is so powerful that when the Word of God is sown and the recipient does not understand it, the devil comes immediately and snatches away what was sown (Matthew 13:19).

The devil is terrified of the Word of God because he has no power over it. However, he has the power to snatch it away and he attacks it, resisting it relentlessly.

When we speak God's Word we are engaging in spiritual warfare. The devil hates the Word because it brings forth light and diminishes darkness. Prayer is most potent when we speak and declare the Word of God. It acts like a battering ram, pushing back the siege walls of the kingdom of darkness.

It releases into the atmosphere that which overcomes darkness, bringing forth light.

Jesus spoke into a tomb and a dead man walked out. In the middle of a storm, Jesus stood on the bow of the boat and said "Peace, be still!" and immediately the storm subsided and the sea became as calm and smooth as glass (Mark 4:39). PUSH is prayer that is based upon the Word of God, fueled by the Word of God, carrying the goal of accomplishing the Word of God.



Recently Bishop Philip announced that Reverend Alison Slater and the Venerable Lance Pilbrow had accepted his invitation to serve as co-vicars in the parish of Holy Trinity Fitzroy.

Venerable Lance Pilbrow is also Archdeacon of Waitotara.

The commissioning of Reverend Alison Slater and Venerable Lance Pilbrow will be held on

Saturday, 10th May 2025 at 4pm at Parish of Holy Trinity Fitzroy,

followed by shared kai.

Clergy are invited to robe with red stole.

News from around the Archdeaconry

St Barnabas, Opunake

Nevis Brewer aged 91 has recently moved Summerset Retirement Village.

She has been our organist and wonderful parishioner for many years .

We had a special Morning Tea to farewell our dear friend ..

St Barnabas ,Opunake will miss her!



St Barnabas Centre (exercise and fellowship group) were entertained with songs and actions on Monday 5 May by the local Kindy kids



St Mary's, Hawera

Paul and Wynne Bowers-Mason aka "The Ministrels on Saturday 3 April performed

"The Songs of the Seekers"

40+ people attended this great concert. All the favourites and some lesser known songs as well as interesting anecdotes.

Thanks to Paul and Wynne for sharing their talents and to all those who came to have a wander down memory lane!

We were in "A World of our Own"!!



UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

For information and registration please contact

Christine Hunn 27christineh@gmail.com

Or email waikatotaranakicursillo@gmail.com

Regular Events in Eltham/Stratford with Paul and Wynne Bowers-Mason

Every Tuesday at 6pm—**Te Reo Classes**—All Saints' lounge, Eltham

Second Sunday of each month at 5pm—**Worship Music**—Holy Trinity lounge,
Stratford

Fourth Sunday of each month at 5pm—**Bible Study** - All Saints' lounge,
Eltham.

All Welcome!

HAWERA BRASS PRESENTS

HYMN FEST

20
25

SECOND EDITION

❖ **KAPONGA** ❖

SUNDAY 18 MAY

WAR MEMORIAL
HALL, 57 VICTORIA
STREET, KAPONGA

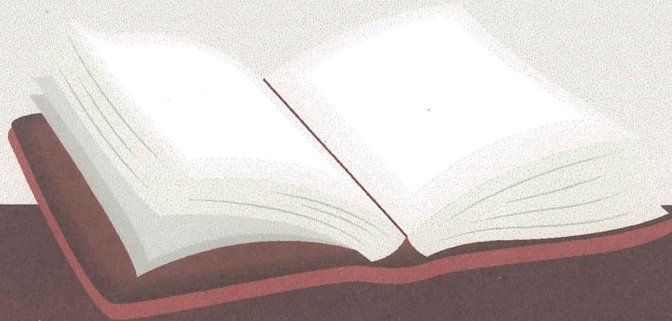
2:00 - 4:00PM

❖ **HAWERA** ❖

SATURDAY 7 JUNE

ST MARY'S CHURCH
206 PRINCES
STREET, HAWERA

7:00 - 9:00PM



TICKETS

\$10 ADULT - \$30 FAMILY - \$5 CONCESSION

Scan the QR code to book online. Doorsales Available
[cash & eftpos] For queries email: hawerabrass@outlook.com



Quiet Mornings and Days with Heather in Taranaki 2025

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

Saturday 7 June 9.30am – 1.00pm

St. James, Ōkato Cooperating Parish, Ōākura

Listening to God at Pentecost exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Bring your Bible, writing materials, your journal and perhaps a cushion and/or a 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 021 617894 or email heather1349@gmail.com

Exercise and Fellowship groups for Seniors

Mondays 10am
St Barnabas Hall, Opunake

Wednesdays 9:30am
Church of Good Shepherd, Waverley

Thursdays 10am
Hunter Shaw building, Patea

All Welcome!!

St Mary's Community Garden, Hawera

Working Bee dates

First Friday of the month 1-3pm

Second Sunday of the month 1-3pm

St George's Patea Community Garden

First Wednesday of the month 1-3pm

Third Sunday of the month 1-3pm



Mid-Week Services Roster

Wednesdays	
All Saints, Eltham	10am 11 June—W Bowers-Mason
Holy Trinity, Stratford	10am 25 June—W Bowers-Mason
Thursdays	
St Mary's, Hawera	10am each Thursday

Please check our website or weekly pew sheets for any changes to service times etc.

www.anglicanswaitotara.org.nz

June 2025 Sunday Services Roster

	Sunday 1 June Easter 7	Sunday 8 June The Day of Pentecost	Sunday 15 June Trinity Sunday	Sunday 22 June Te Pouhere Sunday/ Ordinary 12	Sunday 29 June Ordinary 13 Cluster services
Holy Trinity, Stratford 10:30am	Morning Prayer	P Bowers-Mason HC	Morning Prayer	P Bowers-Mason HC	Cluster Service 9am All Saints' Eltham
All Saints, Eltham 9am	W Bowers-Mason HC	P Bowers-Mason HC	Morning Prayer	P Bowers-Mason HC	
Mania Methodist 10am			W Bowers-Mason		
Kaponga Community Church 10:30am	P Bowers-Mason HC	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements	P Bowers-Mason
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	Cluster Service Hawera 10am T Harrison
St Luke's, Patea 10am	T Anaru				
St Georges, Patea 10am					
Church of Good Shep, Waverley 10am		B Gibbs		R Smith	

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The Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki has a monthly e-magazine. Usually there is a short video message from Bishop Phillip, notices of upcoming events and how to register for them. Well worth a look. You can find it at

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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