

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

OUR VISION

a bridge to the city
- where love and
friendship meet



OUR MISSION

to worship and
work with God
in the world.

The Bridge



WINTER (painted by Thomas Moana)
gives way to **SPRING** (photo by GK)

*"Just living is not enough," said the
butterfly. "One must have sunshine,
freedom, and a little flower."*

Hans Christian Andersen

SEASON of CREATION



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

Psalm 66 : 1-2

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Waiata 66 : 1-2

Hāmama, e te whenua katoa, ki te Atua! Himenetia te korōria o tōna ingoa, kia whai korōria te whakamoemiti ki a ia.

시편 66:1-2

1 온 땅이여 하나님께 즐거운 소리를 낼지어다 2 그의 이름의 영광을 찬양하고 영화롭게 찬송할지어다.

Psalm 66 : 1-2

1. Vir die koorleier. 'n Lied. 'n Psalm. Juig tot eer van God, almal op aarde!
2. Sing tot roem van sy Naam, gee Hom die eer wat Hom toekom!

诗篇66篇：1-2节

¹全地都當向神歡呼；²歌頌他名的榮耀；用讚美的言語將他的榮耀發明。

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Gifts we have been given—and give

On 31 August, we will have a service celebrating the gifts of our **time, talents and treasures**.

Many churches traditionally hold “stewardship campaigns.” These are seasons during which people are encouraged to think about their practices of giving. Often, people make pledges to increase the amount of money which they donate. Some people choose to adopt the discipline of tithing, or giving one-tenth of their incomes to the church.

Stewardship is a difficult subject for many Christians. Indeed, many ministers struggle with the question of how to address this subject. Do we ignore it completely? (Definitely the easiest course!) Do we preach sermons exhorting people to give more financially - knowing as we do that this may be a burden for some parishioners? In the Western world, we are hesitant to speak openly about financial matters. These are considered intensely private, and soliciting donations from church members makes many ministers distinctly uncomfortable. There are also the historical - and much publicised - cases of the abuse of church funds by unethical leaders. Many contemporary church members are nervous about turning over their hard-won savings to institutions which they do not fully trust.

We are fortunate to belong to a denomination which places a strong emphasis on financial accountability. Nevertheless, many people have valid reasons for reacting negatively to the very suggestion of a “stewardship campaign.” Here at St. Andrew’s, we have attempted to re-envision the concept of stewardship. Firstly, we begin with **celebration!** On 31 August, we will *celebrate what we already have*, before considering what more we might give. Being good stewards in the biblical sense involves a range of broader and deeper commitments than monetary donations. At its essence, being a good steward involves *honouring who we are*. It involves celebrating our God-given gifts, and being willing to share them with our church family.

We begin by celebrating the **gift of our time**. Many parishioners give a large portion of their

time to St. Andrew’s. Washing dishes, serving tea, writing minutes, attending meetings, practising music, planning children’s programmes... These are some of the many examples of the hours of time which have been donated in faithful stewardship to St. Andrew’s.

We celebrate the **gift of our talents**. Singing, speaking, praying, baking, greeting, comforting, listening. We are made with so many different talents, and each time a parishioner shares one of these God-given gifts with their church family, they are practising faithful stewardship to St. Andrew’s.

Finally, we celebrate the **gift of our treasures**. Some of these treasures may be financial. Certainly, generous monetary gifts have been given over the years, and St. Andrew’s would not be able to function as it does without these gifts. Some have been in the form of bequests, some in the form of tithes, some in the form of donations toward special causes. Some treasures have not been monetary. They have come in the form of crafts, or culinary delights, or technical skills, or DIY expertise. The offering of all of these treasures represents faithful stewardship to St. Andrew’s.

I invite you to celebrate your own gifts, and to affirm your own practice of stewardship - whatever it may entail. I also invite you to consider how the Spirit of God might be prompting you to continue giving of your time, talents, and/or treasures, for the ongoing sustaining and strengthening of our church.



Blessings on you all.

Rev Kelly Gilson



하나님의 봄이 온다

어느새 겨울이 막바지에 이르렀고, 겨우내 차곡 차곡 준비된 봄이 햇빛이 잘드는 양지 녘엔 벌써 와 있습니다. 목련화가 흐드러지게 피고, 노오란 빛을 품어내는 수선화가 활짝 웃고, 푸르지아도 움츠렸던 기지개를 펴며 봄이 왔다고 노래하고 있습니다. 작은 밭에도 지난 가을 떨어졌던 씨앗이 파아란 싹을 내고 올라오며 여기에도 봄이 왔노라 선포하고 있습니다. 봄, 생명의 찬가로 가득 한 봄이 다시 우리 곁으로 와서 우리에게 말합니다. *“겨울은 지나간다. 꼭 봄은 온다.”*

이 봄이 우리 마음에 우리 자녀의 마음 우리 이웃들 마음에 그리고 삶에도 깊이 임하여 한 사람 한 사람의 마음이 꽃과 같이 피어나기를 소망합니다. 하나님께서 만세전에 우리를 지으시며 꿈꿔왔던 그 모습, 곧 하나님을 깊이 만나고 교제하며 그 안에 거하는데 오는 은혜로 감사와 기쁨과 평안과 소망으로 꽃보다 아름다운 만족한 웃음 꽃을 피워내는 모습으로.

이 영혼의 봄을 주시고 자 예수님께서 오셨고, 지금은 성령 하나님께서 우리 안에 오셨습니다. 따뜻한 봄을 만드는 변함없는 총명한 햇빛처럼, 성령 하나님은 인생의 겨울 속에 있는 영혼에게 봄을 주실 것입니다. 티없이 밝고 따뜻한 햇빛이 아무리 빛나도 커튼을 열기 전까지는 거실에 들어올 수 없습니다. 그러나 커튼을 여는 순간 모든 좋은 빛이 쏟아져 들어와 모든 어둠을 몰아냅니다. 주님 말씀하신 대로 움츠린 마음의 문, 어두운 현실의 커튼을 확 열어 제치십시오. 주님께 나아가는 것입니다. 그러면 성령 하

나님께서 내 안의 모든 차가운 현실의 어둠을 몰아내실 것입니다. 구석 구석 세밀하게 들어오셔서 본래의 모습으로 빛나게 해 주실 것입니다. 이 세상의 어떤 꽃보다 순수하고 아름다운 영혼의 꽃으로 피어나게 될 것입니다. 이 은혜가 이 봄에 우리 모두에게 가득하게 임하기를 기도합니다.



“나의 사랑하는 자가 내게 말하여 이르기를 나의 사랑, 내 어여쁜 자야 일어나서 함께 가자 겨울도 지나고 비도 그쳤고 지면에는 꽃이 피고 새가 노래할 때가 이르렀는데 비둘기의 소리가 우리 땅에 들리는구나 무화과나무에는 푸른 열매가 익었고 포도나무는 꽃을 피워 향기를 토하는구나 나의 사랑, 나의 어여쁜 자야 일어나서 함께 가자 바위 틈 낭떠러지 은밀한 곳에 있는 나의 비둘기야 내가 네 얼굴을 보게 하라 네 소리를 듣게 하라 네 소리는 부드럽고 네 얼굴은 아름답구나”(아가 2: 10-14)

The Coming of God's Spring

Winter is quietly drawing to a close. Yet in the sunlit corners, spring—long prepared through the cold months—has already arrived. Magnolias are in full bloom, daffodils laugh in golden hues, and freesias stretch their arms, singing that spring is here. Even in the small plots of soil, seeds fallen last autumn push through with fresh green shoots, declaring, “Spring has come.” Spring—this hymn of life—returns to whisper: “Winter will pass. Spring unfailingly comes.”

I pray that this spring may reach deeply into our hearts, into the hearts of our children and neighbours, and into our lives, so that each soul may blossom like a flower. This is the vision God cherished before time began – that

in meeting Him and dwelling in His grace, our lives might bloom with gratitude, joy, peace, and hope, a beauty surpassing any flower of the field.

It was for this spring of the soul that Jesus came, and now the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Like the steadfast sunlight that warms the season, the Spirit of God brings spring to those still caught in life's winter. Yet no light, however radiant, can enter a room unless the curtains are drawn. But once opened, light streams in and scatters all darkness.

So let us open wide the door of our hearts and draw back the curtains of our shadowed realities. Then the Holy Spirit will banish every cold darkness within and cause us to shine once more in our true form, blooming as a flower of the soul, purer and lovelier than any blossom on earth. May this grace of spring rest upon us all in fullness.

My lover spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. (Song of Solomon 2:10-14)

God bless you all.

Rev Ham Tae Ju



Photos by Phyllipa



**Incoming Moderator
of the Presbyterian
Church of Aotearoa
New Zealand**



The Rev Peter Dunn has chosen for his term as Moderator the theme, *We Believe*.

I have in my mind a picture of a braided river, well known to South Islanders. Mighty rivers that carry significant volumes of water in many channels, where a single channel can be a river in itself until it meets another channel, and the scene changes. The connection with the theme is that, as a Church, we can be described metaphorically as a braided river. Alive, directional, flexible, life-giving, unstoppable in our expressions of the Christian faith, unless it becomes disconnected from its source.

'We believe' is about the source, our Lord Jesus Christ. 'We believe' is about the flow of the river through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. 'We believe' is about the banks that hold the braided river, where the Father is hands-on, as it were, moulding and maintaining the river within the boundaries of what we believe.

The moderatorial logo features the Cross from which the braided river flows, with the context prominently displayed, 'We Believe'. It is my prayer that as people engage with the theme at General Assembly 2025 and during my term as moderator, our unity in Christ will be affirmed.

General Assembly is in Christchurch from 20-23 October. Please prayerfully support our Assembly Commissioner, Rianna Rothman.

Jocelyn Hampton

18 July 1931—25 July 2025

Two beautiful eulogies, for the family and for Jocelyn's professional life, were given at her funeral in St Andrew's on 29 July. These are available if anyone who could not attend the service wishes to read them.

St Andrew's and St Stephen's both have fond memories of Jocelyn. Some of those are recorded here.

Jocelyn returns to Hamilton with Lawrie Rev Ian Purdie retired from St Andrew's in 1979 and the parish became vacant. The Board of Nomination had the name of the Rev Lawrie Hampton very high on the list of possible ministers as his credentials were perfect for St Andrew's. Lawrie was a minister in Whangarei and his wife had recently died. After prayerful consideration, the BON approached Lawrie. He appeared "sort of interested" but declined the invitation as the Whangarei congregation was providing the support and care that he and his family needed at the time. Jocelyn was seconded to undertake some restructuring work in the Whangarei Hospital. She didn't know many people in Whangarei. The BON suggested she attend church in Whangarei and make herself known to the minister there. She was advised, in confidence, that we were very interested in calling Lawrie to St Andrew's as our minister. We later found out that she was very interested in him as well and Jocelyn helped encourage him to come to Hamilton. There was a lot of fun and frivolity about how we sent some "bait" to capture Lawrie. As they chose to live in Jocelyn's home, Link House, in the now-vacant manse may never have happened if Jocelyn had not captured the heart of Lawrie.

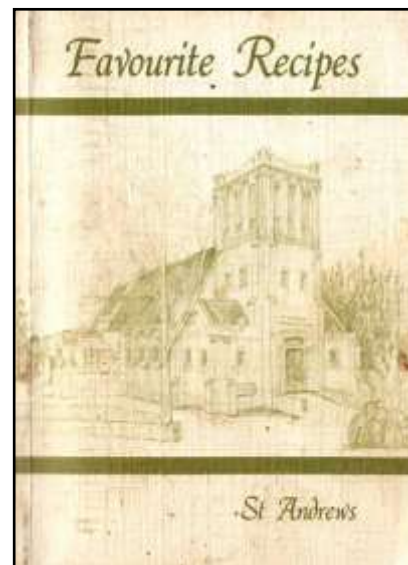
- *Thanks for the memory, Jim Findlay*



Fairly soon after her arrival at St Andrew's, Jocelyn addressed the congregation to say that while she was very much supportive of Lawrie's ministry here, and would play a part in the parish, she had her own career as dietitian at Waikato Hospital and would not be operating in the traditional way of being a stay-at-home Minister's spouse. At St Andrew's, thus it has been, ever since. - *Lance Kendrick*

To celebrate St Andrew's Centennial in 1985, a cookbook with recipes from members at that time was published. The front cover has a picture of St Andrew's Church which was drawn by Jocelyn. Also inside the book are recipes by Jocelyn. There is also a bookmark which was produced at the same time which mentions in the acknowledgments that Jocelyn had drawn the picture of the church. Six contributors are still members of St Andrew's.

- *Thank you, Helen Hopkins*



Pauline Milroy recalls Jocelyn's co-ordinating the food for church functions, giving people clear directions as to what they were to contribute. She also often did the flowers for church—in the days when they had to be fresh flowers every week.

While *Phyllipa Fraser* played for the evening services, Jocelyn would care for her very young daughter. A very caring lady, who always had such a beautiful and endearing smile.



The big wall hanging in the foyer was planned and organised by Jocelyn. Others contributed to it at her invitation. This was to mark the centennial of St Andrew's in 1985. Jocelyn drew up the overall plan with a suggestion as to what should feature in each section. She said that she would do the embroidery for one of the panels; people would be asked to stitch the others. And that was what happened. The finished product continues to be much admired. It has become such a part of the experience of entering the church that probably today few of us actually really notice it at all. *Pauline and Lawrie*

Jocelyn's watercolours were displayed in the Gilbert Gallery in The Link. Jocelyn attended watercolour classes at the Waikato Society of Arts School for a number of years, and workshops around NZ and on Flinders Island (Tasmania). Jocelyn was a member of both the Waikato Society of Arts and Watercolour New Zealand Inc. She was "inspired by the world-class scenery and colourful landscapes of the Waikato area". She painted flowers and botanical art as well as carved interior details in St Andrew's Church. *Thank you, Lance Kendrick*

Jocelyn's amazing contribution to St Stephen's for over 25 years

Jocelyn was an elder of the Church and, for a while, she was Session Clerk at St Stephen's

For her, Session meetings took precedence over everything else. For example: when Session meetings coincided with NZSO concerts, her priority was the Session meeting while Lawrie had to find someone else to accompany him to the concert.

She embroidered wonderful Falls and Stoles for the church. There was always a Fall hanging from the pulpit, embroidered with a cross and stones at the base of it, representing St Stephen. This she made in conjunction with two other ladies in the church. She made a Fall for each church season. They hung on the front of the lectern - those for Advent and Lent were purple; for Pentecost it was red; the Christmas one was white and the 'any other time' one was green. Spring was especially important to Jocelyn as she set up a weekend Spring Festival. She organised this at the church to display the many creative talents of the congregation and, as part of those, her own embroidery and flower arrangements were really beautiful. She used her talent so much for the church.

Jocelyn organised the system of Giving Envelopes for St Stephen's, distributing them to relevant church members each year. She was on the flowers, cleaning and morning-tea rosters and she organised events for the church family, particularly to remember specific members' special occasions, as well as national events.



Dressed to the nines for Melbourne Cup Day.

Jocelyn was very good at encouraging people to take part in church activities and to undertake a task whether they wanted to or not,

and incidentally those folk usually enjoyed that task!!

Jocelyn's friendly approach to other people helped to enhance St Stephen's reputation as a friendly and welcoming congregation. She was a vital member of our church family and loved by us all.

Thank you Lawrie, Isabel Mackay, Dennis McFarlane, Stella Sandford and Helen McKinnon.

Following Shirley's death on 5 July 2025, parishioners were asked to share their thoughts about her qualities. Using the letters of her name, these were summarised and presented when St Andrew's and the wider community joined with daughter Melanie and son-in-law David from Christchurch on 17 August to pay tribute to Shirley.

There wasn't much that Shirley had not been involved in at St Andrew's. She and Herb became members on 1 April 1993 and in October 1995 Shirley was inducted as an elder. She carried out this governance and leadership role as a Parish Councillor until July 2011.



**Shirley Marea
Harland**

Her contribution as an original thinker was often "*Wouldn't it be wonderful if ...?*"

Shirley was a stalwart of the Church Life Committee—she excelled at preparing and serving food! Her love of flowers and arranging them was never more appreciated than at the annual Spring Flower Festival.

Shirley, a teacher, was also involved in the work of the Christian Education Committee and was on the Worship Committee for some time. From time to time she helped lead worship services that were reflective and joyful.

While not on the Social and Ecumenical Action Committee, she actively supported the Link House vegetable garden project in 2012 to teach single parents how to grow and prepare food. Fairtrade and the environment were also endeavours she supported.

Shirley did not have to be on the Pastoral Care Committee to demonstrate her love of and concern for people, frequently visiting members needing a cloak of care.

When plans were being prepared for The Link, Shirley was on the Kitchen Advisory Group and, later, on the Furnishings Sub-committee. For the centenary of the church building in 2014, Shirley researched and produced a brochure.

She was always fondly remembered after her move to Christchurch.

S	S pecial	Special (all that needs to be said really)
H	H ospitable	Welcoming – Friendly – Kind – Provider of food for functions
I	I ndependent I conoclast	Model of independence for Elaine for one [Original thinker] – Out-spoken – Challenger – Problem-solver – Creative
R	R espected	Good people skills – Team player – Organiser – Valued – MISSED
L	L oving/ L oved	Love for people – Dear friend – Beautiful – Gracious – Carer – Accepting – Warm
E	E nergetic	... and Enthusiastic
Y	Y oung at heart	Teacher – Arranger of children's group dramas
M	M iscellaneous	Musician – Actor – Gardener – Flower arranger



As recommended by General Assembly 2022, the Social & Ecumenical Action Committee has explored the growing inter-denominational Eco Church movement developed in partnership with A Rocha Aotearoa, by attending local Gatherings, arranging for two Regional Co-ordinators from Eco Church to come to St Andrew's on 9 March – teaching and preaching during our Kiwi worship service, circulating at morning tea, then meeting with the SEA Committee to consider potential ways forward. At an Order of the Day presented by SEA member Ruth Harlow at Parish Council 24 June, where SEA proposed that St Andrew's join Eco Church, Parish Council agreed that we will “begin the journey”. That is the point we are at: planning. In many ways Eco Church can help us to examine and focus our parish's activities in caring for God's creation, augmenting what many parishioners do at home as individuals or families. A work group is being established, initially within SEA, and parishioners will be invited to join in due course.



We organised an evening in the “St Andrew's Coffee Series” held on 29 May 2025 in The Link with Dr Emma Barker-Clarke from SHINE, speaking on “Responding well, in safe and dignifying ways, to people who experience family violence”. The Kirk Café sold cakes and coffees/teas. The weather was atrocious and the crowd was small, unfortunately, as she had a lot to share. We are grateful to Graeme Kitto for chairing the business session, and Park Chun Bae for operating the AV system. Both our Ministers

now have a small supply of SHINE wallet-cards and pamphlets. SHINE is a service of Presbyterian support Northern. Emergency 24/7 free-phone: 0508 744 633. www.2shine.org.nz includes an option for online chat.



Regulatory Standards Bill 2025

On 20 June, the SEA Committee submitted to Parliament's Finance & Expenditure Select Committee, given the considerable negative impacts such legislation would have. Mr Seymour's aim is for his Ministry for Regulation and a Regulatory Standards Board to vet whatever legislative work all Government departments might commence. “Regulation” includes “legislation”.

It was fascinating that Hon David Seymour's own Ministry for Regulation wrote a 76-page Regulatory Impact Statement with great circumspection about some aspects of their Minister's “preferred options”. The RIS was tabled with the Bill in Parliament on 22 May.

In the SEA Committee's summary on page 1, we set out that it should not be progressed due to the Bill's:

- (a) Constitutional over-reach, to the detriment of Parliament and the public*
- (b) High-handed requirement for Briefings*
- (c) Un-democratic processes*
- (d) Narrow “principles of responsible regulation”*

(e) *Insufficient consultation relating to public impacts and who may be affected; and,*
(f) *Ignoring Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi.*

Our pages 2-5 elaborated on these points. The collation agreement was only between ACT and National, not directly NZ First, so there is scope for significant changes if the select committee and/or NZ First pursue them. Or, we suggested, defeat of the Bill, as was done for the *Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill*.

The Select Committee's report back to Parliament for a Second Reading is not due until 22 November. As at 13 August, 53,073 submissions had been mounted on the website. With ours not online, Lance enquired. The Clerk of Committee has replied that ours had indeed been referred to the Select Committee MPs in June/July and would be mounted in the next batch. He said they received about 150,000 submissions. A copy of SEA's is available from Lance.

Hear the candidates for Hamilton Mayor & East General Ward



**Sunday 21 September
at 3.00 pm in The Link**

All candidates for Mayor have been invited, along with all candidates for the East General Ward.

Very short speeches from each (on subjects of their choice), with plenty of time for your questions. Followed at 4.30 pm by afternoon tea with opportunity for informal chat. Organised as a public service by St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

(Enquiries: Lance Kendrick ph 027 265 7521 or Peter Gault ph 856 3923.)

Lance Kendrick Convenor

Men's Gatherings

In June, we had a game of croquet at the Hamilton East grounds in Galloway Street. All who played reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the game and would like a repeat. On this occasion, we were joined by some ladies - but a tad more about this later.

In July, we had dinner and were addressed by Charles Mandor. His address was amazing. His narrative ability is exceeded only by his musical acumen. We got to know a Charles whom we did not know previously. What a man!

In August, we will be attempting a game of pétanque. I was amazed to have learned how many members of our congregation are proud owners of pétanque boules.

Henry Ota will tell us about his journey to get to this point in his life and the events that lead to him doing his PhD at the University of Waikato. This event is planned for September.

Some ladies have expressed an interest in joining us for some of our activities. I cannot understand why we should be men only and think we have moved beyond such a philosophy. Every effort will be made to vary our programme, but do need a good number of men to support these activities. Otherwise it is almost not worthwhile arranging them.

Butch Convenor for 2025



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1928 Croft Pipe Organ

Late last year, South Island Organ Company (SIOC) advised St Andrew's Church major refurbishment work was needed to be carried out on our church pipe organ to ensure it could remain in good working order. As this work required significant expenditure, it was decided that the \$31,000 balance remaining in the Church Restoration Fund after completing the rewiring and earthquake strengthening of the church would be made available for this work on the church organ. This left an expected shortfall of about \$27,000 to be raised before committing to proceed.

Due to generous support from the St Andrew's Church congregation and an unexpected bequest from Joyce Wallace's Estate, work on the organ was able to commence on Monday 19 May and was completed on Thursday 29 May, one day ahead of schedule and about \$6,000 under budget!

To aid fundraising, it was agreed that two recitals be held (the first held on the eve of work commencing and the second held about two months after the work was completed), which allowed members of the audience who attended both recitals to make a 'before' and 'after' sound comparison. Combined, these two recitals raised just under \$2,500. All up, of the \$51,700 spent refurbishing the church organ, \$41,200 was specifically raised for this purpose and the \$10,500 shortfall came from the Church Restoration Fund.

On completion of the refurbishment work, SIOC advised that further work will need to be carried out at some stage on the organ; as this work is not considered to be as urgent as the work completed, there will be more time to raise the necessary funding. The additional work involves about \$24,000 to replace up to 247 leather envelopes (one for each valve) and re-leather the purse rails plus an additional \$21,000 to clean all the pipes (\$13,000 for the reed pipes and \$8,000 for the flue pipes – with the reed pipes being considered more urgent).

Donations towards this additional work on the pipe organ, or towards the Church Restoration Fund in general, can be made online to St Andrew's Church bank account: **02-0316-0046144-000**. Please include either your **name** or your **envelope number** in the **Particulars** field and the **cause** (e.g., 'Organ' or 'Ch Restoration') in the **Reference** field. Any assistance is always appreciated, thank you.

Fraser Annals Treasurer

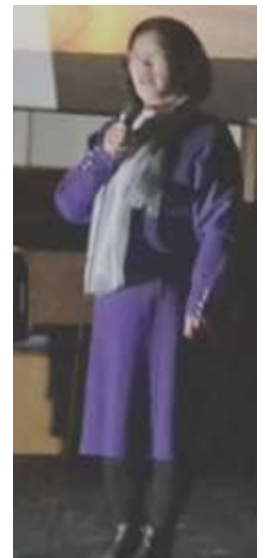


Same organ—two totally different types of talent—thankfully!



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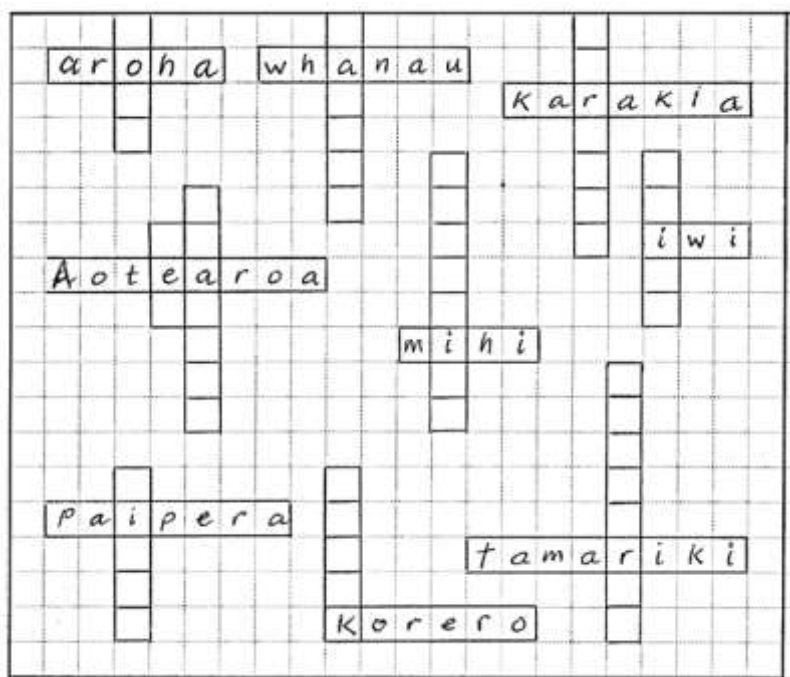


A joyous and energetic concert to celebrate 30 years of Korean - Kiwi connection here.





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'Table Talk Conversations for Māori Wards in local government - A Christian Guide'

Three of us joined parishioners at Nawton for a Christian approach to the conversation about the place of Maori Wards and the Referendum the City Council has been forced to have. The afternoon was led by Rev Adair Oosterbroek using resources from the Common Grace Aotearoa Network (www.commongrace.nz).

We looked first of all at Te Tiriti and then a timeline of Crown actions, followed by some further conversations about what a Christian response might look like. This was a very helpful session and one which would be well worth doing again. Each segment of the conversation had introductory material to focus our conversations.

These were:

- watching a video of an address at the Waitangi Day Dawn Service which highlighted the Christian language of love that surrounded the writing of the Treaty and how it was an integral part of the discussions with the Maori rangatira;
- Timeline from 1840 to the present day took us through a sequence of actions by the Crown which whittled away at the Maori understanding of communal holding of land. This ensured that individual title would become the dominant form of land holding. In the early stages this was linked to the franchise to vote (starting with the exclusion of women and Maori from voting), and has led to the current situation for councils wanting Maori wards.
- Finally, we had an address to listen to from Rt Rev Sir David Moxon outlining some Christian imperatives that we might consider in our thinking. All who participated seemed to find the afternoon (2 hrs) helpful in understanding the issues better.

Alistair McBride

St Andrews Women's/Craft Groups outing to Kids in Need—22 July 2025

We visited the 'Kids in Need – Waikato' outlet located on the outskirts of Cambridge. It was mind blowing as to the extent of this venture and as to the number of children and the 500 caregivers who are supported by them. They give 1,800 care parcels to children and 3,000 gifts to children at Christmas time across Waikato, Coromandel and Rotorua. The main areas in 'need' are Hamilton, Taumarunui and Rotorua. They also provide a retreat, being accommodation for two nights, at their venue for caregivers and their children.

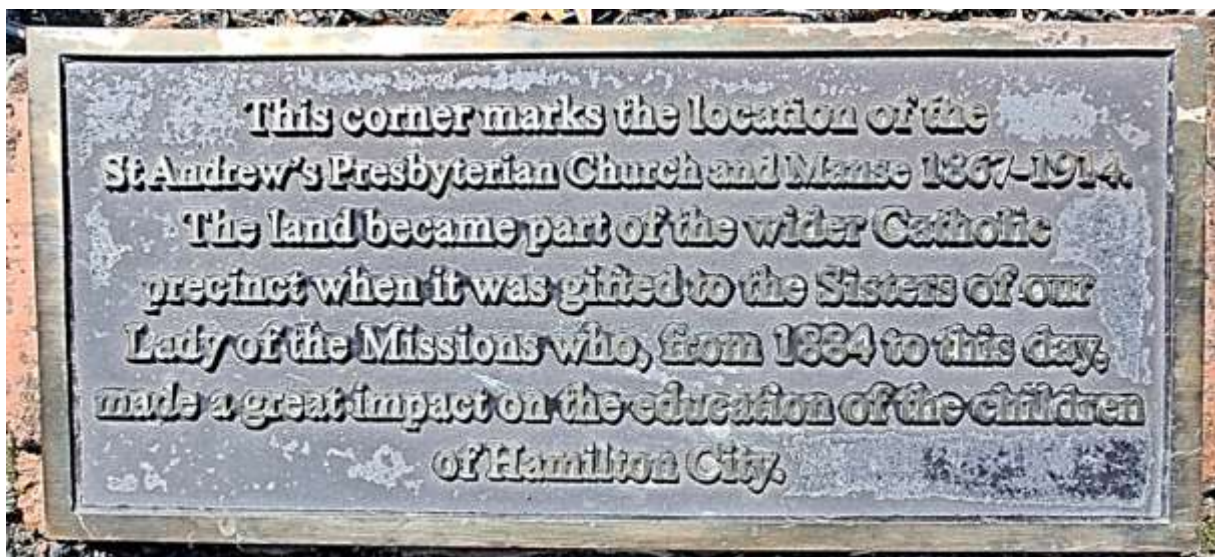


And Gallery 153 on 19 August 2025



It was fascinating to hear Heather Olesen explain and demonstrate the art of glass-blowing in her gallery near Morrinsville.

For those who didn't take a stroll to the corner of Grey and Clyde Streets, here's the plaque that's there ...



SPRING CALENDAR -

Every Sunday, worship services (unless indicated differently) are at
9.30 am English language-with children's programme;
11.30 am Korean language—with children's programme; and
11.30 am Multicultural Youth in Media Room in The Link

Every Monday during term time—[Mini Movers](#) from 9.30-11.00 am—pre-schoolers, parents and grandparents meet for music, play and socialising.

Every Tuesday—[indoor bowls](#) at 10.00 am

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month-[Craft Group](#) at 9.30 am

Third Tuesday of month—[Women's Group](#)—time varies

Every Thursday—[Prayer group](#) at 11.30 am

First Friday of month—[Proud Prayers Programme](#) at 5.00 pm for children

Fourth Friday of the month—[Youth Group](#) at 6.00 pm

Third Saturday of the month—[Families' Gathering](#) at 3.00 pm

Men's Gatherings now vary by day, time and activity. For information: 027 275 6590 or

rothmanz@xtra.co.nz

August	31	Thanksgiving Service at 9.30 am
September	7	Father's Day
		Communion at both 9.30 am and 11.30 am services
	14	COMBINED Spring Festival Service at 10.30 am and Lunch
	15-22	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
	21	Usual service times
	22	Usual service times
	28	Daylight saving starts
		Usual service times
October	5	Usual service times – 9.30 am World Communion 11.30 am Korean Thanksgiving Service
	12-19	Week of Prayer for World Peace
	12	Usual service times
	19	Usual service times – White Sunday Family Service at 9.30 am
	26	Usual service times
	27	Labour Day
November	2	Usual service times – 9.30 am Communion
	9	Usual service times
	16	Usual service times – Contributions for The Bridge due
	23	Usual service times
	30	ADVENT/St Andrew's Day Usual service times
December	7	Usual service times – 9.30 am Communion
	14	COMBINED Christmas Pageant Service at 10.30 am and lunch

Season of Creation

1 September–2 October
(St Francis of Assisi)

For **additional information** about any event, please

- ⇒ See notices in the weekly service bulletins
- ⇒ Call the office on 854 9737
- ⇒ Visit www.standrewshamilton.org.nz
- ⇒ <http://tiny.cc/FBStAndrewsHnNZ>



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