

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton



Reflections on Disability

15 March 2026 - Lent 4

9.30am Kiwi Disability Sunday Service

Rev Kelly Gilson

Organ: Trevor Gibbs

11.30am Korean Service – Rev Tae Ju Ham

St Andrew's Mission

To worship and work with God
in the world



St Andrew's Vision

A bridge to the city ...
where love and friendship meet

This service is streamed on

<https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsPresbyterianHamilton>

*Welcome to worship; Kia ora tatou; 환영합니다 (hwan-yeonghabnida);
An-nyeoung ha-se-yo?; Akwaaba; Banuram; Bula Vinaka;
Emedi o; Kedu! Nnoo; Kia orana; Malo e lelei; Namaste;
Nimen hao; Salaam; Talofa lava; Welkom*

**Please stand as you are able*

Call to worship (from Beatitudes for Friends and Family – author unknown)

Blessed are you who take time to listen to difficult speech ...

For you help us persevere until we are understood.

Blessed are you who walk with us in public places
and ignore the stares of others,

For we find havens of relaxation in your companionship.

Blessed are you who never bid us to "hurry up,"
and more blessed are you who do not snatch our tasks
from our hands to do them for us ...

For often we need time – rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside us
as we enter new and untried ventures ...

**For the delight we feel when we surprise you
outweighs all the frustrating failures.**

Blessed are you who ask for our help ...

For our greatest need is to be needed.

Hymn – Come and Find the Quiet Centre
(FFS 10i, tune Gaelic Traditional Melody)*

Prayer of thanksgiving and confession

Recite – The Lord's Prayer

Welcome, notices and community time

Choir – Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Children's moment

Hymn – Inspired by Love and Anger (CH4 253, tune Salley Gardens)*

Bible reading (Asif Babar Rana)

– Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)

Reflections on Disability

(Margaret Riley, David Roberts, Rob Thompson)

*Offertory hymn** – Here I Am, Lord (CH4 251)

*Dedication of the offering**

Prayers for others (Marilyn Orchard)

*Hymn** – Take My Life (CH4 502, tune Nottingham)

Benediction

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever more. Amen.**

*Following the worship service, organists usually play a postlude
(music as we exit). You are welcome to stay seated in your pew
to listen to it played through. Equally, please feel free to leave the church
for your other commitments.*



Lectionary Readings



22 March 2026

Ezek 37:1-14

Ps 130

Rom 8:6-11

Jn 11:1-45

A MULTICULTURAL YOUTH SERVICE

... is held weekly on **Sundays** in the **Media Room in The Link from 11.30am**. This service is for those who are younger – from Year 7 to young adults.

Any questions – please contact Rev Yo Han
on 020 444 4161.



2 Corinthians 9:7 – God loves a cheerful giver (NKJV)

St Andrew's depends on the generous giving of members and friends.

If you would like to make a donation, our church BNZ bank account details are:

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Hamilton 02-0316-0046144-000

(Please include your Name or Giving Number in the Reference)

If you would like to use planned giving, please contact the Church Office (ph 854 9737)

Women's Group

Tuesday 17 March

Those meeting to carpool may meet at the church before going out to Joanne Coote's home (586 Ruakura Road), leaving Hamilton at approx 10.00am and arriving at 10.15am-ish!

Weather permitting, we will sit outdoors to enjoy morning tea. Sharon Ota and Shagufta Babar will each share a little of their story ... life back home, coming to New Zealand and settling here.

Don't hesitate to ask for a rides. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Margaret (ph 856 3923), Chris (mob 021 460 834)

St Andrew's Men's Group Meeting

Friday 20 March at 10.00am

at 65 Sunshine Avenue

Meet at St Andrew's carpark at 9.30am to carpool. We will learn about HCC resource recovery.

Please let Peter Gault (mob 027 499 3094) know if you're coming by 18 March. Also advise if you have an accessibility requirement.

Family Group

The Family Meet-up at the gardens will happen each month, on the third **Saturday**. The next one will be on **21 March at 4.00pm**.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will now be meeting on the fourth Monday of each month instead of the fourth Friday. The next youth meeting will be on **Monday 23 March, 4.30pm-6.00pm** in the Mary Bryant Commons. The other information (eg, pizza, games, Bible study) remains the same.

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

Elaine Riddell
(mob 027 489 6938,
email
a.e.riddell@gmail.com)

Monday 16 March

9.30am Mini Movers
11.00am Lenten studies in church lounge

Tuesday 17 March

10.00am Bowls group
10.15am Women's group in the Cootes' home (see notice opposite)

Wednesday 18 March

7.00pm Lenten service

Thursday 19 March

9.30am *Let's Pray* prayer group in church lounge
7.30pm Resource Management committee meeting

Friday 20 March

9.30am Men's group meet at church carpark (see notice opposite)

Saturday 21 March

11.00am Choir practice
4.00pm Family group (see notice opposite)

Sunday 22 March (Lent 5)

9.30am Kiwi service
11.30am Korean service
11.30am Multicultural Youth service



Rosters	15 March	22 March
Service Elder	Peter Bayne	Peter Bayne
Convenor	Jerome Chuang	Jerome Chuang
Door duty	Maria Chuang	Maria Chuang
Finance	Fraser Annals	Beatrice Brazendale
AV Operator Streaming Operator	Ross Williams Jerome Chuang	Peter Gault Asif Babar Rana
Organ/Piano	Trevor Gibbs	Charles Mandor
Bible Reader	Asif Baba Rana	Jim Findlay
Intercessory Prayer	Marilyn Orchard	Alison Ringer
Morning Tea	Margaret & Peter Gault	Beryl & Ross Williams

Autumn 2026 Appeal – 8 March 2026

The management financial statements for the seven months to 31 January 2026 showed a net operating deficit of -\$55,055. While this deficit was not unexpected, being about \$5,500 better than budget at this stage of the year, the 2025/2026 budget approved at last year's church AGM had allowed for \$30,000 to be received from special appeals, should the need arise.

Unfortunately, the economic environment has meant gross revenue earned from The Link is about \$13,000 down on budget which, despite donations received being marginally ahead of budget, has had a negative flow-on effect on our working capital position. On 31 January 2026, the combined bank and untagged cash reserves balance was just \$2,893.

'Working capital' is what is used to fund day-to-day operations. You may have noticed recent church bulletins have occasionally included a summary showing the previous month's church cash flows, both inwards and outwards. These summaries will hopefully make it easier for us to understand the magnitude of expenditure that must be regularly funded out of revenue. For example, the 15 February bulletin showed that \$30,288 was spent on stipends, salaries and rents in January 2026. This expenditure tends to be constant and is often paid weekly. \$30,288 monthly expenditure is equivalent to about \$7,000 each week, every week. In the case of January 2026, a combined total revenue of \$40,485 was received from donations, The Link and from various other sources, whereas a total \$42,832 was paid out. The shortfall needed to be funded from the bank current account and untagged cash reserves.

Regrettably, as it is highly unlikely that gross revenue from The Link will pick up sufficiently enough between now and 30 June 2026 to recoup its year to date \$13,000 shortfall, and as the 2025/2026 annual church budget had allowed for \$30,000 to be received from special appeals if sufficient unexpected revenue had not been received from other sources to offset this need, I have now made the decision to proceed with an Autumn Appeal. The goal being to raise at least \$43,000 (but, ideally, closer to \$50,000 to provide some leeway for the start of next year) by 30 June 2026.

It may help to know that $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of all eligible donations made during this month (until 31 March) will be entitled to be claimed back as a donations rebate as soon as next month (April 2026). Although eligible donations made after 31 March 2026 will also be entitled to

be claimed back as a donations rebate, that rebate will generally not be able to be claimed until no earlier than April 2027.

I realise not everyone will be able to donate to the Autumn Appeal, this is quite understandable in today's economic climate; however, if you feel that you are able to participate, please know that all donations are deeply appreciated.

Donations can be made electronically (set up either on-line or at your bank) to the church's bank account **02-0316-0046144-000**. Please include either your **name** or your **envelope number** in the Particulars field and enter "**Autumn**" in the Reference field. The bank account details can also be found each week in the Sunday church service bulletin.

Alternatively, your donation can be placed in the church offering bag on a Sunday, in an envelope marked "Autumn Appeal".

Thank you very much to those of you who have already contributed.

Fraser Annals, Parish Treasurer

Cash Flow Summary – February 2026

Below are the inwards and outwards cash flows for February 2026.

\$46,766 cash revenue was received in February 2026

\$38,503	from donations
\$8,259	from The Link
\$4	from other income

\$46,790 cash was outlaid in February 2026

\$30,288	on stipends, salaries and rent
\$2,410	on national and presbytery monthly levies
\$155	on outreach (\$155 pledged monthly to CWS and Presbyterian Support)
\$8,107	for regular monthly expenses (eg, cleaning, electricity, etc)
\$6,961	for other costs (eg, upgrading computers, audit fee, etc)

Less (\$1,131) from overheads recovery

Whenever outgoings exceed income, it is necessary to draw on cash reserves. On 28 February 2026, untagged cash reserves provisionally stood at around \$600 .

All the Children of the World

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. Acts 10:34-35"



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Health & Safety

Training Presentation for Evacuation Wardens

Thank you to the 16 people who attended the presentation on Health and Safety by Jim Findlay on 22 February. The presentation was for Service Elders, Convenors, Door Stewards, Youth and Sunday School leaders, who become Evacuation Wardens if an emergency requires congregations to evacuate the church.

Sunday 15 March: A repeat presentation for those who were unable to attend the February presentation will be held after church in the Mary Bryant Commons. All volunteers are encouraged to have a good understanding of the role of warden and what to do in an emergency. Other members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

First Aiders

The Health and Safety Act requires the church to maintain a list of First Aiders and/or people with professional medical expertise. We have funds available for anyone who wishes to take a First Aid course, or renew their certificate.

Please inform Jim Findlay or Peter Bayne if you have these skills and/or wish to undertake training.

Health and Safety Co-ordinators: Jim Findlay (ph 027 287 2886)
Peter Bayne (ph 027 665 9339)

Tokoroa Women's Refuge

A delivery of shampoo, etc, to Tokoroa Women's Refuge was very gratefully received on 9 March.

Please save more of these toiletries as Phyllipa will be back in Tokoroa on a regular basis. Your "stash" may be left at the Church Office. Thank you.

*Unused products only, please.
Any packaging should still be sealed.*





Health & Safety
Please note where the Exits
and Evacuation Point are located



LINK HOUSE FOOD BANK

Your weekly donations of food for struggling single parent families in Hamilton are a *HUGE HELP*. A heartfelt thanks to the members of St Andrew's church who generously give to our small food bank. Your contributions of every day groceries are truly meaningful to our clients and, like us, they are extremely grateful.

The suggested **theme for March is pasta, rice and shelf stable pasta sauces**. But, of course, other types of food are also needed – for example: cereals, canned goods, muesli bars, crackers, dried fruit, nuts, baking ingredients, long-life milk or milk powder. Items must be long-life, unopened and in the original packaging please. Non-perishable food only.

If you happen to have surplus fresh fruit or veges, please call Lou at Link House on 07 839 1051. She will let you know if your produce can be of immediate use.



If you need to bag items, paper bags are preferred. Our collection basket is in the foyer as you enter the church.



Gratefully,
Social and Ecumenical Action Committee

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**Deadline
for bulletin notices:
Wednesday (9.00am)**