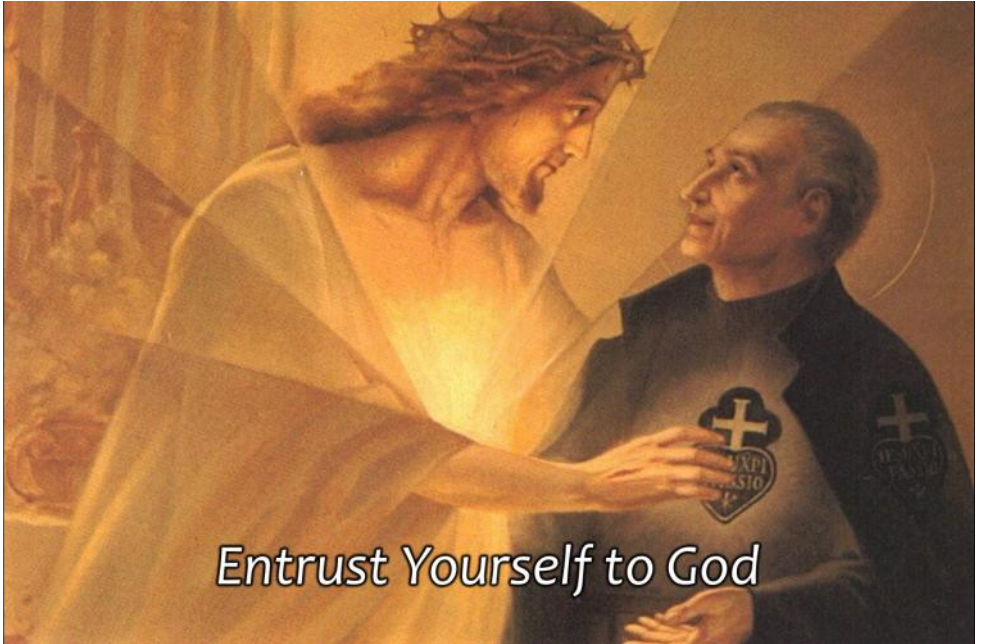


# *St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hamilton*



*17 May 2026*

*9.30am Kiwi 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 Psalm 68)*

Sing to God, sing praises to His name!

**Lift up a song to Him who rides upon the clouds!**

Father of orphans and protector of widows  
is God in His holy habitation.

**God gives the desolate a home to live in;**

**He leads out prisoners to prosperity.**

O God, when You went out before Your people,  
when You marched through the wilderness ...

**The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai.**

Rain in abundance, O God, You showered abroad;  
You restored Your heritage when it languished.

**Your flock found a dwelling in it;**

**in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord!

**O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;**

**listen, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice!**

Awesome is God in His sanctuary;

He gives power and strength to His people.

**Blessed be God!**

*Hymn\* – Let Us with a Gladsome Mind (WOV 11, tune Monkland)*

*Prayer of thanksgiving and confession*

*Recite – The Lord's Prayer*

*Welcome, notices and community time*

*Children's moment*

Choir – Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

Bible reading (Marilyn Orchard)

– 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NRSV)

Sermon – Entrust Yourself to God

Offertory hymn\* – Now the Green Blade Riseth

(CH4 417, tune Noel Nouvelet TiS 382)

Dedication of the offering\*

Prayers for others (Pauline Milroy)

Hymn\* – Thine Be the Glory

(WOV 303, tune Maccabaeus)

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



**24 May 2026  
Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21  
or Num 11:24-30

Ps 104:24-34, 35b

1 Cor 12:3b-13  
or Acts 2:1-21

Jn 20:19-23  
or Jn 7:37-39

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### The Bridge

## WINTER 2026

### Issue

All contributions to  
[graemekitto1945@  
gmail.com](mailto:graemekitto1945@gmail.com)

by **Sunday 17 May**

*Thank you.*

### “Like” us on Facebook!

“Like” St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Hamilton’s Facebook page  
(<http://tiny.cc/FBStAndrewsHnNZ>)

## **WANTED: Duty People for Events**

Whenever a wedding/funeral/other event is held at St Andrew's, a duty person is engaged to attend the event; they are responsible for unlocking and locking the church, guiding the client through their use of the building, and providing assistance as needed, etc.

Unfortunately, one of the very small number of duty people on our list is no longer able to provide this service, so I'm now looking for a few more people who can help.

If you think you might like to take on this role, please contact me in the Church Office. An instruction sheet is available, which describes the duty person's responsibilities.

*Enquiries to Jacky Overdevest ([office@standrewshamilton.org.nz](mailto:office@standrewshamilton.org.nz))*

## *Family Meet-Up*

**Saturday 23 May at 4.00pm**

Hamilton Gardens (Gate 1)

Our Family Meet-Up at the Hamilton Gardens will be held on the **fourth Saturday this month** instead of the usual third Saturday.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Nawton Community Church**

**Time: 7-9pm**

**Koha \$10**

*All proceeds going to Tear Fund*

*\*Supper included*

Ph: Adair 022 461 9700 or Eric 021 571 969  
for more information



**tearfund**

# THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

## Monday 18 May

9.30am Mini Movers

## Tuesday 19 May

10.00am Bowls group

10.30am Christian Education committee meeting

## Thursday 21 May (Ascension Day)

9.30am *Let's Pray* prayer group in church lounge

7.30pm Resource Management committee meeting

## Saturday 23 May

11.00am Choir practice

4.00pm Family Meet-Up (see notice opposite)

## Sunday 24 May (Pentecost)

9.30am Kiwi service

11.30am Korean service

11.30am Multiculture Youth service

### Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

Elaine Riddell

(mob 027 489 6938,

email

[a.e.riddell@gmail.com](mailto:a.e.riddell@gmail.com))

Rosters	17 May	24 May
Service Elder	Rell Sumner	Rell Sumner
Convenor	Chris Walker	Chris Walker
Door duty	Pandelis Dodanis	Pandelis Dodanis
Finance	Fraser Annals	Butch & Rianna Rothman
AV Operator	David Roberts	Graeme Kitto
Streaming Operator	Daniel Foo	Butch Rothman
Organ/Piano	Trevor Gibbs	Charles Mandor
Bible Reader	Marilyn Orchard	Sharon Ota
Intercessory Prayer	Pauline Milroy	Ron Dick
Morning Tea	Beryl & Ross Williams	Maria & Jerome Chuang

## 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 and Men's Groups*

**Thursday 28 May at 2.00pm**

*A Fascinating Story*

Rev Ken (previously a minister at St Andrew's) and Sandra Wall have warmly invited the men and women of St Andrew's to hear their minister, the Rev Simon Williams and his wife Evangeline speak about their life journey at the Te Awamutu Methodist Church, 261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu.

They were both born in South Africa. As a boy of seven, Simon went to a rugby game against New Zealand and saw Bryan Williams playing. He said, "He's just like me." From then on he has been an All Black supporter and was able to meet his idol in Auckland, having immigrated. Evangeline still supports the Springboks.

Simon was a maths teacher who later trained for the ministry within the Methodist Church. Evangeline worked in early childhood education. They served in Warkworth before recently coming to Te Awamutu. Ken and Sandra are both enjoying their ministry there and can recommend them as people with a great story to tell.

*This is a colourful story ...*

*You will not want to miss this informative and social occasion*

Carpooling, transport, etc, to be arranged nearer to the time - expected departure time approx 1.30pm.



For catering purposes, please confirm numbers attending.

*Contact:*

*Margaret Gault  
(ph 856 3923)*

*Chris Grocott  
(mob 021 460 834)*

*Graeme Kitto  
(mob 021 0250 8565)*

# Digital Story Telling Workshop

Saturday 13 June at 10.00am

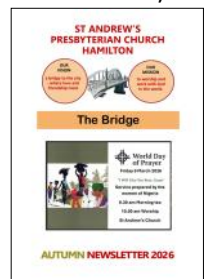
Anyone interested in creating their own Digital Story, please meet at The Kirk Café. This will be a one-hour meeting with the facilitator of the workshop, Stephen Harlow. Once Stephen knows how many people are interested, the workshop structure and timing can be planned to suit the group.

Contact Ruth on mob 021 041 3493 or [ruth.goodacre@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.goodacre@gmail.com)

## Emails to Parishioners



Since late October 2025, the Church Office has been using an online app called Brevo to send bulk emails to the parish. These emails have included various communications from the Parish Clerk, the Moderator, etc, as well as the weekly bulletin. (There's a separate distribution list for *The Bridge* newsletter.) At the time, there were 130 email addresses in my Parishioner distribution list. Now, due to the availability of Brevo's "unsubscribe" option, this number has dropped down to 114.



It's understandable that some people may not wish to receive the weekly bulletin but, if they do choose to unsubscribe, it means that they won't receive other communications that *may be* of interest to them.

This has led me to consider whether more specific distribution lists are the answer. To this end, I've prepared a survey form – **Email Distribution Lists (for Church Office use)** – to ascertain the individual email preferences of our parishioners, which has been left on the table in the north transept. If there is little or no feedback, I'll continue to use my current Parishioner list.

Please take a minute or two to fill it in and indicate your preferences. Thank you.

Jacky Overdevest, Church Secretary  
([office@standrewshamilton.org.nz](mailto:office@standrewshamilton.org.nz))



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



## LINK HOUSE FOOD BANK

A huge and heartfelt “THANK YOU” to the congregation of St Andrew’s for your ongoing donations of food. Please know that your generosity and regular contributions of everyday groceries makes a real difference in the lives of single parent whānau. Unless there is food to put on the table, families cannot begin to get on with working towards their bigger life goals. Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, our social workers have noticed an uptick in demand for support from single parents, as they struggle to provide the basics to their children. The gifting of food is kindness in action.

The suggested **theme for May is canned goods**. Donations of tinned fruit and tomatoes, spaghetti and baked beans, tuna and salmon, would all be greatly appreciated. Other types of food are also needed: cereals, muesli bars, milk powder, crackers, biscuits, dried fruit, baking ingredients, pasta, rice and shelf-stable sauces. 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.



With sincere gratitude

### Minister

Rev Kelly Gilson  
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Email: [kgilsondancer@gmail.com](mailto:kgilsondancer@gmail.com)

### Korean Minister

Rev Ham Tae Ju  
Ph 855 0020 (DDI), Mob 021 044 5192  
Email: [kiorahill@hotmail.com](mailto:kiorahill@hotmail.com)

### Parish Clerk

Alison Ringer – ph 027 346 3691

### Multicultural Youth Minister

Rev Yo Han Oh  
Mob 020 444 4161  
Email: [oh870109@gmail.com](mailto:oh870109@gmail.com)

### The Link Manager (Mon to Fri 8.00am–5.00pm)

Ian Jamieson – ph 855 3190 (DDI)  
Email: [manager@standrewshamilton.org.nz](mailto:manager@standrewshamilton.org.nz)

### Church Office (Mon to Fri 9.00am–3.30pm)

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