



ANGLE
Week Beginning
Sunday 8 March 2026
3rd Sunday in Lent

Working in partnership with Jesus - Serving Christ and the community

Anglican Parish of Mt Maunganui
St Peter's 15 Victoria Rd - St Mary's Cnr of Girven Rd & Marlin St

THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT

St Peter's 9.30am

Please join us for morning tea after the service

Sentence of the Day:

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John 4:14

Collect of the Day:

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come to you thirsty and parched.
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bubbling and brimming over,
to eternal life.**

**With the Father and the Son,
you live and reign,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

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Dear friends,

Our gospel story this Sunday is about a social interaction. By mentioning the name “Jacob’s well”, the writer also wants us to think of this well’s history of other social interactions. It was said to be at this well that Jacob met Rebekah. Rebekah’s reaction on hearing the news of Jacob’s identity was to run and tell her father about it. The woman at the well after her encounter went back and shared the news with her village. The result of that simple encounter at the well and a request for a drink was that this Samaritan village came to trust a Jewish Messiah.

Sometimes we cannot foresee the effects of our actions. The Victorian fantasy writer, George McDonald wrote a book called *Phantastes: a faerie romance*. Many years later C S Lewis picked up a copy of this book in a railway station and described it.

“It was a turning point in his life, one of those moments of joy, which led him a long time afterwards to his faith in Christ. Not because the book he read was in any obvious way about Christ, but because, in some sense which he could hardly put into words, it ‘baptised’ his imagination. Everything associated with this turning point in his life is still vivid for Lewis decades later, even the names of the railway stations, listed like a litany by the station porter: ‘I can still remember the voice of the porter calling out the village names, Saxon and sweet as a nut – “Bookham, Effingham, Horsley train”.’ Then he tells us how the outward and visible journey on the train with his book, and his further reading of it when he got home, was also an inward and spiritual journey into a new country, a country that bordered on heaven: ‘It is as if I were carried sleeping across the frontier, or as if I had died in the old country and could never remember how I came alive in the new.’ This joyful moment in the life of Lewis was a critical time in preparing him to come to faith. It was this discovery of enchantment which was also at the base of his later decision to write fantasy himself and Lewis’s fantasy writings have had a massive impact on others’ faith journeys.”

McDonald would never have been able to foresee those indirect results of his writing. The woman at the well would never have been able to foresee the outcome of her willingness to engage with this strange Jewish rabbi at the well - in her case a whole village being changed.

I wonder what encounters and what actions of ours have had and could have unforeseen results? I once lead a Lenten study called "The Power of small choices". In one sense there are no small choices, there are no minor chance encounters - how does this affect how we live?

Arohanui

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Priest-in-charge

Readings for today:

1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: Friederike Andre

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-11

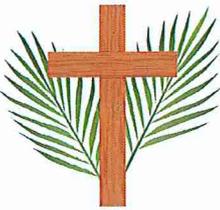
Carolyn Fisher

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-52

Reader: Rev'd Sue Genner

Chalice: Nicola McMahan

Greeter: Nicola McMahan



Palm crosses

Thelma is needing a group to join her folding palm crosses on Thursday 26 March in St Peters Church from 9.30am to 12pm.



QUEST Magazine

We are now taking submissions for our Easter edition of the Quest. If you are wanting a theme to write about Easter is the theme but all articles are welcome.

If you would like to submit something to go into the of the Quest, please drop it into the Parish Office or email: admin.mtmaunganui@waiapu.com
All submissions need to be in no later than **13 March.**

Wednesday 11 March 2026

10am Mid-week Eucharist at St Peter's

Service: Mid-week Eucharist

Preaching: Rev'd Sue Genner

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

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Organist: Chaliun Poppy

Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

Today we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and we pray for Cuba's ongoing energy crisis, especially those living without reliable electricity, fuel and food, that essential supplies would reach communities quickly.

Here in Waiapu we pray for our preschool managers Trish Parkes and Ani de Koster, Growing Through Grief Coordinators: Tracey Maris, Myra Taikato. And The Kauri Centre Manager: Linda Neethling

We pray for our church - for wisdom, guidance, and love as we consider our future together.



We pray for those in need especially those who ask for our prayers Karen, Amanda, Anna.

Sunday 15th

Mothering Sunday – thinking about mother churches and our mothers.

The AGM is a time to reflect on our past year and prayerfully think of the upcoming year. During our worship there is an opportunity to renew our covenant with God.

Next Week's Readings:

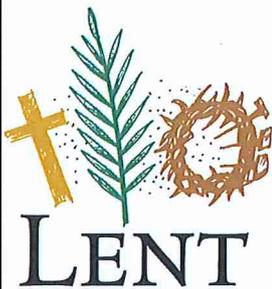
Exodus 2:1-10

Colossians 3:12-17

John 19:25-27



As we are having our AGM on Sunday 15 March after the Sunday morning service followed by a potluck lunch it has been decided that it would be best to hold the St Mary's service on the 22nd March at 2pm.



We have now entered the Liturgical season known as Lent. During Lent our liturgies are simpler; there is no Gloria or Song of Praise. The Church is stripped of their flowers, and the hangings in the church have been designed to remind us that we are in a season of renewal.



Reminder to bring something green to wave for Palm Sunday (the 29th). The service will begin in the hall and then we will process around it and into the church for the remainder of the service.



**Readers Required for
St Mary's Family Centre &
St Mary's Tahatai Childcare Centre**

This is a lovely opportunity to read little children a story. It involves about one hour one day a month.



Reminder that we are still collecting donations for the foodbank. Kindly leave your donations in the basket at the back of church.



Our 2026 AGM will be held in St Peter's after the service on **Sunday 15 March**. The meeting will begin immediately following the service. A potluck lunch will follow after the meeting. For those that are able, please bring a small plate to share.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports, approve the 2026 Budget, and to elect a Parishioner's Warden, between 3 and 10 baptised parishioners to the Vestry, Synod Representative and Alternate Synod Representative.

Nomination forms are at the back of the church and must be in the hands of the Priest-In Charge by midday Sunday 8 March.

The poster features a background of a classical painting depicting the Virgin Mary in profile, looking down with a sorrowful expression. The colors are muted, with shades of brown, grey, and white.

St. Peter's Music presents

A simple line drawing of a church building with a steeple and several windows.

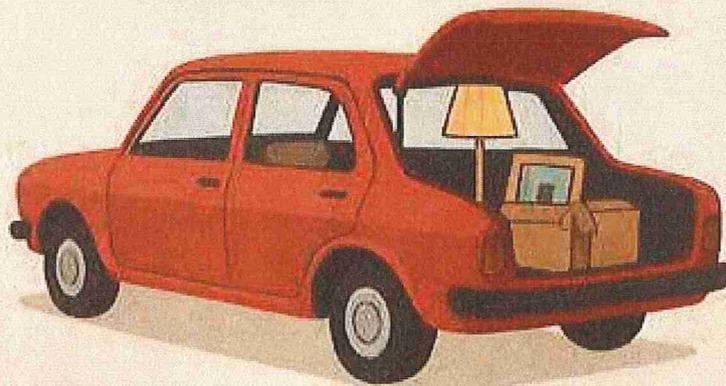
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Stabat Mater

Good Friday 3 April 7:30pm
St. Peter's Anglican Church
15 Victoria Rd, Mt Maunganui

Admission FREE The Anglican Parish of Mt Maunganui supports Tauranga Food Bank. Please bring a non-perishable item for those most in need.

CAR BOOT SALE



ST MARY'S CHURCH
1 MARLIN ST
SATURDAY 11 APRIL
8-1PM
\$10 FOR A SPOT
BOOK WITH LANA 0212659524



At our Eucharist bread and wine will be offered from the altar rail. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS INTINCTION (DIPPING) OF BREAD INTO WINE PERMITTED.** If this occurs then a fresh chalice of wine has to be prepared for the remainder of the congregation.

Parish Diary This Week

Sun	8 Mar	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's
Tue	10 Mar	7.00pm	Scholars' Practice	St Peter's
Wed	11 Mar	10.00am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's
Wed	11 Mar	11.00am	Lenten Studies	St Peter's
Sun	15 Mar	9.30am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's
Sun	15 Mar	10.30am	Parish AGM	St Peter's

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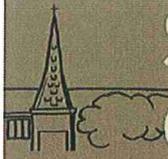


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St. Peter's Chancel Choir

Music Director Chalium Poppy
Organ Scholar Karen Mosen

We warmly invite you to join us
in the celebrating of traditional
Choral Evensong

March

St. David's Day - A Welsh Evensong

May

Music of Henry Purcell

June

Music of the Tudor Church: Works
by Byrd, Tallis & others.

July

A 21st century Evensong - Modern
coposers: Works by Rutter, Archer
& others.

August

The Victorians! Works by Stanford,
Parry, Goss & others.

September

Kiwi AS Evensong: Works by New
Zealand composers.

October

L'Evensong - Music by French
composers: Works by Durufle,
Vierne, Fauré & others.

November

All Hallows' Evensong: Celebrating
the Saints of the church over the
centuries.

First Sunday
Every Month

4PM

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