



THE WAIKATO CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST PETER  
Te whare karakia matua o Pita Tapu ki Waikato



*Welcome*

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## Kia ora koutou katoa!

**WELCOME** to St Peter's Cathedral. In this booklet you will find information about who we are and what we do.

We are an inclusive church, welcoming people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. We believe that God's love is boundless and embraces all humanity and we should try to do the same.

We warmly welcome all regular worshippers along with any visitors and newcomers to our services. We look forward to having the opportunity to get to know you and to introduce you to the many aspects of our cathedral parish life together here at St Peter's. Please do make yourself known to the Dean or to any member of the clergy, staff, welcome team or volunteers.

We value all ages within the Cathedral family, many of our people have called St Peter's home for many years and we are grateful for their continued support. Here at St. Peter's, we particularly welcome all children and young people with their families and encourage them to become members of our Cathedral Young Church, which meets during term time in the Cathedral Centre shortly after the start of the 10am service on Sundays. We always aim to be a child-centred and child-friendly cathedral church family. We welcome children's contributions and their presence with us as full members of the church.

If you would like to learn more about any of the information contained in this booklet or if you are interested in joining any of the groups mentioned, please contact the Cathedral Office on 07 839 4683 and a member of the team will be only too happy to assist.

We celebrate the presence and contribution of people of all ages. If you would like to join the Cathedral family, please complete a New Parishioner Enrolment Form and hand it to a member of the Cathedral clergy or staff.

Nau Mai Haere Mai.

**ALL** are welcome.

## **The Cathedral Complex**

The Cathedral Centre next to the Cathedral contains the boardroom, hall, kitchen, Cherrington Lounge, Cathedral shop, clergy offices, administration offices and toilets, including baby nappy-changing station, children and toileting facilities. The disability toilet has easy wheel chair access. The Cathedral has a loop system for people with hearing aids.

The first point of contact is Vivienne, our Cathedral Administrator\*. The office is open from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.

The gardens are a particularly welcoming space to spend time in. The Cathedral is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Please take the opportunity for quiet reflection in these spaces.

*\*All relevant phone numbers are listed on pages 14-15 of this booklet.*

## **Site History**

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is made up of three cultural strands, or Tikanga, which are both distinct and interwoven: Tikanga Māori, Tikanga Pākehā and Tikanga Pasifika. These strands reflect the provisions of The Treaty of Waitangi for Māori and Pākehā in Aotearoa, New Zealand and also our relationship to the Pacific Islands. The cultural strands are represented in the three courtyards on Pukerangiora, Cathedral Hill.

There has been Anglican worship at St Peter's Cathedral since 1871. In its prominent position on the hillside in Hamilton it witnesses to God's presence among us. It is available to us all so that we may come to worship and pray or just to be quiet before God.

### **PUKERANGIORA**

*'The Hill of the Life-giving Heaven'*

"Pukerangiora" is the traditional Māori name of the hill where St Peter's now stands. The hill was a well-known tribal landmark, named after the native flora, called rangiora, that grew on its summit in pre-European times. Pukerangiora can mean literally "the hill of the life-giving heaven".

Pukerangiora was a sacred hill because of the variety of prayers that were offered on the summit, praying for the mauri or life-force of the area around it.

It was believed that the flowering of the rangiora marked the migration patterns of whitebait and eels in the Waikato River. A traditional canoe landing site and pā named Te Tahuki stood where the Waikato Rowing Club is now situated. At street level there is a plaque in Māori and English describing the story of the hill going back to ancient times. The plaque recalls many centuries of ancestral occupation by the people of Tainui.

The New Zealand Wars came to the Waikato in the 1860's, resulting in large scale confiscation of Tainui land. During the wars a British signal post was built on the hill, the trenches of which remain under the Cathedral. The present Cathedral building was completed in 1916, being the fourth church to be built on the site. It is modeled on a 15th Century Norfolk church and designed in ferro-concrete by Warren and Blechynden of Hamilton.

St Peter's Cathedral belongs to a worldwide network of churches deriving from the historic Christian faith of the English speaking peoples. These 'Anglican churches' are now found in many cultures, speaking many languages.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century the Cathedral on this sacred hill carries out its ministry following the five mission themes of the Bible adopted throughout the Anglican Communion:

*to proclaim the reign of God in our lives;*  
*to nurture and educate disciples of Christ;*  
*to enact caring service;*  
*to transform unjust structures in society;*  
*to care for the integrity of creation, and to renew the resources of the earth.*



Cathedral Hill, *Pukerangiora*, continues to be a place of prayer and ministry for *Life-giving from Heaven*.

There are books available for sale in our Bookshop giving a more detailed history of the Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter.

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## **BELONGING**

**BELLRINGERS** meet in the bell tower at 7.30pm each Wednesday evening to practice and they ring the changes prior to our 9.45am service, a reminder to the community at large of the presence of the church and a call to worship God. The Bellringers are also available for Wedding bookings. The Bell Captain is The Rev'd Wendy Tyrell\* and always welcomes new members to the team.

### **CATHEDRAL CHOIR / CATHEDRAL SINGERS / THE JUNIOR CHOIR:**

If you are interested in meeting with others to sing and support our worship please contact the Cathedral Administrator\*.

**THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR** is an auditioned choir of about 28 singers led by Musical Director Canon Dr Rachael Griffiths-Hughes\*. The level of competence and commitment of this choir is very high and it is present at all of the major services throughout the Cathedral year. The organist is Anne Cleaver-Holm. In recent times there has also been an organ scholar appointed for the year.

**THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS** is a choir which sings for the occasional Choral Eucharist in place of the Cathedral Choir and which also sings in other places from time to time. This choir is led by Koli Jayatunge.

**THE JUNIOR CHOIR** is open to children aged five years and upwards. The children are given vocal training as a group by the Youth Ministry Coordinators and they occasionally sing at the Choral Eucharist in place of the Cathedral Choir. The children are given the opportunity to work through the "Voice for Life" programme (from the Royal School of Church Music) and are able to progress to the Cathedral Choir when they reach the required competency level.

**FLOWER GUILD:** The Guild arranges the flowers in the Cathedral each week and also for special events such as weddings, Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter services. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.

**GARDENING GROUP** meets as and when required according to the season, usually on a Tuesday morning. There is plenty of work to be done in keeping the gardens looking at their best and all levels of ability are welcome. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.

**HELPING WITH SERVICES:** You could be included on the roster to help on a Sunday morning. You could lead the Intercessions or take up the Bread and Wine at the Offertory. You could become a Sides-person, or help with the tea and coffee after the services. You could read one of the Bible readings or you could be a Server and assist the Priest. The relevant training will be given. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.

**KIDS / YOUTH / YOUNG CHURCH:**

Young people matter to us. We have many activities for young people including Young Church and opportunities for participation in services as a Crucifer or an Acolyte. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.

**YOUNG CHURCH** is led by Cecily and meets at 10.00am during term-time in the Cathedral Centre and welcomes children of all ages. It offers a vibrant and engaging programme of activities for children.

**CRUCIFERS AND ACOLYTES** are trained and organised by our Deacon.. This ministry is open to all young people (aged eight years and above) and involves a liturgical role in our services by way of the carrying of the processional cross and candles. This group of young people also enjoys regular social activities together.

**LOFT (LADIES OF THE ORDER OF FINE THINGS):** This group meets each Monday evening from 7.30pm at the home of Ann Harlow, who leads the group. Work undertaken includes tapestry and needlework of all varieties as and when required for the beautification of the Cathedral and Clergy. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.

**MAINTENANCE TEAM** is responsible for the general maintenance of the Cathedral and Centre. Their responsibilities range from major capital building projects to small maintenance tasks as required. There are also approximately four “Working Bees” throughout the year which provide plenty of opportunities both for those who enjoy climbing ladders and those who do not. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.

**MEN’S GROUP** meets socially on a regular basis for informal discussion, fellowship, food and the occasional beer! This group also operates a community outreach programme in the form of a weekly hot meal to guests at the men’s night shelter. Please contact the Administrator for details\*.



**SOCIAL CLUB:** The Social Club meets once a month in the Cathedral Centre for food and fellowship. They arrange interesting speakers each month and hold a midwinter and an end of year luncheon. The Convener is Walter Crookes\*.

*\*All relevant phone numbers are listed on pages 14-15 of this booklet.*

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **STEWARDSHIP/PLANNED GIVING/OFFERING:**

Every parish community relies on the offerings and financial support of its members. St Peter's in this regard is no different from any other church community.

Every week, there is a collection during the offertory hymn; traditionally cash has been given this way.

If you are visiting and wish to make a one off donation, the bank number is: 020316 0268898 000.

A growing number of our community are now choosing to use an automatic bank payment as the best way to ensure their weekly offering is received.

There are many benefits to setting up an automatic bank payment, one of which is avoiding the last minute scramble for cash as you head out of the door to church.

Another more tangible benefit is the ability of the Cathedral team to issue an annual receipt for tax purposes. Recent changes in tax law allow you to claim a tax rebate on all donations to registered charities such as St Peter's. Receipts are issued at the end of the financial year to assist with tax returns.

The regularity of pledged automatic giving also provides a degree of certainty to the Cathedral team as we plan and manage the many missions of the Cathedral.

Members of the Cathedral community who choose to use a personalised envelope to make their offering are also able to claim their annual donation rebate. Cash and cheques can be gifted through personalised envelope giving.

Should you wish to know more about automatic payment or planned envelope giving please email the Treasurer, Warren Turnwald via the office: [admin@stpeter.org.nz](mailto:admin@stpeter.org.nz) or phone the office\*. All financial information is treated in confidence.

We assure you your gift will be used wisely in support of the mission of St Peter's.

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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS:**

The Cathedral regularly holds services of Baptism/Christening/Naming Ceremonies, Weddings and Funerals. We are very happy to assist you in the planning of these and always welcome the opportunity to make our ministry team and buildings available to you. Please contact a member of clergy\* for advice and guidance.

### **THE CATHEDRAL SHOP:**

The shop is open weekdays 10am—2pm, and Sunday morning 11am to 12 noon and is staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers led by Min Turnwald. There is a wide variety of stock including books, gifts, cards, candles, icons, liturgical supplies, vestments and much more besides.

### **PASTORAL CARE:**

We have an active Pastoral Care team who regularly visit people either at home or in hospital. The Pastoral Care team is led by The Rev'd Robin Olds\*.

**HOME AND REST HOME COMMUNION** is always available and we are happy to visit you. Please contact The Rev'd Canon Bryan Smith\* to arrange a time.

### **EDUCATION:**

During the year the Cathedral will organise and host a number of lectures, courses and opportunities for both academic enquiry and faith development. This is an important area of Cathedral ministry and we endeavour to cover a wide range of interesting topics.

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## **VESTRY**

Within the Anglican Church, our parish governing bodies are called Vestries.

The Dean's Warden is Bryan Bevege. The People's Warden is Walter Crookes.

Should you wish to raise any issues surrounding the life of the Cathedral, please feel free to contact either of these two.

## **CLERGY TEAM**

### **FULL TIME CLERGY:**

Dean	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins
Priest Assistant	The Rev'd Ben Ong

### **VOLUNTEER CLERGY:**

Canon Pastor	The Rev'd Canon Bryan Smith
Priest Assistants	The Rev'd Robin Olds The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell The Rev'd Phil Wilson
Deacon	Vacant

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Should you wish to contact any of the team, please feel free to do so.

## **PRAYER:**

If you have need of a special prayer for yourself or for someone else, whether it is urgent or requires on-going prayer, please phone either the Dean or Rev'd Mele Prescott. Remember prayer and anointing is always available on Sunday following the 10.00am service.





## OUR SERVICES

### Sunday services:

8am	Eucharist Service – spoken liturgy
10.00am	Choral Eucharist – sung liturgy: Director of Music Dr Rachael Griffiths-Hughes.
10.00am	Young Church (during term time).
5pm	Evensong on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (winter).
6pm	Evensong on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (summer).
6pm	Song and Prayer on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.
5pm	Vespers on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

### Weekday Services

Wednesday	10am	Eucharist – short spoken liturgy
Friday	12.15pm	Eucharist Te Reo Maori

### Regular Meetings / Events:

Monday	7.30pm	LOFT (Ladies of the Order of Fine Things)
Wednesday	5.30pm	Cathedral Singers rehearsal – as required
	7.30pm	Bell practice – every week
Thursday	7.30pm	Choir rehearsal – every week
Friday	3.45pm	Children’s Choir rehearsal – every week during school term

## GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Cathedral Office</b> PO Box 338, Hamilton (51 Victoria Street)	Opening Hours 9.30am-3.00pm Monday to Friday <a href="mailto:admin@stpeter.org.nz">admin@stpeter.org.nz</a> <a href="http://www.stpeter.org.nz">www.stpeter.org.nz</a>	07 839 4683
<b>The Dean</b>	The Very Rev'd Julian Perkins	020 4124 6555
<b>Priest Assistant</b>	The Rev'd Ben Ong (Day off: Monday)	022 078 4415
<b>Canon Pastor</b>	The Rev'd Canon Bryan Smith (Day off: Monday)	027 381 6119
<b>Priest Assistants</b>	The Rev'd Robin Olds The Rev'd Phil Wilson The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell	027 441 9292 021 164 0408 07 853 8375
<b>Administrator</b>	Mrs. Vivienne Thorpe	07 839 4683

## GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

<b>Dean's Warden</b>	Bryan Bevege	027 439 1485
<b>People's Warden</b>	Walter Crookes	07 843 8150
<b>Director of Music</b>	Canon Dr Rachael Griffiths-Hughes	07 856 6365
<b>Organist</b>	Anne Cleaver-Holm	07 847 7000
<b>Bell Tower Captain</b>	The Rev'd Wendy Tyrrell	07 853 8375
<b>Deacon</b>		
<b>Young Church</b>	Cecily Shaw	07 839 4683
<b>Verger</b>	Dilip Kurien	021 057 3897
<b>Social Club Convener</b>	Walter Crookes	07 843 8150
<b>Cathedral Shop</b>	Min Turnwald 10am-3pm Monday to Friday 11am-12 noon Sunday <a href="mailto:shop@stpeter.org.nz">shop@stpeter.org.nz</a>	07 839 4683

