

# The LINC

*Lincoln Anglican Parish – March 2026*

My dear sisters and brothers

Last Thursday the Vestry met for the first time this year and had a busy meeting with much to discuss and plan for. Realising that we can no longer think of ourselves as a small country parish, we are faced with the challenges of reorganising our common life accordingly. As such, we discussed the business of installing new buildings on site in Rolleston and Lincoln, also reorganising our administration, improving our communications and upgrading our computer equipment in the Parish Office. In addition, we considered some of the arrangements for ministry cover during my sabbatical later this year. Please continue to pray for our vestry as they lead and serve us in this season of transition. A draft of the annual budget was tabled and circulated to the representatives of each congregation for consideration. We hope to ratify this at the next Vestry meeting on 26 March.

With regard to Vestry meetings, you may not be aware that anyone on the parish roll may attend a Vestry meeting as an observer, but with no speaking or voting rights. These meetings are held in the foyer at **St Stephen's at 7.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month between February and November.**

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As part of the St Stephen's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and commemorations, Bishop Peter will be with us to preach and preside at the service on Sunday morning. As part of this, we will be having Confirmations for at least 3 parishioners. It occurred to me that there may be other of our folk who have not yet been confirmed, or even baptised, and so if you are one of these, and would like to be baptised, confirmed or both, please let me know right away as I am in the process of organising a course of preparation for candidates.

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## **Parish Annual General Meeting**

Our parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 12 April at St Stephen's** following morning worship. If you are preparing a report for the meeting, please ensure that it is in the parish office no later than **Monday 30 March**. This will give us time to collate them and send them out by email in time to be able to take them as read on the day.

With love as always,

Mark+

# Notices

## St Stephen's Lincoln

Celebrating 150 years!



Saturday August 29th & Sunday August 30th

What can I attend over the weekend?

- Historic tour
- Evening celebration at the Lincoln Events Centre
- Celebration Eucharist and Morning Tea

**Save the Date!**

### **Rolleston Ladies Breakfast**

Please come and join us for brunch at 9.30am on the 7th of March, at Robert Harris in Lincoln. Please phone Barbara Stratford on 027 333 7812 if you would like to go.

### **Women's Breakfast**

Please come and join us for breakfast at 9.00am on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at the Cottage Cafe in Lincoln. Please phone RSVP to Shenagh Slater on 022 623 8490 by the 11<sup>th</sup> of March so she can book a table.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Please come and join us for breakfast at 9.00am on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at Robert Harris in Rolleston. Phone RSVP to the Mark Barlow on 021 041 0914, or contact the office so a table can be booked.

### **St Mark's Harvest Festival**

St Mark's will be having it's annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Proceeds will go to the City Mission

### **World Day of Prayer**

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held at on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, at 7pm, hosted by the Catholics at St Patrick's church in Lincoln

### **Help Wanted**

Knitters and Spinners (if any), to help make a hand knitted and hand spun large throw to be donated towards the Church Fair. All wool provided. Please contact Annette Parkinson 033296870 or 0272287630

### **St Stephen's 150<sup>th</sup> - History**

I, Rupert Tipples, am helping Chris Purdie and Sesquicentenary Committee to put together a history of St Stephen's over the last 50 years (1976-2026). That is the period since Dr John Holmes Historical Notes of 1977, which covered the first 100 years and are still available.

I am seeking help from members of the wider Lincoln congregation - anybody who has useful pictures or specific memories of those years could be very helpful. I can be contacted at church at Lincoln on the first Sunday of the month, by email [tipples49@outlook.com](mailto:tipples49@outlook.com) or by telephone at home 3295634 or mobile 0210723127.

## Readings

<i>Date</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b> Lent 2	Gen 12:1-4a	Rom 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> Lent 3	Exod 17:1-7	Rom 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> Lent 4	1 Sam 16:1-13	Eph 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b> Lent 5	Ezek 37:1-14	Rom 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> Lent 6	Isa 50:4-9a	Phil 2:5-11	Matt 21:1-11
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	Col 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Easter 2	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	1 Pet 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

## *Regular Events*

Bible Study	Wednesdays; 7:30pm Chris and Don (03) 325 2381
Rolleston Bible Study	Alister Phillips 027 782 0267
Bible in Schools	Jan Sibbald (03) 325 2275
Men's Breakfast	Mark Barlow 021 041 0914
Women's Breakfast	Shenagh Slater 022 623 8490
Rolleston Men's Breakfast	Mike Latter 027 441 0749
Rolleston Women's Breakfast	Barbara Stratford 027 333 7812
Senior Citizens	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday Margaret Clarke 027 435 0650
Tai Tapu Women	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays; 1:30pm

## Services

LINCOLN	10:00am Chris Purdie (03) 325 2381
SPRINGSTON	9:30am - 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays 6:00pm - Evening Service 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Jenny & Neville Benny (03) 329 5635
GREENPARK	9:30am - 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays Robyn Painter (03) 325 5856
ROLLESTON	9:30 AM 5 PM Joan Clark – <a href="mailto:joanclark222@gmail.com">joanclark222@gmail.com</a>
TAI TAPU	10:00 AM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays Ven. Mark Barlow (03) 325 2780 or 021 041 0914

## People

Vicar:	The Venerable Mark Barlow (03) 325 2780 or 021 041 0914 <a href="mailto:vicarmark@hotmail.com">vicarmark@hotmail.com</a>
Priest Associate	The Reverend Joan Clark <a href="mailto:joanclark222@gmail.com">joanclark222@gmail.com</a>
Deacon Assistant:	The Reverend Chrissy Smith 021 191 1213 <a href="mailto:chrissyakaroa@gmail.com">chrissyakaroa@gmail.com</a>
Vicar's Warden:	John McClelland 027 764 6061
People's Warden:	Nathan Kennedy 021 297 3170 <a href="mailto:nathan@33b.nz">nathan@33b.nz</a>

## Contact Us

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- Wednesday/Friday: 10 AM- 12 midday

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Rolleston email: [anglicanchurchrolleston@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanchurchrolleston@gmail.com)

Parish Website: <http://www.lincolnanglican.org>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LincolnAnglicanParish/>

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Please use your name as a reference.