



# The Bream Bay Anglican

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Welcome to your new church newsletter! Here we will keep you up to date on what is happening at BBAMD. Please share the newsletter with your friends, neighbours and family. If you have news to share or feedback on the newsletter, please send it to [markcuc@hotmail.com](mailto:markcuc@hotmail.com)

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## Update on St Peter's Church

There are big changes to the entry, balcony, toilets, and tearoom at St Peter's. They are all now much more accessible, safe, and up to code. We also have new carpet throughout the church, tearoom, and balcony! This has been a very big project, but we are nearing the end, and all going to plan we expect to have our first service in the renovated space at the end of February. We are grateful for your patience as we worked through this complex project. A huge vote of thanks goes to Wendy Boyd who has lived and breathed every part of this project since October, and to Ross Boyd, who has been general handyperson to take down signs, put up signs, made countless trips to the tip, waterproof the exposed stone wall, and so much more. There are photos of the work-in-progress available on Facebook (search 'Bream Bay Anglicans') and on the website ([www.breambayanglicans.org.nz](http://www.breambayanglicans.org.nz))

We will need an army of volunteer cleaners to get the church ready for the first service. There is a lot of construction dust to remove, furniture to move, and gardens to clear. Please be in touch with Wendy if you can help! We hope to return to our usual service schedule from 1 March.

## From your Parish Council

Your elected Parish Council meets every month, and is responsible for the business of the entire District. Essie Leach, Priest's Warden, and Wendy Boyd, People's Warden, presented an update from the Council on 21 January. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is planned for 17 March at St Paul's, following the service. At this service we will hear reports from BBAMD's various ministries, and elect members to Council. The church runs on volunteers, and those volunteers work very hard on your behalf. Why not consider standing for Parish Council? Only by all of us working together will we make a success of the part of the Body of Christ for which we are responsible.

## A refreshed St Paul's!

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Anglican Mission's Hapaitia Grant, the roof, gutters, interior water damage and doors at St Paul's have all been repaired. Exterior cleaning and painting have been completed, and rubbish removed from the stage and various other places. It is a great refresh! There is also new exterior signage thanks to a member's donation. Come along and see for yourself! A massive thank you to Ross, Ian, Wendy, Christine, Norm, and Tony for their tireless work! St Paul's also now has a proper street number: 25 Karawai Street, Ruakākā 0116

## Services this month at BBAMD

*Lent begins this month with Ash Wednesday on 14 February and continues through Holy Week. Easter is 31 March.*

### Sunday, 04/02, Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Sexagesima)

9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

### Sunday, 11/02, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Quinquagesima)

9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

3:00p Eucharist, 70 Uretiti Rd.

### Ash Wednesday, 14/02

5:00p Eucharist and Ashes, St Paul's

### Sunday, Lent 1, 18/02,

9:30a Eucharist, St Paul's

### Sunday, Lent 2, 25/02

9:30a Eucharist, St Peter's

(tentative)

## Knowledge corner

*It is the custom of the church to invite members to take on a discipline during Lent. If you listen to podcasts, may we recommend 'The history of the early church' by Terry Young. It tells the story of Christianity from 30 CE (the death of Jesus) to 451 CE. There are quite a few episodes (83), but each is about 20 min. long, and you can listen while gardening, baking, driving, or doing something else, and skip over episodes you don't want to hear. It is available through the usual podcast sources. If you don't know how to access podcasts on your phone, chat with James MacGee or Mark.*

We are delighted to welcome new members to the church who joined in 2023:

Lyn Browne, OTP

Linda & Norm Cave, OTP

Ann Connolly-Munt, Waipu

Daniel Garton, Ruakākā

James MacGee, OTP

Liz Rawhiti, OTP

There were also five baptisms in the Ahomiro whānau