

# MALVERN Parish

## NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY | MARCH 2026

News from the Malvern Anglican and Malvern Co-operating Parishes



*Journeying Together in Faith, to Know,  
Love and Serve our Lord Jesus Christ*

Thank you to all of those who attended "Aunty Lyn's Farewell Service" on 25 January and for honouring Lyn's time in the Malvern Cooperating Parish and community. It was wonderful to see so many of our church family and folk from throughout our community present. Although we are all feeling sad about Lyn moving away from us, she goes with our blessing and love. It was extra special for Lyn to take the Baptism for Riley Alice Evan Beattie as her final task in the parish and lovely to meet Riley's parents, family and friends.



Our thanks to all our greeters, speakers, musicians, caterers, decorators and flower arrangers; the "sea of pink" was certainly noticed by Lyn! Special thanks to Alan Blackburn for leading the service as MC. Rev. Marty Redhead from Hope Church, who was Lyn's mentor until her ordination, sent his apologies, but his words summed up "our Aunty Lyn" perfectly: "It has been a privilege to watch Lyn grow and step into this role, she has been the hands and feet of Jesus to everyone she has met and it was a privilege to be a small part in her journey". We have all witnessed this.

Looking ahead, our Malvern Cooperating Parish Council will be meeting next week with Rev. Martin Stewart (Alpine Presbytery) and Rev. Dale Peach (Methodist Superintendent), who will discuss their respective processes in finding a new minister and we will work on how to "keep the momentum going" when we meet with Rev. Dan Spragg (Alpine Presbytery) a few days later.

If anyone requires a minister, please ring me and I will give you contact details. If I am taking music lessons, I may not answer my phone immediately, but I will return your call as soon as I can: 027 433 1015.

**Cecilia Pascoe**, Chairperson, Malvern Cooperating Parish Council.

Nga mihi o te tau hou  
HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone.

I hope everyone has had a chance to slow down, rest, catch up with family or friends and have been able to enjoy the wonderful summer?

We certainly have had plenty of rain! Maybe with the beginning of the new year you may have made some decisions about your life. There may be some things to let go and the opportunity to consider doing some new things. I invite you to come and join us this season as we prepare for Easter. Ash Wednesday is on 18 February and is a chance for us to let go of the old ways we do things and let God show us a new way of living and possibility. For the next 40 days we could go to one of the Bible Studies on offer or make a commitment to attend church to hear what God is saying to us in the Gospel Readings each Sunday.

With the state of our world, I think we need God more than ever to help us in our lives; to know and experience the love only He can give us, to be able to experience some peace and hope in a turbulent world and to be able to share that love with those around us.

What a great way to start a new year.

Blessings, Arohanui, **Alexa**



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### Special Celebrations

Happy 90th Birthday to

**Jane Paterson**

Who celebrated a milestone birthday with Family on the 14 January 2026.

May God continue to Bless you Jane-Oh Faithful Prayer Warrior!



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES AT MAP

### 1. SUNDAY LENTEN STUDY GROUP IN SPRINGFIELD OR ONLINE VIA EMAIL

The Sermon on the Mount is a carefully designed collection of teachings that contains Jesus' most famous words. Dive into an in-depth exploration of the nine Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel chapter 5.

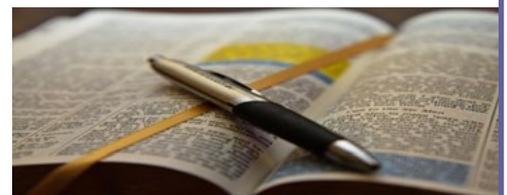
Meets 9:30 a.m. starting Sunday 22 February 2026

Contact: Dorothy at dorothy.innes@gmail.com or 021 258 1248

### 2. DARFIELD DAYTIME HOMEGROUP GROUP

This group uses the booklet produced by the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch called IN THE SPIRIT OF LENT. It has readings and questions based on the Gospel readings from Matthew for Lent. It is the same format as last year. Starting 19 February.

Contact: Peter or Robin Cattell 027 318 1050 or cattellp@gmail.com



### 3. THE CUP OF OUR LIFE

Exploring the Holy Within the Ordinary. (A contemplative study based on the writing of Joyce Rupp). Beginning 19 February, Thursday 4 p.m. at Trinity Church Quiet Space, this devotional is committed to expanding your relationship with the Holy One.

Contact: Alexa Evenden 021 181 9574 or alexaevenden@yahoo.co.nz

# MALVERN PARISH NOTICES WHAT'S ON ...



**Malvern Parish Newsletter** If you have photos, notices or information that maybe useful for future Malvern Parish Newsletter publications please contact Ruth Jennings at Spotta Design or email—[ruth@spottadesign.co.nz](mailto:ruth@spottadesign.co.nz)



**Golden Oldies:** Sunday 19 April, afternoon tea at Trinity Church. Convenor, Lorraine Adams.

**Combined Churches Women's Fellowship:** meet every third Thursday, please contact Maureen Frew (021 106 6590) for details.

**Darfield Home Group:** at 1:30 p.m. at Maureen Frew's home. This group of ladies meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month - Bible study, a short prayer time and a cuppa. It's a place to grow your faith, ask questions, get support. All welcome. Maureen Frew 0211066590.

**Café Hope:** meets at the St. Ambrose Hall (behind the Anglican Church in Sheffield) at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the second Sunday of every month (8 Feb, 8 March). All Welcome.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:** 9:00 a.m. in the Quiet Room at Trinity Church.

**Operation Cover-up Knitting Group:** We meet at Trinity Chapel on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. to knit, get wool, discuss patterns, have a chat and a cuppa. And it is nice to view the lovely garments that have been knitted. Ladies are most welcome to join the group. Any donations of wool are most acceptable. Next knitting day will be on 24 March. Janet has wool available for anyone wanting some. Convenor, Janet Dysart.

**Cuppa and Fellowship:** St. Andrews of the Glen in Glentunnel. Hosted by: Malvern Cooperating Parish, Friday once a month, for a coffee, chat, company and connection. All welcome! We do not charge for coffee and food, but a gold coin donation/koha would be appreciated. Starting date: 27 February. Convenor: Barbara Broughton.

**Sunday School:** this will start on Sunday 22 February and be held on the first and fourth Sundays, concurrent with the Malvern Cooperating Parish church services. Convenor: Barbara Broughton.

**Mum's Group:** Mums and young families meet on the first Friday each month at Trinity Church. With Waitangi Day being a first Friday, starting 6 March, 9:15 a.m. Convenors: "The Aunties" - Barbara, Glenda, Cecilia.

**Children's Day:** Sunday 1 March, details TBA.

**Darfield High School 75th Jubilee:** 1 March, possibly a combined Church service TBA.

**In-Stitches Craft Group:** Meets on the fourth Saturday in the month at Trinity Church 1-3 p.m. A Focus on Christmas crafts to sew but welcome to bring your own work. For further details contact Susie 021 081 51665



Please feel free to join us for services (see the back of the Newsletter for times and venues) Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

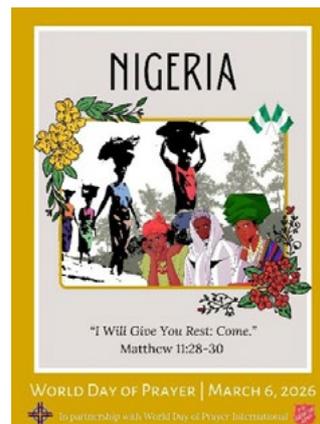
We welcome into the family of God by Baptism



*Riley Alice Evan Beattie*  
Daughter of Mark and Lauren Beattie  
25 January 2026 at Trinity Church, Darfield

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

*This is a service held the first Friday of March each year and is a worldwide movement of informed prayer involving people of many denominations and languages. This year the women of Nigeria will share their story.*



Please join us.  
Trinity Church,  
Darfield

Friday 6 March  
10:00 a.m.

# SERVICE SCHEDULE 1 FEBRUARY — 5 APRIL

Key: Anglican Services | MCP Services | Combined Churches Services

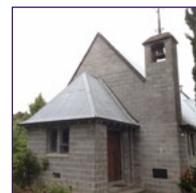
<p><b>SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY:</b> Epiphany 4            9:30am St Ambrose <b>Sheffield.</b> <i>Baptism</i>            5:00pm St George's <b>Kirwee.</b>            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b></p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY:</b> Ordinary Time 5            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b>            10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose <b>Sheffield.</b> Sunday School Room.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY:</b> Ordinary Time 6            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b>            9:30am Greendale Church <b>Greendale.</b></p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY:</b> Ash Wednesday            10:00am St Ambrose <b>Sheffield.</b>            7:00pm Trinity <b>Darfield.</b></p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY:</b> Lent 1            9:30am St Matthew's <b>Courtenay.</b> Harvest Festival and AGM.            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Sunday School.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 1 MARCH:</b> Lent 2            9:30am St Peter's <b>Springfield.</b>            5:00pm St George's <b>Kirwee.</b>            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Sunday School.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 8 MARCH:</b> Lent 3            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Shared Harvest Festival.            10:00am Café Hope at St Ambrose <b>Sheffield.</b> Sunday School Room.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 15 MARCH:</b> Lent 4            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b>            5:00pm St Ambrose <b>Sheffield.</b> Harvest Festival and AGM.            9:30am Greendale Church <b>Greendale.</b> Harvest Festival with <b>Sheffield</b> congregation.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 22 MARCH:</b> Lent 5            9:30pm St George's <b>Kirwee.</b>            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Sunday School.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 29 MARCH:</b> Lent 6 Palm Sunday            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Combined Parishes Service MAP Led.</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY 2 APRIL:</b> Maundy Thursday            7:00pm Trinity <b>Darfield.</b></p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY 3 APRIL:</b> Good Friday            10:00am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Combined Parishes Service.</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY 5 APRIL:</b> Easter Day            9:30am St Ambrose <b>Sheffield.</b>            11:30am St Matthew's <b>Courtenay.</b>            9:30am Trinity <b>Darfield.</b> Sunday School.</p>	<p><b>Daylight Saving Ends</b></p>



Arthur's Pass Chapel



Greendale Church



St Ambrose Sheffield



St Andrew's Glentunnel



St George's Kirwee



St Matthew's Courtenay



St Peter's Springfield



Trinity Darfield



The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9:2)