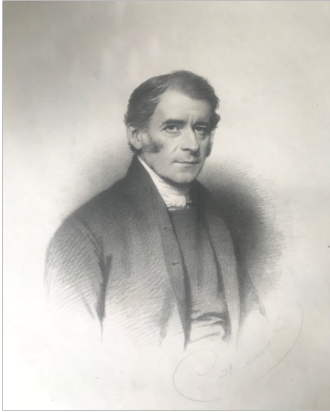




3rd Sunday of Easter
19 April 2026

***Commemorating the Bicentenary
of the arrival in Aotearoa New Zealand
of William and Jane Williams***





William and Jane Williams arrived in Aotearoa New Zealand in 1826 as missionaries of the Church Missionary Society. William was 26 years old and Jane 25. Between 1826 and 1846 they had nine children.

They served initially at Paihia from 1826 until 1835, before moving to Waimate North. By the end of 1837, William had translated the entire New Testament and most of the Book of Common Prayer into Te Reo Māori. In 1839 the family relocated to Gisborne. In 1842 William was inducted as Archdeacon of the East Cape, an area extending south to Hawke's Bay.

Focused on the training of Māori clergy, William moved inland to Waerenga-a-hika in 1857, where he established a mission station with a school and farm. In 1859 he was consecrated as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Waiapu.

The conflicts of the 1860s led to a move to Napier in 1867. In 1869 the southern boundary of the diocese was extended to Woodville. In 1875 Bishop Williams founded Hukarere School for Māori girls near his home on Napier Hill, with his daughter Anna Maria as its first principal. He also chaired the Te Aute Trust Board for many years.

As Bishop, William played a central role in establishing parish structures that largely endure today. Throughout his ministry he

was strongly supported by Jane, who acted as a ‘mother’ figure to Māori of all ages and often took charge of mission stations during William’s long absences.

After William’s death in 1878, Jane was among the last survivors of the 1820s missionary group. In 1880 she wrote, “We were always contented and happy ... never even dreamt of the land being occupied by Europeans. Civilisation was good for our children but sadly marred our work.” Jane died in 1896. Her obituary described her as “the treasure William Williams brought to these shores ... a bright, intelligent, courageous, and cheerful soul.”

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome.

**A very special welcome
to members of the Williams whanau.**

William Williams was the first Bishop of Waiapu.
Today the sixteenth Bishop of Waiapu
is presiding and preaching:
The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge.

The Acting Dean: The Very Reverend Alister Hendery

Director of Music: Anthony Tattersall
with The Waiapu Cathedral Choir

The musical setting of this Eucharist
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The Gathering of the Community

We stand for the Processional Hymn:

**This joyful Eastertide
away with sin and sadness!
our Lord, the crucified
has filled our hearts with gladness:**

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison
our faith would be in vain
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**My being shall rejoice
secure within God's keeping,
until the trumpet voice
shall wake us from our sleeping:**

Chorus

**Death's waters lost their chill
when Jesus crossed the river;
his love shall reach me still,
his mercy is for ever:**

Chorus

Jubilate Hymns Version of a text by G. R. Woodward (1848 - 1934)
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The Bishop greets the people.

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua,
te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

*In the name of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We remain standing as the choir sings the Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

We then sit or kneel

Hear the teaching of Christ:
 a new commandment I give to you,
 that you love one another as I have loved you.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The choir sings The Kyries

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Jesus, we believe you;
all we heard is true.
**You break the bread, we recognise you,
you are the fire that burns within us;
use us to light the world.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

The Proclamation

The Readings

A reading from Acts 2:14a, 36-41
(read by Camilla Hope-Simcock)

After the reading
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18 – sung by the choir

¹ I love you O Lord because you heard my voice:
when I made my supplication,
² because you turned your ear to me:
when I called upon your name.
³ The cords of death entangled me,
and the grip of Sheol laid hold on me:
distress and anguish descended upon me.
⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'Deliver me O Lord I beseech you.'
¹² I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call on the name of the Lord.
¹³ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all God's people.
¹⁴ Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of a faithful servant.
¹⁵ Lord I am your servant, the child of your maidservant:
you have freed me from my bonds.
¹⁶ I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call on the name of the Lord.
¹⁷ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all God's people,
¹⁸ in the courts of the Lord's house:
in your midst O Jerusalem.
Whakamoemititia a Ihowā. / O praise - the Lord.

A reading from 1 Peter 1:17-23 (read by Martin Williams)

After the reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn:

**Sing of One who walks beside us,
and this day is living still.
One who now is closer to us
than the thoughts our hearts distil.
One who once, upon a hilltop -
raised against the power of sin -
died in love as his own creatures
crucified their God and King.**

**Strangers, we have walked beside you
this long journey on our way.
We have told you of the darkness
that had swept our hope away.
You have offered words from Scripture:
words of question and of light.
How our hearts still blaze within us
as you join us for the night.**

**Stay with us, O Christ, and feed us -
Bread and wine and word are here:
dine with us and share your wisdom,
free our hearts from every fear.
In the calm of each new evening,
in the freshness of each dawn,
if you hold us fast in friendship
we will never be alone.**

Ralph Wright (adapted) Tune: BLAENWERN

We remain standing

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35
Praise and glory to God.

*The Gospel is first read in Te Reo Māori by Christian Williams
and then in English by the Acting Dean.*

After the reading
Te Rongopai tēnei a te Karaiti.
This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

The response to 'Risen Lord,' is 'Fill our hearts with Easter joy.'

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tatou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine.

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you! Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, and the offerings of the people are presented as we sing the Offertory Hymn

**Jesus of the eastern sky
Calling from the shore;
“follow me to serve in faith
among the rich and poor.”**

*Hold my hand embrace the world
rise in my love, aroha;
take my bread and find new life
rise in my love, aroha.*

**Jesus of the road and hills,
young and old seek out;
I as teacher, friend and guide
help you face your doubts. *Chorus***

**Jesus of marae and hall
covenant and grace
justice is my love and work
Lord of every race. *Chorus***

**Jesus of the trees and lakes,
nurturing the earth;
I am seed and bubbling spring
harvest of re-birth. *Chorus***

**Jesus of our towns and streets
neighbour to us all;
give us courage, vision, hope,
Waiapu, stand tall. *Chorus***

Words: Bill Bennett

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness,
and the power, and the glory,
and the victory and the majesty.
**All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,
and of your own we give you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

We remain standing, though feel free to sit if needs be.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness;
through your eternal Word
you have created all things from the beginning
and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away
you called us back to yourself
and gave your Son to share our human nature.
You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new age has dawned,
a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more.

In him you have made us a holy people
by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

We give you thanks that you have
proclaimed your good news to the people of this land;
and we give you praise
for those whom you have led to be your
witnesses here, that we may, with them, set forth your glory.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After Supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere
now and forever. Amen.**

The Communion

The bishop breaks the bread in silence.

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

The bishop lifts the cup and then says

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

The Invitation

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people,
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

As the choir sings the Agnus Dei, the Bishop and assistants receive communion.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion.

- **Prayer ministry** is available in the Resurrection Chapel during the communion time.
- **Communion is offered in both kinds** (bread and wine) though feel free to receive only the bread.
- **We do not, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine.** This makes it safer for us all.
- **Gluten free wafers** are available from the person administering the bread.

Communion Motet:

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face by Whitlock

Prayer After Communion

Father,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.

**Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

The Dismissal of the Community

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.**

Words: June Tillman; tune: Londonderry Air

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia!
Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

- *We invite you to stay for **morning tea** after the service.*

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

Tuesday to Friday: 9am, Morning Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

Tuesday: 10.30am, Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel, followed by morning tea.

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