



100 years of faith passed on

AN INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION GUIDE

we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord. psalm 78:4

we're 100!

Our diocese of Waikato and Taranaki celebrates 100 years of being together this year. 100 years of church communities passing faith on to the next generation, stewarding God's story in this whenua.

In this resource you'll find some fun ways to remember the stories of God's faithfulness, celebrate the season we are in and prayerfully hope for the future.

our diocesan psalm.

Each parish is invited to send one or two lines to contribute to our diocesan psalm of gratitude. Following the style of Psalm 136, each line will be followed by "God's love endures forever" Choose a phrase that speaks to God's goodness in your community and parish.

For example:

"For those who first gathered for worship here

God's love endures forever.

For Sunday-school teachers who taught generations of children

God's love endures forever.

For those who served our community in times of hardship

God's love endures forever".

Send your lines into cfmenabler@wtanglican.nz for collation!

100 acts of kindness

in keeping with our diocesan motto "grateful hearts, servant hands" invite parishioners to take home "acts of kindness cards" where they can write down a kindness challenge for themselves, or leave one on the board for someone else to take up the challenge! See cards and signage for printing [here](#).

100 years of stories

Invite people to bring an object that connects to their life or faith in the parish.

For example: An old prayer book, a Sunday-school prize, a photograph, a baptism candle, an old parish cookbook, a choir robe, something from a mission trip, a church key, a Bible inherited from someone.

Set them up on a side table as a temporary Centenary Story Museum.

Children act as Junior Historians, interviewing older parishioners and making little labels for the exhibition. See also [this Junior Historian](#) challenge workbook.



faith across the generations

Find a family connected with the diocese across two, three or even four generations.

Interview them during worship:

- What was church like when you were a child?
- Who taught you about God?
- What do you remember about this parish?
- What changed?
- What stayed the same?
- What do you hope the next generation discovers about God?

Deliberately include stories beyond biological families too. Someone might say: "I didn't grow up in this church, but Margaret became like a grandmother in faith to me."

100 years of faith passed on

As a visual representation of an enormous, mostly invisible chain of discipleship, give everyone a card to write their answer to: "Who Passed Faith to You?"

Hang all the names on a display titled "100 Years of Faith Passed On"

(See [printable poster](#))

songs across 100 years

Instead of simply having a service full of "old hymns", tell the stories attached to them.

Have people nominate four songs representing different time periods in the history of the diocese.

Before each song, have someone from a different generation explain: "This song matters to me because..."

You could include a waiata/hīmene, traditional Anglican hymn, later twentieth-century song and contemporary worship song or children's church song.

Finish with something everyone can sing together.



the ancestors of 2126

Ask children, teenagers and adults: If Christians gather here 100 years from now, what would you like them to know? People write and draw their answers on these cards. Read some aloud during worship. You might also want to store them as a time capsule. Ask: "What changes if you imagine yourself as an ancestor of the future?"

100 years around the table

Organise a potluck centenary feast. Encourage people to bring a dish they remember from diocesan/parish life events. Provide pens and card so people can write a label explaining their dish's significance.

Instead of everyone naturally sitting with their friends, deliberately mix generations.

Put conversation prompts on tables:

When I was 10...

My earliest church memory is...

Someone here who encouraged me was...

Something about church that has changed is...

Something I hope never changes is...

Something I hope DOES change is...

I hope children growing up here will...

birthday party!

Bake a cake together, decorate it with hundreds and thousands! Send photos of your cake in to cfmenabler@wtanglican.nz to feature in our connected newsletter.



colouring competition

Distribute [these bookmarks](#) to parishioners young and old. When completed scan and send to cfmenabler@wtanglican.nz with artist names and your parish to enter our diocesan colouring competition!

rā whānau ki a koe!

Create a short video from your parish wishing the rest of the diocese a happy birthday! Make sure you have permission from everyone in the video for this to be shared across the diocese. No kids faces please!

centenary liturgy

Hold a special centenary service using [this beautiful liturgy](#) written by Ven. Andrew Evans.

birthday bingo

Create a birthday bingo card to use alongside Andrew's birthday liturgy. Don't forget to buy prizes! Centenary stickers are available (see design in the top right).