

Services are usually held at St Andrew's Church on the first and third Sundays of each month, and on major festival days.

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**Welcome to
 St Andrew's
 Church,
 Tolaga Bay**



**Nau mai
 - haere mai!**

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE TOLAGA BAY AREA

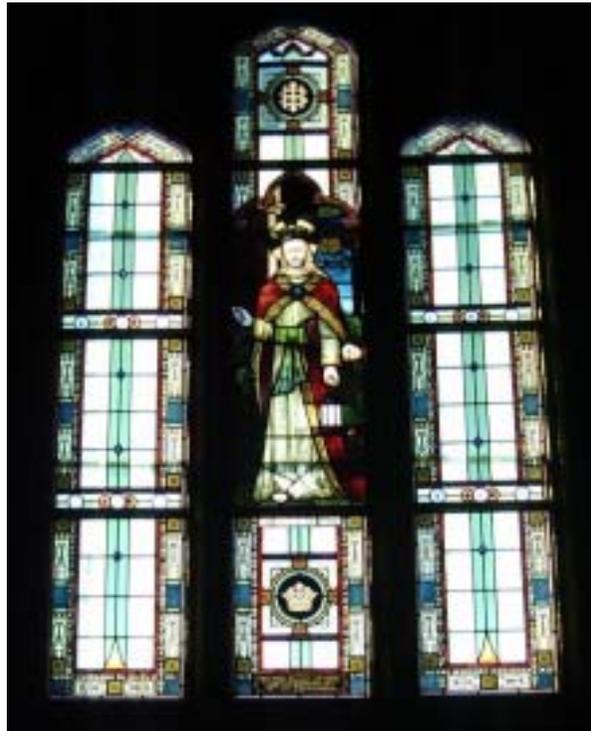
An Anglican teacher, **Wiremu Hekapo**, was posted to the Uawa district in the late 1830s. **Uawa mission station** was established by **Charles Baker**, a lay catechist, in 1843 on the north bank of the river between the present school and the river mouth. This was shifted onto higher ground within Mangarara pa in 1848.

After Baker left in 1853, there was no resident clergyman in the district until 1878, when the Rev. Kerehona Piwaka was appointed to the newly-formed **Whangara Maori Pastorate**. **Mihaia Church** was built at Hauiti in the mid 1870s. This building was replaced in 1978 with a new church opposite Hauiti Marae.

Tolaga Bay Parochial District was established in 1907 to serve the growing Pakeha population of the Uawa district. The first deacon in charge, William Robinson came directly from England and was ordained priest in Gisborne soon after his arrival. His area from stretched from Turihaua in the south to Mangaroa in the north, and inland to Huanui and Tauwhareparae Before the church was built, regular services were held at the Tolaga Bay School, and also in homes and school buildings in the country districts at Takapau, Whangara and Mangatokerau.

St Andrew's Church was built in 1913 for a cost of £678 by local contractors Lincoln and Richardson. The church was dedicated

on 23 November 1913 by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Averill, bishop of Waiapu, at a service attended by over 250 people



The east window was installed as a memorial to William Edward Holder, churchwarden, who was one of those instrumental in the formation of the Tolaga Bay Parochial District and the building of the church. W.E. Holder was accidentally killed at his wool-dumping plant by the river at Hauiti in 1917. This window was rebuilt in early 2005.

The unusual leadlight windows are all original, each with a different Christian symbol painted in the upper section. The interior and exterior of the church, and lych gate are largely unmodified.

The parish hall was built in 1925, and the vicarage shifted from its original low-lying site in Cook Street to a section by the church in 1940.

Stipendiary clergy served the Tolaga Bay Parochial District until 1975, by which time the changes in farming and the local economy made the parish unviable. A joint use agreement was established at this time with the local Presbyterian congregation. The parish became part of the Ngati Porou Rohe, a collective of parishes and pastorates based on Ruatoria, and was served by local non-stipendiary clergy and layreaders. From the early 1990s, the Eastland region of the Diocese of Waiapu took direct responsibility for services at St Andrews, and in 2003, the two East Coast parishes, Tolaga Bay and Waipiro Bay, were amalgamated to form the **East Coast Anglican Parish**.

The vicarage was sold in the late 1980s and was replaced by two cottages built on the site of the former Presbyterian church opposite the parish hall. One of these is available for holiday accommodation (see back section for details)

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