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July – August 2022

Stewardship Programme



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings
encompassing
St Matthew's, Hastings & St Peter's, Riverslea

**‘The Lord is here.
God’s Spirit is with us.’**
From David – Parish Priest-In-Charge

On 1 July 2021 we began to work together as The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings. Rev’d. Alister Hendery seamlessly and graciously stepped into the Priest Associate role, whilst I became Parish Priest-In-Charge. It is very much hoped that Synod this year will formalise this as a Parish in its own right.

There is much we can celebrate together at this one-year point in this amalgamation. It was not an easy start for us. I had planned leave in July, we got underway. Major Lockdown 2 happened mid-August. It is taking time to get momentum up again. We are still facing COVID-19 related issues in the Parish, “But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’” (Matthew 19:26 / Mark 10:27).

We have much to celebrate together as we do ministry for mission in Hastings, Riverslea, Mayfair, Parkvale, Mahora, and Flaxmere. These are places where we do, or did, have a physical presence, but of course we are working across all of Hastings city.

There have been obstacles that the COVID-19 experience has brought us, but along with that too have been opportunities. I would encourage us to reflect not on how it was before, but rather to wonder what life will be like after COVID-19. I don’t think things will be the same going forward, actually I hope that we can use this time wisely to ponder what in ministry for mission we need to be doing as a Parish, essentially asking, ‘What is our core business as an Anglican presence in the city of Hastings?’ This will inevitably lead to some change as we do things differently, as we focus on Worship, Education, Care and Outreach. We need to create stepping-stones that enable us to reach out in ministry for mission as we Tell, Tend, Teach, Transform, and Treasure.

‘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.’

We need to learn, again and again, to give thanks for what we have. To be generous as we support God’s work in our communities.

“Jesus said, ‘God, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’ (Mark 14:36).

We as The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings need to celebrate our 1st year, we have done well under the most extraordinary circumstances. A major part of celebration is Thanksgiving – Giving Thanks. Another part of celebration is being open to and wondering about the possibilities going forward. Understanding that it is not what we want, but what God wants that will flourish as we move forward together.

‘Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks & praise.’

Amen.



From Alister – Priest Associate

I’ve been doing some ‘looking back’... reflecting on decades past. There have been nearly seven of them, so I’ve got a good collection of memories. For sure, some memories hurt, and I’ve got my regrets, though many memories bring a smile to my face. I think of them and say, ‘Thanks.’ Even with the memories that have a sting to them, I find I can still give thanks, because looking back I see how these tough experiences have gifted me. Thanksgiving is important, not because everything is rosy in the garden, but because I’ve found that God is with me – with us. God is present, and that all that I am, all that I have, all that I do, is a gift from God.

I see life as a gift, and that gift becomes more precious the older I get. It seems to me that the best response I can make – the most real form of gratitude I can offer – is to give back. I try to do that with my time, with the talents I have, and with my finances and material resources. And the interesting thing is, I enjoy giving in all those ways. It’s as if, by doing so, I share in God’s giving to us.

I encourage you to look back and give thanks... and ask yourself, how might I respond? I like this quote from the New Zealand writer, Joy Cowley:

**It’s a truth that everything I have,
including myself, is a gift from God ...
When I remember that, my heart shifts focus.
I lose sight of the ‘my’ and ‘mine’
of material possessions
and I reach out to worship not the gifts but the Giver.**



Leaving a Legacy of Love

When you decide to leave a bequest to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, you will be providing much needed sustainability to continue funding important ministry for mission for years to come.

A gift in your Will is a very special way to continue to support the ministry for mission that we offer. Your legacy will help us provide for the future of The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings. By including The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings in your Will, your thoughtful decision will leave a lasting effect of generations to come.

Change the lives of future generations

Your legacy will provide love

Support from people like you supports not only the ministry for mission that we are engaged in now, but ensures the future focus remains possible. The donation you leave in your Will enables us to live on into future generations.

Your legacy will provide sustainability

When you decide to leave a bequest to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, you will be providing much-needed sustainability for us to continue funding important ministry for

mission for years to come. Your gift will not only provide stability for the future but will also help us continue to fund and begin new initiatives. By deciding to leave a gift in your Will, you will be providing key opportunities for the future.

Your legacy will provide a future

A gift to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings will become a future for ministry for mission. When you decide to leave a gift in your Will, you're not just donating for yourself, you're donating for future generations.

Leaving a special gift

Making a gift in your Will

We believe it's important you discuss any changes to your Will with your legal advisor. If you don't already have a Will we respectfully recommend you contact your solicitor or other legal advisor to ensure your wishes are correctly and legally stated.

In memoriam giving

A memoriam gift is a wonderful way to celebrate and remember a loved one or friend who has passed on. A donation to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings in their memory will go towards funding ministry for mission.

Some families choose to honour their loved ones by requesting donations to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings in lieu of flowers at a funeral. An acknowledgement of contributions will be sent to the family or next of kin.

A living gift

A living gift is a unique way to leave a memory that you and your loved ones can see the results of within your lifetime. In doing so, you'll be able to fund ministry for mission that needs funding now and experience the outcomes of those specific projects. You and your loved ones will be able to share in your lasting gift together. If you are able to make this generous gift, we suggest discussing this option with one of the Clergy Team or the Parish Church Wardens.

Here's what you need to know

The best way to help continue supporting The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings for generations to come is to leave a monetary gift, and one that is a Residuary Bequest. This is what remains after all your other provisions have been made, enabling you to put your loved ones first. There are other options too such as a Pecuniary Bequest, which means a specified sum of money is left in your Will to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, or a Specified Bequest, where a particular item of value (for example stocks / shares, property, or works of art) is left to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings.

If you wish to leave a Bequest to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, you should contact your solicitor, legal advisor or trust company and ask for the following clause to be inserted in your Will:

"I give (free of all charges and duties) to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, 200 King St South, the sum of \$..... (or a share /% proportion of my residuary estate / in the residue of my estate) (or nominated property) for the general purpose of The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings.

I further declare that the official receipt of The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings shall be full and sufficient discharge to my executors / trustees and they shall not be bound to see the application thereof."

Let the work you've done in your lifetime be the change that lives on for the next generation. The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings would not be what it is today without the generous support from people like you. Including us in your Will is a big decision, and we couldn't continue funding our ministry for mission without your generosity. We would like to share our warmest gratitude and recognition with you for considering leaving us a bequest.

If you have decided to leave The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings a gift in your Will, could you please let us know so that we are able to thank you personally.

For any further questions or to discuss these options please contact one of the Clergy Team or the Parish Church Wardens. Thank You.

Some Facts and Figures

What does it presently cost us to run the Parish of Greater Hastings?

Our budgeted costs for this year are:

Staff costs:	\$201,017
Parish Running costs:	\$ 27,761
Assessments levies:	\$ 65,260
Property costs	\$ 68,826
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Total costs	\$362,867

This means it costs us to run our parish:

Per month:	\$16,741
Per week:	\$6,978
Per day:	\$994

Where does this money come from?

This year we have budgeted for income from:

Your giving:	\$139,700
Hall and church hire, carpark rentals	\$ 24,100
Rental of the two Vicarages	\$ 49,400
Interest	\$ 17,961
School & Waiapu Kids rents	\$ 46,340
Op Shop St Peter's	\$ 11,000
Fundraising & Other	\$ 12,900
Grants from the Diocese	\$ 65,000
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Total income:	\$366,401

Please note this does not include special projects outside budget, or the fundraising for these projects.

How To Go About Giving

There are various ways we can give to our Parish

- **You may wish to make a special donation this month through electronic banking.**

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Use your name as the reference and the code 500

- **You may wish to commit to regular giving.**
Through electronic banking or automatic payments - Please contact us for an individual code and instructions.

Our phone number is: 06 878 9476

Our email address is: hastingsparish@waiapu.com

- **Or by the Envelope system** – You can be issued with envelopes that have your own individual code number. These may be put in the collection plate during services.

Simply fill in the form below and return it through the offertory collection at any church service, or take it to the Parish Support Hub or post it to us:

The Parish of Greater Hastings Vestry, PO Box 824 Hastings 4156

I / We wish to contribute: The giving of \$_____ weekly or fortnightly/ monthly/ quarterly/ annually.

Make an immediate donation of \$_____

I / We understand that this offering may increase or decrease should circumstances change.

Name (please print) :.....

Contact phone or email:.....

- **You may wish to make a bequest – please see page 4, 5 & 8**

The 17th Century Anglican priest and hymn writer, George Herbert, prayed:

Gracious God
You have given so much to me.
Give me one more thing - a grateful heart.

Generous God,
all the world is yours,
and all that we have comes from you.
Help us to respond to your loving goodness and generosity
with generous gifts of our own.



Bequests

Think about including our parish in you will.

This is a gift that will endure beyond your time and will continue to support our parish for years to come.

A gift in your Will is a way of thanking God for enriching your life and contributes to our ongoing life and work.

The following is suggested wording for your Will

"I give (free of all charges and duties) to The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, 200 King St South, the sum of \$..... (or a share /% proportion of my residuary estate / in the residue of my estate) (or nominated property) for the general purpose of The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings.

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If you would like someone to contact you about gifting to the parish or being further involved with the parish and its activities, please contact us – see the parish directory.

JULY

Thursday 7
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings
Friday 8
Term 2 Ends
Saturday 9
4pm Messy Church
St Matthew's Hall, Hastings

Sunday 10:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings.
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea.
2pm Hastings Music Society
Concert @ St Matthew's

Thursday 14
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 17: National Bible Sunday

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's Riverslea
Thursday 21
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 24: Social Services Sunday

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

Monday 25 Term 3 Begins

Wednesday 27
11.45am Men's Fellowship Lunch
7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 28
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 30
4pm Messy Church
St Martin's Hall, Mayfair

Sunday 31:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea
Combined Worship

AUGUST

Thursday 4
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 6
7pm 'The Sopranos'. A concert
performed by Amanda, Brigit
& Kate, accompanied by
Lindsay.

Sunday 7: The Transfiguration of the Beloved Son – Hiroshima Day (1945) – World Peace Day

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

Thursday 11
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 13
4pm Messy Church
St Matthew's Hall, Hastings

Sunday 14: Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea
2pm Hastings Music Society
Concert @ St Matthew's

Thursday 18
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 21: Religious Vocation Sunday

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

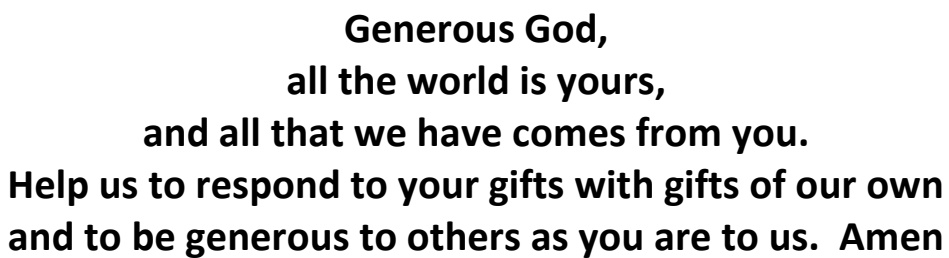
Wednesday 24
11.45am Men's Fellowship Lunch
7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 25
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 27
9am – 12pm Working Bee
Inside & outside St Matthew's in preparation
for Patronal Festival!
4pm Messy Church,
St Martin's Hall, Mayfair

Sunday 28: Anglican Communion Sunday.

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea



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