

**The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings**

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**July, August & September 2023**



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

*Alister Hendery (Priest Associate) writes*

## ... the matter of money

Money matters. It's an important issue in most people's lives. Without it we can't survive, let alone do many of the things we want to do.

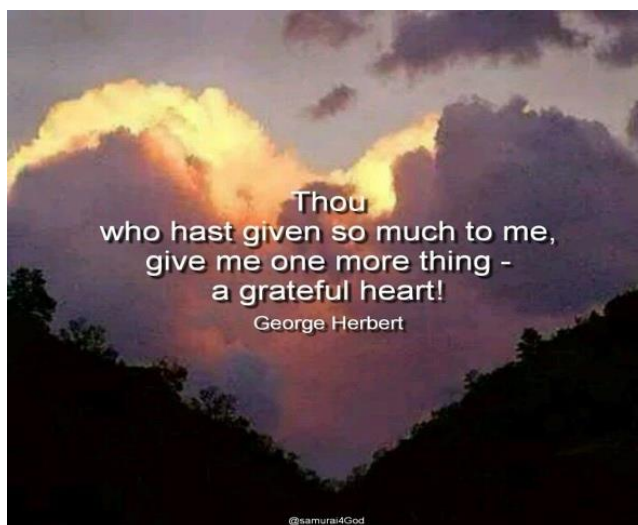
Many of us have enough money. Sure, some days I'd like more... but I have sufficient, and for that I'm deeply grateful, for I'm very aware of those who don't have enough... who struggle to make ends meet.

Money matters. Yet, in the church, we're often reluctant to talk about it... and when someone like me starts on about it, we may switch off. However, just as it matters in your personal life, so the matter of money is significant in the life of our parish.

This year our parish has a budget of \$400,000, of which, over a third needs to be met from our direct personal giving.

What you and I give ensures we continue as a vibrant parish in Hastings... as we have since 1895. And what about the future? Do we value the life of our parish enough to see it continue for many years to come... beyond our lifetime? So, there's the question of what we give today, but I wonder, how about leaving a bequest to benefit the future.

Having said that... what's most important is that the matter of money is significant because it mattered to Jesus. Next to the kingdom of heaven, it was the subject Jesus most frequently talked about. Why? Because it rivals the place that God has in our lives. How we use the money we have, says something about how much God matters to us. And our willingness to give some of our money away is a response to that challenge. It's our way of saying thanks for all that we've received... from others... from God... Let's echo the words of the priest and hymn writer, George Herbert:



## A group of parishioners were asked, 'Why do you give, and how do you do it?' This is what they said...

- I give away a proportion of my money because I'm so grateful for what I've received. I look back over my life, and the best thing I can say is, 'Thanks God!' I've known some tough financial times, but at the end of the day the biggest thing I see are the blessings... I see how I've received from God, especially through the love, and care, and support of God's people.

- It's my responsibility as a Christian to give to my local church. And yes, I'm also very aware of the financial challenges we face as a parish today – and that challenges me to see if I can give more. So, I ask myself, does my giving reflect my sense of responsibility?

I give based on a percentage of my total income – so as my income goes up or down, my giving reflects that.

- I don't see the money that's goes out of my bank account once a month as the payment of a bill. It's part of my worship. It's my way of saying, 'Here God is a bit of my life and my work – a part of what I've received.' The way I see it, is that all I have is a gift from God. And what I give – of my time, my skills, and my experience, and my money – is a way of giving thanks to God.

- I think of these words from two of my favourite hymns:  
'Love so amazing so divine / Demands my soul my life my all.' ...  
'All I've needed your hand has provided / Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me.'

And from our Prayer Book:

'Our hands were empty, and you filled them.'

'Of your own we give you.'

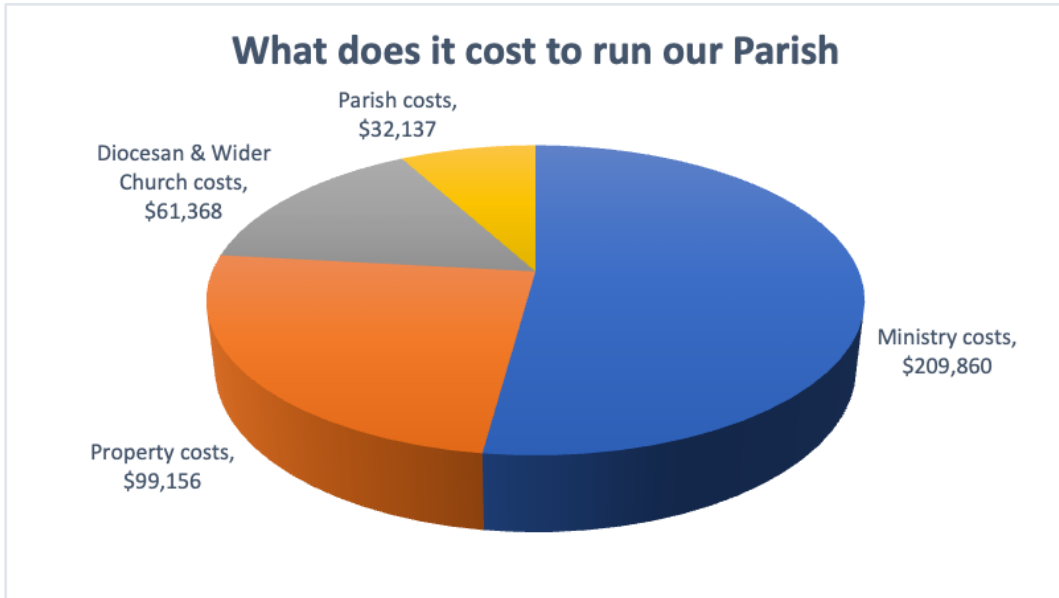
That's why I give... God has given us all gifts and talents to use for the good of our families, our community, and the church.

I believe everything that we have is a gift through the grace and kindness of God.

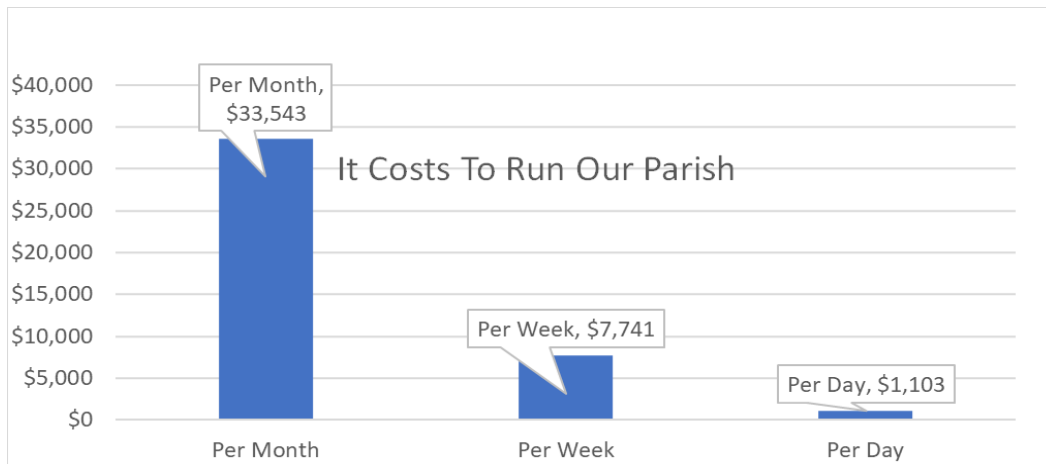
- I give because I believe we're custodians of God's work, and we're called to continue that work into the future.

'God loves a happy giver.' When I give it makes me happy. The amount that I give is based on what I have available at the time. However, I do find, the more I give, the happier and more pleased I am!

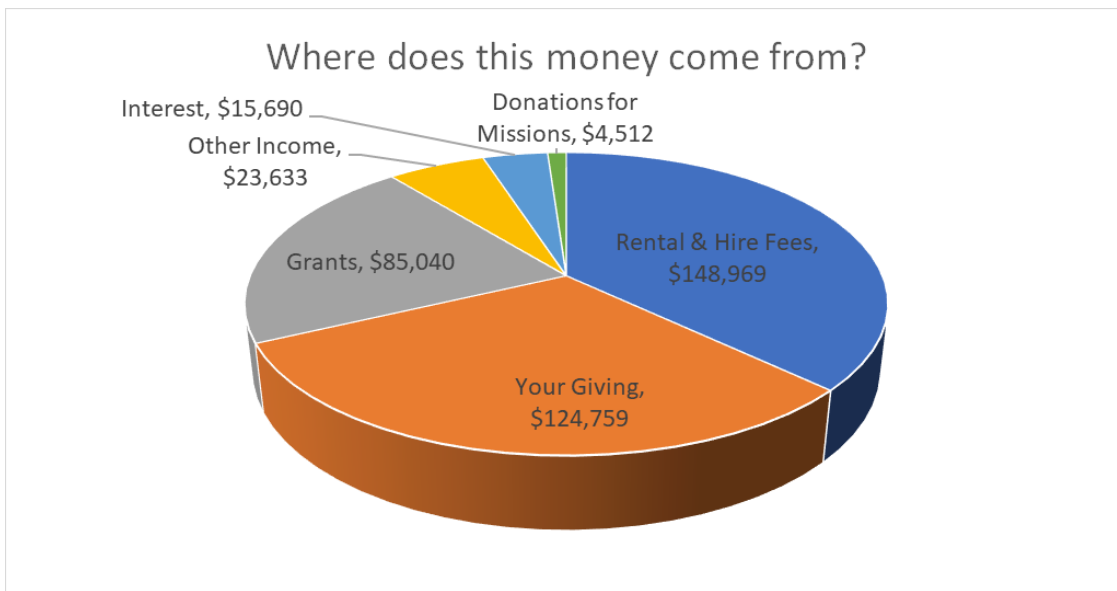
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... put another way



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### Details for Regular Giving

(here's a form for you to complete and return in any of the following ways:

- through the collection plate at any service;
- drop it into the Parish Hub (Monday - Friday 9am to 12.30pm);
- email the details to us: [hastingsparish@waiapu.com](mailto:hastingsparish@waiapu.com)
- or post it to Greater Parish of Hastings,  
P. O. Box 824, Hastings,  
4156  
Phone 06 878 9476

Name:

Email:

Postal address:

Phone number:

**I / We wish to commit to regular giving through electronic banking.**

(an automatic payment / direct credit).

Please supply me /us with my/our individual code and instructions.

Or

**I / We wish to commit to regular giving through the envelope system.**

I / We wish to give on a weekly / fortnightly / monthly / quarterly/ annual basis.

Please supply me /us with our personalised numbered envelopes.

### And you receive for giving...

When you give in these ways you're issued at the end of the financial year with a receipt that enables you to claim a 33.3% tax credit.

## For our future...

Leaving a bequest in your Will is a very generous way of giving to the future of our parish. It says, I value the life of our parish enough to see it continue for many years to come... beyond my lifetime.

### **Recommended wording for your Will:**

I GIVE to the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, 200 Kings Street South, Hastings the sum of [\$ ] for the general purposes thereof AND I DECLARE that the receipt of the secretary, treasurer or other proper officer thereof shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Trustees for the said legacy nor shall my Trustees be bound to see the application thereof.





# JULY

## **Sunday 16: Matariki Weekend.**

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

Thursday 20

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 22

10am-2.30pm Parish Quiet Retreat @  
St Matthew's, Hastings

## **Sunday 23: Social Services Sunday.**

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

Wednesday 26

11.45am Men's Fellowship Lunch  
7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 27

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 29

4pm Messy Church @ St Martin's  
Community Hall, Mayfair

## **Sunday 30:**

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

# AUGUST

Thursday 3

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

## **Sunday 6: 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 10

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

## **Sunday 13:**

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

Thursday 17

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

## **Sunday 20: Religious Vocation Sunday.**

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

Wednesday 23

11.45am Men's Fellowship Lunch  
7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 24

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 26

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

## **Sunday 27: Anglican Communion Sunday.**

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

Tuesday 29

10am Senior Chef 4 at St Matthew's,  
Begins

Thursday 31

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

# SEPTEMBER

## **Sunday 3: Father's Day.**

8am St Matthew's, Hastings  
10am St Matthew's, Hastings  
10am St Peter's, Riverslea  
2pm Hastings Choral Society  
Concert "A French  
Connection" @ St Matthew's

Tuesday 5

10am Senior Chef at St Matthew's,

Thursday 7

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 9

9am-12pm Working Bee inside & outside  
St Matthew's in preparation  
for Patronal Festival!

**Sunday 10: Te wiki o te reo Maori**  
**(Maori language week).**

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

Tuesday 12  
10am Senior Chef 4 at St Matthew's

Thursday 14  
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

**Sunday 17: Patronal Festival of St Matthew,**  
**Apostle, Evangelist.**

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

Monday 18  
12-1pm Hastings Blossom Festival  
Lunchtime Concert  
at St Matthew's

Tuesday 19  
10am Senior Chef 4 at St Matthew's  
12-1pm Hastings Blossom Festival  
Lunchtime Concert  
at St Matthew's

Wednesday 20  
12-1pm Hastings Blossom Festival  
Lunchtime Concert  
at St Matthew's

Thursday 21  
10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings  
12-1pm Hastings Blossom Festival  
Lunchtime Concert  
at St Matthew's

Friday 22  
All Day Diocesan Synod,  
Taradale, Napier  
12-1pm Hastings Blossom Festival  
Lunchtime Concert  
at St Matthew's

Saturday 23  
All Day Diocesan Synod  
Taradale, Napier

**Sunday 24: Daylight Saving Begins.**

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

Tuesday 26  
10am Senior Chef 4

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  
Community Hall, Mayfair

## Parish Priest – Vicar's Ponderings

July is a busy month; some might say too busy. Our main focus will be on Stewardship – how we care for what God's has so generously provided us as a Parish and how we can offer back to God generously from what God has provided us as individuals, couples, family & whanau.

A Steward is someone who has charge of something for someone else. It means anyone who is responsible for the use of the abilities and possessions God has given. This is not just about money, but also talents and time. We are held accountable for how we use our abilities. Whatever our possessions and wealth are they are really God's, given to us for a time to use wisely.

On Saturday 22 July, 10am – 2.30pm, Rev'd. Alister Hendery will be leading a Whole-of-Parish Quiet Day Retreat. The theme questions are: 'What's my ministry? What's God asking of me?' It is important for all of us to set some time aside to reflect on where God is calling us within and outside of the church walls.

In July I will be taking some time out for Annual Leave & Retreat. In August Alister will be on Annual Leave. In August we will focus on local and global mission. During this



Missions Month we will explore how we can better support Anglican Missions and New Zealand Church Missionary Society our mission agencies, and therefore our mission agencies of choice. We will also ask during this time how we can assist our RSE workers better in this upcoming season?

In the midst of all this above we have some very special Sundays – Social Services, Religious Vocations, and Anglican Communion. All of these offer us opportunities to share our faith in different ways and invite guests into our midst.

Finally, the Eucharist (Holy Communion, Mass, Lord's Supper) is a central sacrament for us, the source and highlight of all Christian worship. It has the most prominent place in the rhythm of parish worship. On Sunday morning at 8am & 10am St Matthew's, Hastings or 10am St Peter's, Riverslea, and on Thursday morning at 10.15am at St Matthew's, Hastings. All of these are based on the liturgies of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa. Both Sunday 10am Eucharists include music that draws us to prayer through singing of congregational music. The 8am and mid-week service are said Eucharists without music.

**Ven. David van Oeveren.**

## **Greenthumb Heroes**

Everyone passing St Matthew's Church cannot help but notice the very tidy gardens and grounds surrounding our beautiful church.

But do you know who is responsible for keeping it like this? Have you ever noticed this small, dedicated group of volunteers who toil away most Tuesday mornings, weather permitting of course?

Co-ordinated by Richard Bayley, he is very ably assisted by Shirley Wilson, Philip Mardon, Tessa & Robert Tomlinson. Our rose garden is absolutely stunning. Maintaining the roses and keeping them deadheaded is an ongoing task. Clearing the leaves away, especially now autumn is here, trimming the hedge and weeding are also ongoing weekly tasks.

Next time you pass, please take a moment to thank these dedicated volunteers.

## **Senior Chef in Hastings**



Senior Chef runs over 8-9 weeks offering cooking classes - and so much more to participants. Following on from the successful launch of Senior Chef in Hastings last year, we are pleased to announce that the next course of classes will begin on **29 August 2023**.

If you want to put your name down, or even if you are just interested in finding out more about Senior Chef, please do get in touch with Ven. David van Oeveren 06 211 3457 / 021 470 337 [/david.vanoeveren@waiapu.com](mailto:david.vanoeveren@waiapu.com)

## **Men's Fellowship Lunch at St Matthew's**

We invite you to join us for a delicious two course meal with hot beverages, \$10.00 per person. Fabulous food, good company & great conversation. If you would like to come along as either a diner or a volunteer helper, please contact Paddy or Richard Bayley on 876 7616. Our next lunches are on: **26 July, 23 August & 27 September**.



## Messy Church

Come along for family fun, fellowship & food.

Martin's Community Hall, 1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair, (next-door to Mayfair School)

4pm-6pm

Our next Messy Church dates are **29 July, 26 August & 30 September.**

All welcome.

## Music, beautiful music...

We have a long and rich heritage of music in our parish and this year is no different. Join us each second Sunday of the month at 2pm to share in the diverse talents of local musicians at Hastings Music Society Concerts.

All are welcome, their next concert is Sunday 13 August at St Matthew's.

Later this year we also look forward to hosting Hastings Choral Society's concert, "A French Connection" see below for more details.

A poster for a choral concert. The background is split into three vertical stripes: blue on the left, white in the center, and red on the right. At the top left is the Hastings Choral Society logo. The text reads: "Hastings Choral presents A French Connection featuring music by French composers". The date and time are "Sunday 03 September 2023 2.00pm". The location is "St Matthew's Church, King Street, Hastings". The conductor is "Joe Christensen" and the accompanist is "Anna Hansen". Guest performers are "Isabel Reid", "Karen Walker", and "Cantare". Ticket information is at the bottom: "\$25.00 (adult) or \$5.00 (child) available through choir members, hastingschoral@gmail.com or cash sales at the door".

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