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The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Encompassing St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings & St Peter's Anglican Church, Riverslea & St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair & Parkvale, Mahora & Flaxmere.

September - November 2024

WHAT DO STIPENDED CLERGY DO?

An insight into the rhythm of life of a Parish Priest by the Reverend David van Oeveren.

On the 26 July I was planning to celebrate my third anniversary as the Archdeacon of Hawke's Bay Cities. However, on 12 July 2024 Bishop Andrew withdrew the Licences of members of the Episcopal Ministry Team, including all Archdeacons. This was followed up by all Stipended Clergy meeting with Bishop Andrew in late July. This has been a fascinating opportunity to reflect on ministry as Vicar, and a Parish Priest and what the priorities are for me at this time.

As the Vicar/Parish Priest, I get to be and do many wonderful things for us, with our communities, alongside an excellent team and diverse parish communities. My role is to support, manage and enable all the wonderful mission and ministry that is happening; and to guide the Parish in a direction that is sustainable long-term and open to new opportunities; so that our Faith Communities continue beyond us, and to create a space that is safe for everyone.



PARISH WORSHIP

One of the most important roles is to ensure that we maintain a regular pattern of worship which includes Sunday and mid-week services.

Added to these are special occasions such as Order of St John Church Parade, Social Services Sunday, Matariki, and Religious Vocation Sunday. Alister and I are also involved in Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Internments, which cannot be planned for but are imperative to respond to.

As well as worship in the Sacred and Sacramental space, there is also in the Secular and Civic space, an area we are well respected for. It is important for us to be seen as faith communities of welcome and hospitality who offer a vibrant Christian spirituality and a rich sacramental life and theology in the public sphere.

GOVERNANCE

As Vicar, I attend a number of Board and Committee meetings, some of which I Chair. Starting in the Parish there is Vestry and Board of Proprietors Representative on the school Board of Trustees. I Chair the Overseas Mission – Tikanga Pakeha Sub-Committee of Anglican Missions, and am also on the Standing Committee of the Waiapu Diocese and a General Synod Te Hinota Whanui Representative for the Diocese. I Chair the Hawke's Bay Area Committee of Hato Hone St John in my own time as a volunteer.

Alongside this I engage with the Hastings City Business Association and Hawke's Bay Interfaith.

VISITING, HOSPITALITY, CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE

A major component of my ministry is in these areas. Visiting or meeting with people, in their place, church space, or over a coffee or a meal. As communities of faith we are striving to be





more intentional about offering outrageously generous hospitality, especially for special events and when we have guests in our midst. Pastoral Care is central to both Alister's and my ministries. We might be busy, but we always have time for you.

Alister and I hold a number of chaplaincies within our Parish work which include Rest Homes and Care Centres, Heretaunga Seniors, Early Childhood and Primary School. We are recognised as the go-to people in a number of community organisations and workplaces around the Parish. As Parish Priest – Vicar it is my role to lead the work to grow and sustain our faith communities and this includes networking and working with various stakeholders to ensure our long-term future sustainability.

ECUMENICAL, INTERFAITH AND MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE

One of the delights of Greater Hastings has been the work across denominations, particularly Catholic and Presbyterian, and beginning to network in the Interfaith space. Through networking opportunities opened up by the Co-Governance and Tangata Tiriti, as well as Interfaith and work with Cranford Hospice, we are starting to build relationships within the Multicultural Association.

ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Whilst both Alister and I focus on Ministry and Mission, inevitably we also need to tend to the wider running of the Parish. These are time consuming parts of our endeavours. The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings is geographically large, and spread over three distinct sites, which means there is always something going on. The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers seem to be few at times.

Currently we would particularly benefit from a Parish Treasurer.

Who I am (the being), and what I do as a Vicar/ however cannot be done without your support. I want to Thank You for your support and your prayers as Alister and I get on with our roles. I particularly want to thank the Non-Stipended Clergy for all they do to support faith communities and the Parish as a whole.

As we continue to build the Realm of God here in Heretaunga – Hastings – Abundant Blessings...



Messy Church

Whether you're young or young at heart we invite you to join us for fun, fellowship and a shared meal:

St Martin's Community Hall 4-6pm
(1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair,
next-door to Mayfair School)

28 September, 19 October & 30 November

All welcome - children under 14 years to be accompanied by an adult please.

Ministry with Children, Young People, Young Adults, and their Families.

A Parish overview by the Reverend David van Oeveren.

Currently The Parish of Greater Hastings has a diverse and significant Ministry with Children, Young People, Young Adults, and their Families. A focus for 2024 and 2025 is to endeavour to bring these ministries into a cohesive, sustainable and supported whole.

The current language around this ministry to those 0 – 30/40 years old is First Third Ministry. We are called to Christian Service and Discipleship. Some of these are overtly discipleship and others are delightfully about service.





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Marty's Music St Martin's.
Waiapu Kids – St Matthew's.
Kowhai Specialist School – Kowhai Tec.

Messy Church St Martin's.
St Matthew's Primary School.
Mayfair School and the Mayfair Community Hub.

Potential things in the pipeline:

Piano / music lessons for children and young people. Young People's Choir for 8 – 14 year olds.

If we are about provoking faith in Hastings communities, and if we encompass St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings; St Peter's Anglican Church, Riverslea; St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair; Parkvale; Mahora and Flaxmere ... then there are some wonderful future opportunities to explore. St Martin's Community Hall, and the formation of a Mayfair Community Hub in conjunction with Mayfair School, might lead to the exploration of planting an Anglican congregation in Mayfair.

What would a Christian Intentional Housing Community within the Anglican Tradition in Flaxmere look like?

Education and Training Opportunities:

Monday 16 – Friday 20 September. Anglican Schools Office Conference 2024. Hawke's Bay.
National Children and Families Ministry Enabler: Strandz is the hub of children and family ministry.

<https://www.strandz.org.nz/>
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If we bring together the parts of our Ministry with Children, Young People, Young Adults, and their Families into a cohesive whole, we would be offering our communities ministries of significance.

Marty's Music



Play improves the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and young people. Through play, children learn about the world and themselves.

Marty's is a preschool music group for parents, grandparents and caregivers and, of course, babies to 5 year olds.

We meet every Friday in term time, at St Martin's Community Hall, 1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair, from 10-12 noon. For a small fee we offer a half hour programme of music, a healthy morning tea of fruit, sandwiches and baked goodies. Toys and activities are put out for a playgroup session and while the children play, adults have a time to share and encourage one another too. It's a very happy place with a friendly, joyful atmosphere.

Come along and have fun. Any enquiries, please ring Marilyn 8774639 or Michelle 027 8571543.

Into God's Hands....



Gordon Ernest Vogtherr 26 October 1926 - 15 March 2024

On the 20th of March the funeral for **Gordon Ernest Vogtherr** was held at St Matthew's. Along with Shirley, his wife of over 70 years, Gordon actively shared in the life of this parish for many decades. Gordon was one of the last survivors of the Hawke's Bay earthquake. In that he encapsulated our history.

Gordon possessed a strong work ethic, which isn't surprising as he began working at the Bacon Factory from the age of 8 – his first and only job. And from that came his desire to serve the wider community, to serve this parish, and most of all, to provide well for his family. By character he was tenacious and single minded, and whatever he did, he did to the best of his ability – which included his passion for cars and, in earlier years, his running. Gordon lived life to the full.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Reverend Alister Hendery, Priest Associate.

Joan May Morrison MBE, 30355 NZWRAC Capt. 31 May 1923 - 29 June 2024

On the 29th June the funeral of **Joan May Morrison** was held at St Matthew's. Joan was born in Masterton on a dairy & egg farm in Te Ore Ore. She joined the army on the 5th of March 1943, working her way through the ranks to become Captain in 1953. She was awarded the MBE for her services to the NZ Women's Army, presented by Queen Elizabeth when she visited New Zealand in 1970.



She had a career as a Matron at the nursing home in Wellington and then at various colleges, until her retirement. A keen golfer and member of the old Mangateretere Golf Club, a supporter of Forest and Bird, her property in Tollemache Road was and still is used as a nursery for native plants. She was also a very keen tramper and longtime volunteer at St Matthew's Church. Always very independent throughout her life, she continued driving until well into her 90s. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Extract edited from a Eulogy for Joan by kind permission of her niece, Janice Dunphy.

The Treaty & Me

Thank you so much for everyone who helped to make the Treaty & Me series of talks such a roaring success. News of these events has travelled nationwide and the organisers had the following to say about the event and our involvement:

- * More than 700 people attended
- * Much has been learnt and many Tiriti books and resources have been shared
- * Hawke's Bay Today readers have seen two months of coverage including 4 substantial opinion pieces.

People have seen their allies - how much great company they have on the path to a Tiriti based future. In short, together we have bent the arc of the moral universe a smidge further towards justice.



Images: courtesy of <https://www.stephenrobinsonphotography.co.nz/>

Men's Fellowship Lunch

In fellowship, we share the highs and lows of life, providing comfort, support and nourishing the mind, body and spirit.

Fabulous food, good company and great conversation at only \$10.00 a head. Held in St Matthew's Church Hall, 200 King Street South, Hastings on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Our next lunches are on:

25 September

23 October

Contact Paddy or Richard Bayley, 876-7616 for more information or to register.



Images: Enjoying a hot, home cooked lunch perfect for combating the Winter chill. And two of our fabulous volunteers, providing service with a smile.



Let's Do It Together !

Saturday 7 September
9am – 12pm @ St Matthew's

Come along to tidy & clean inside and out.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 6 October, 4pm
St Matthew's Church

Celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (the Patron Saint of Animals). Everyone is welcome to attend this joyous event - with their companion animals, to celebrate our love of the animal kingdom and to give thanks for the countless blessings they provide.

(Note: Dogs and large animals on leads please, small animals in carry boxes essential)

All Souls'

Reflect and remember those who have died at our annual All Souls' Day Remembrance service.


Sunday 3 November, 4pm
St Matthew's Church

Whether you are able to be present or not at this service, we can prayerfully remember someone who has died by adding their name to the list which will be read out as part of the service.

Contact our Parish Support Hub to add a name/s.

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THEY HAVE PREPARED THEIR RECENTLY PURCHASED VESTMENTS



THEY HAVE RECEIVED A BLESSING FROM THE BISHOP



NOW, AT LAST, THEY ARE FULLY QUALIFIED TO SERVE THE CHURCH



Linking Mission and Ministry.

A Parish overview by the Reverend David van Oeveren.

In 2021 when The Parish of Greater Hastings was created, Alister and I set a 3 M's Focus:

The 3 M's Focus:-

- * Ministry for Mission (M.4.M.)
- * Management and Administration
- * Maintenance and Repairs

Ministry for Mission has remained constantly a priority, with Maintenance and Management alternating depending on priorities in a given period. What does our Ministry for Mission currently look like?

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings:

Worship x 3 regular services.

Early Childhood Education.

Primary School.

Senior Chef.

Men's Fellowship Lunch.

Yoga

Tai Chi.

St Peter's Anglican Church, Riverslea/ Parkvale:

Worship x 1 regular service.

Kowhai Specialist School – Kowhai Tec.

St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair:

Messy Church.

Marty's Music.

Op Shop.

Heretaunga Seniors.

Mayfair Community Hub. Whilst this was not successful in the Hastings District Council – Long-Term Plan, other avenues are being explored. If the Mayfair Community Hub does come to fruition, it may lead to a Church plant in St Martin's, Mayfair.

Mahora: (St James')

Focus on Colwyn House Lifecare /

Eversley Care Centre / Gracelands Care Centre.

Flaxmere: (St Clare's)

Foodbank.

Kainga Pasifika Services.

The potential for Intentional Households.

Alongside our geographically based Mission for Ministry, we are involved in many areas of our communities:

Hawke's Bay Interfaith.

Multicultural Association Hawke's Bay Inc.

Hastings City Business Association.

Treaty and Me / Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshops in September / October.

Cranford Hospice:

Compassionate Communities / community engagement / collective voice – July / August and ongoing.

'Dying Matters' Workshops – October/ November and ongoing.

Poetry and Pizza – August.

Parishioner Art Exhibition – October.

Fringe Festival.

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival.

Arts Trail – November.

I am a strong advocate that, as the church, we must be engaged across our communities in many ways. These are just some of the sacred and secular community engagements at present.



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www.greaterhastingsanglicanchurch.co.nz
www.factbook.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8: 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.

Wednesday 11, 5/5.30-6.30pm.
 Brave Banter: 'Theology on Tap'; a place to critically engage with our faith @ Brave Brewing Co, 205 Queen Street East, Hastings 4122

Thursday 12, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Saturday 14, 7.30pm. The Sopranos Concert @ St Matthew's.

Sunday 15:

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

Thursday 19, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

21 September. St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist.

Sunday 22:

- 8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.
- 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist. and Baptism.
- 10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Wednesday 25, 11.45am – Men's Fellowship Lunch. 7.15pm. Greater Hastings VESTRY.

Thursday 26, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Friday 27 September – Tuesday 29 October. Parishioners Art Exhibition.

Saturday 28, 4pm. MESSY CHURCH St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair.

Sunday 29: Daylight Saving Begins.

- 8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.
- 10am. Eucharist and Baptism, St Matthew's, Hastings .
- 10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Monday 30 September – Sunday 6 October
 The Reverend David van Oeveren on ANNUAL LEAVE.

OCTOBER

Thursday 3, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Sunday 6: Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226.

- 8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.
- 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.
- 10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.
- 4pm. The Blessing of the Animals: All Creatures Great & Small @ St Matthew's, Hastings.

Thursday 10, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

5/5.30-6.30pm. Brave Banter: 'Theology on Tap'; a place to critically engage with our faith @ Brave Brewing Co, 205 Queen Street East, Hastings 4122.

Sunday 13: Week of Prayer for World Peace.

- 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.

Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October (inclusive) – DIOCESAN SYNOD, Gisborne.



Saturday 19, 4pm. MESSY CHURCH St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair.

Sunday 20: Tikanga Youth Sunday (Sunday nearest Tarore of Wharoa).

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. Greater Hastings VESTRY.

Thursday 24, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Friday 25 – Hawke's Bay Anniversary. Public Holiday - Office Closed.

Sunday 27: Hawke's Bay Anniversary & Labour Weekend.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Monday 28 – Labour Day. Public Holiday - Office Closed.

Thursday 31, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

NOVEMBER

2 November. All Souls' Day.

Sunday 3: All Saints' & All Souls' Days.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Worship for Welcoming Members Baptised in Other Traditions, Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship, All Saints' Day. Bishop Andrew Hedge attending.

Blessing of: New Signage; Whenua Tapu (Dasent family & Pilgrim family); Honours Board (Pilgrim family); Lowe Memorial Plaque (Lowe family); Repurposing Project.

4pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. All Souls' Day Commemoration.

Thursday 7, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Sunday 10: Remembrance Sunday.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

2pm. Hastings Music Society Concert @ St Matthew's.

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Thank you - we look forward to keeping in touch!

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