



**The Anglican Parish  
of Greater Hastings**



**STEWARDSHIP**

**October – November**

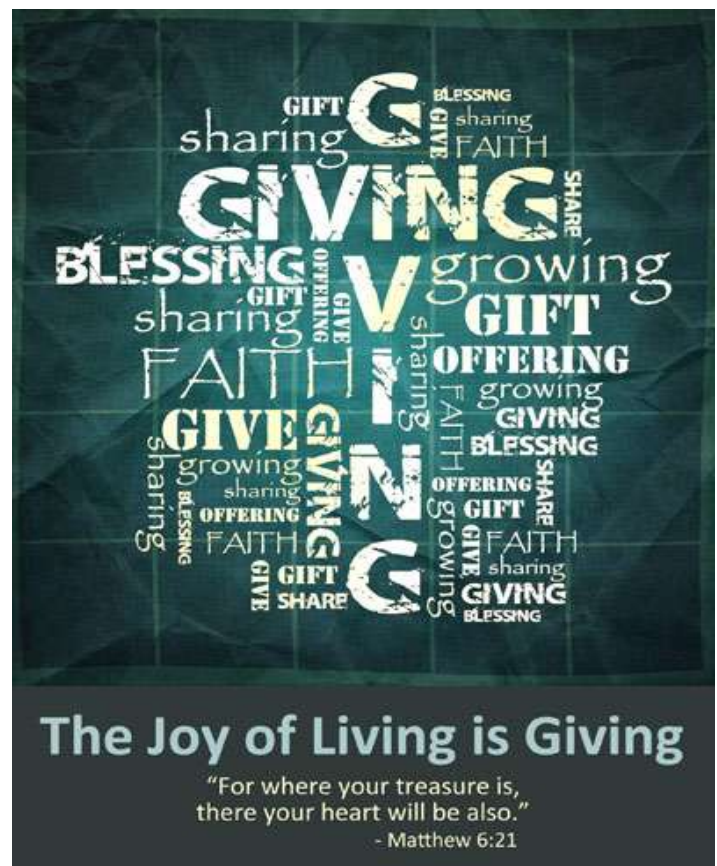
**2025**

# The Joy of Living is Giving

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings has been looking at its current and future position over the last month and this leads neatly into our Stewardship Campaign for the month of October.

**We are inviting each parishioner to reflect on their own support and role within the life of this parish.**

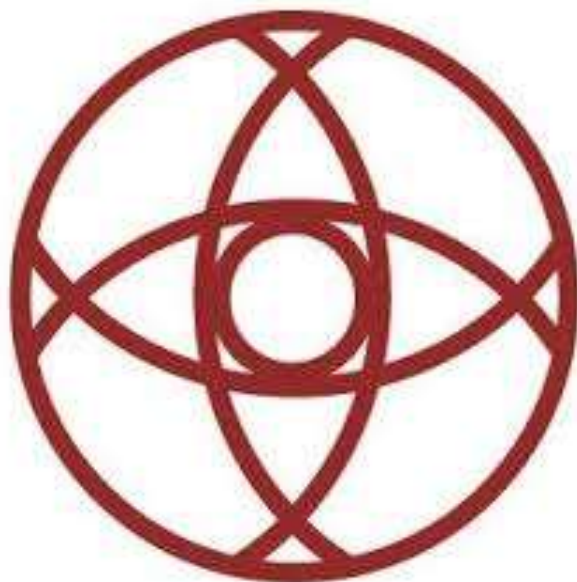
The running of any Parish is a costly exercise and St Martin's Community Hall, St Peter's Anglican Church, and St Matthew's Anglican Church are no exception. There are many basic costs, our staff, our buildings and the daily ongoing costs. As well we also give to missions and to the running of the Diocese, not to mention other areas of need within our community.



**Sometimes people believe that we are Central or Local Government funded, or funded by the Diocese, or have big reserve funds to fall back on. None of these are true. We get no outside funding, we have to be self-supporting. The small reserves we have can only be used for specific purposes, not the general running of the parish. Unless we find the monies, we need to cover our costs, we will be unable to continue to function as a parish as we do now.**

We have many faithful people who are fully involved in the life of the parish, volunteering and donating their time and service to make the work of the parish flow more easily. Throughout this stewardship month we want to be able to focus on this as well.

**With the Parish's origins clearly linked to the history of Hastings itself, Anglican ministry has been carried out by the parish since the early 1880's, Across many buildings and locations. We are currently based across 3 significant sites, St Martin's, St Peter's, and St Matthew's.**



**We recently celebrated 130 years along with St Matthew's School and Waiapu Kids celebrating 30 years of ministry on the St Matthew's site.** Each one of us needs to be part of the future of this place, ensuring Christ's ministry is taken to new generations.

To do this though, we all need to look at our degree of involvement within the parish.



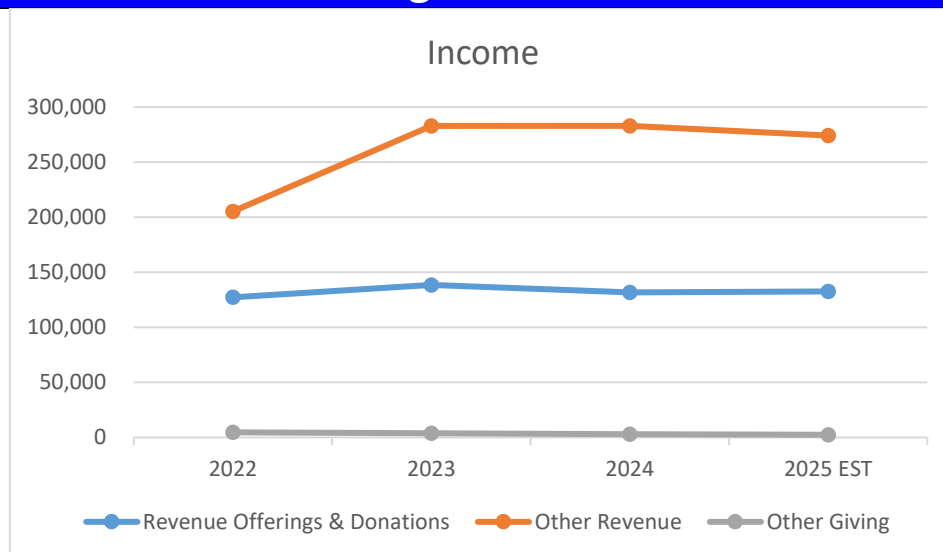
## What does it cost to run the Parish?

Personnel Expenses	\$ 199,674	<b>This means it costs \$ 9,932 per week (\$ 1,419 per day) to run our parish.</b>
Parish Running	\$ 77,462	
Diocesan Costs	\$ 65,225	
Property Expenses	\$ 174,063	
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$ 516,424</b>	

## Where does the money come from?

Offerings	\$ 132,591	<b>This means we receive \$7,761 per week (\$1,109 per day) toward the running of our parish.</b>
Grants Received	\$ 37,000	
Rent Church & Hall	\$ 61,901	
Rent Vicarages & Carparks	\$ 70,177	
Rent School & Waiapu Kids	\$ 35,644	
Opportunity Shop	\$ 14,124	
Interest Received	\$ 22,324	
Chaplaincy	\$ 13,280	
Misc Income	\$ 16,534	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 403,575</b>	

## Stating the obvious





When we put these two figures side by side, it's clear that there is a shortfall of -\$ 112,849 per annum.

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 9,932</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,761</b>
<b>GAP</b>	<b>-\$ 2,171 per week</b>

There are a number of good reasons for this shortfall:

- Insurance Costs (especially on the St Matthew's Church building) have skyrocketed
- Catching up on Healthy Homes Compliance and Deferred Maintenance on the Vicarages
- Setting up for the Fundraising and Bequest Project
- As well as we simply have not kept pace with our regular expenses

As a Parish we need to improve our position so our ministry into and with Greater Hastings can continue.

***"Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake."***  
***Deuteronomy 15:10***

## **What is Stewardship?**

Jesus used the word steward when teaching his disciples how to be true followers. He used it as we would use the word manager – one who has the care of another's property or possessions.

Christian Stewardship begins with following Jesus. By being one of his modern disciples requires all we have and all we are being used in his service.

Our whole life is made up of the gifts we hold in trust for God – time, talents and possessions. Stewardship is then knowing that everything comes from God and then acting responsibly in God's world.

# What are we asking of you?

This stewardship campaign then is giving us an opportunity to examine our response to God's call in our daily lives.

It allows us to look at every aspect of our lives, inviting us to be very thankful, generous and accountable to God for what we have been given.

We are asking you to:

- Pray for the stewardship of the Parish
- Be committed to the life of the Parish by regularly worshipping within our faith communities
- Share your love, time and talents in the mission and life of the Parish
- Commit to regular giving

Pray regularly for the Parish, its members and those we reach out to every week

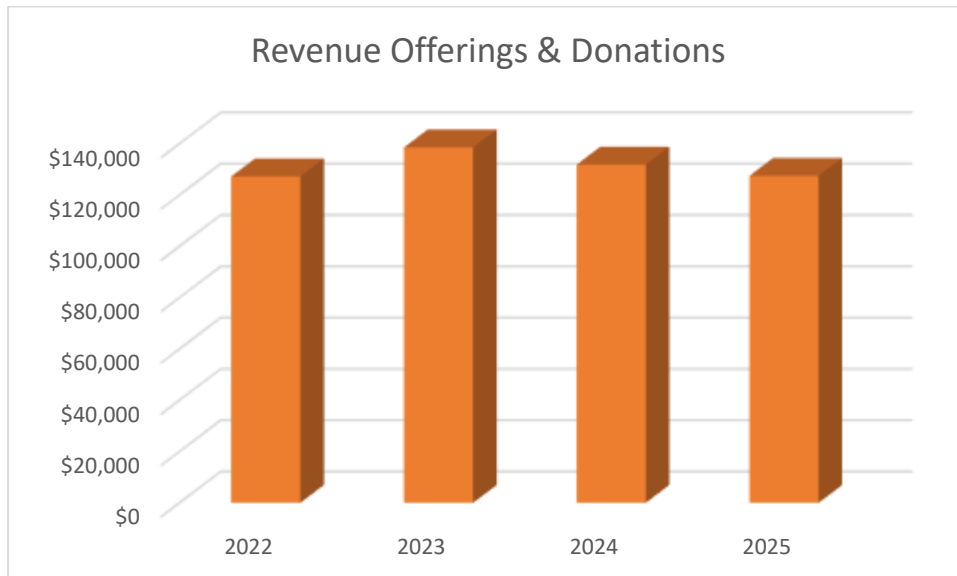


## Tax Rebates

**Did you know that you can claim a tax rebate from your donations? You then get a credit back – and you can donate that back to church as well! It's a gift that keeps on giving. Talk to the Parish Support Hub if you want to know more about this.**

# What is our giving like?

Since 2022, our Offerings have totalled between \$118,000 – \$132,000 a year. We need to lift this to above \$150,000 a year.



***“The people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.” 1 Chronicles 29:9***

## More People Giving – People Giving More

Many people are very generous in their giving of time, talents and financial contributions to the Parish.

We give thanks for the sharing of people’s time, energy, treasures and financial resources.



# What can we do about this immediately?

We need more people giving and people giving more. As a member of the Parish this is a great time to review your dedicated planned financial giving to Greater Hastings. We believe we could improve our situation if current parishioners giving by Electronic Banking or Envelope or Eftpos reviewed their current giving.



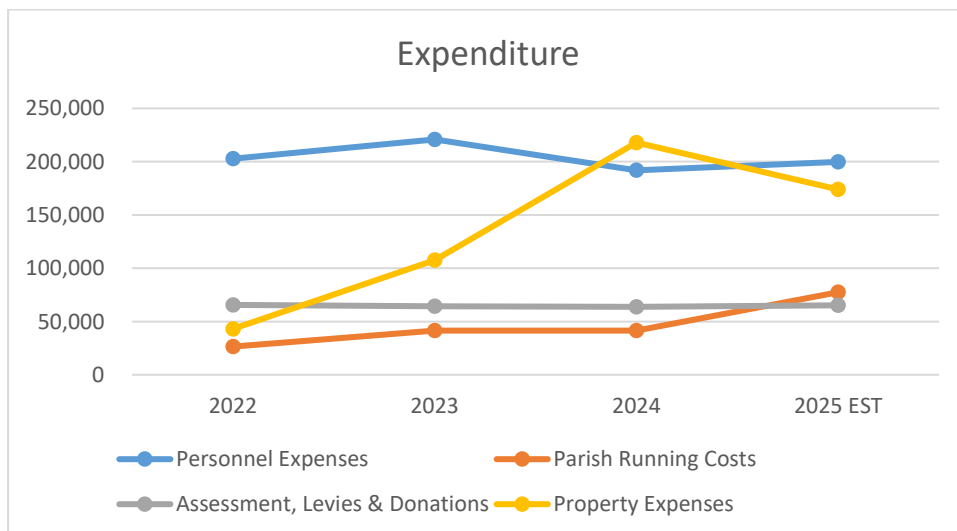
***How much does a cup of coffee or an ice-cream cost \$5.50-\$6.50? Your increase could be less than the cost of a cup of coffee!***

The Bible says two things about Christian Giving. It says that our level of giving should relate to our level of income; that we should give thankfully according to how we are blessed. And it says that our giving will involve a carefully and prayerfully thought-out proportion of our income to God, through the Church and the charities we choose to support.

## As a Vestry:

We hope to attract more people giving by Electronic Banking or Envelope or Eftpos.

We aim to lift our annual giving to above \$150,000 per year to continue our Parish work.





# How much should you give?

Whenever God  
wants you to do  
something for  
Him, He will  
provide you  
with the grace  
and the means  
to accomplish  
it, no matter  
what it may be

- *Reflections for  
the Soul*

People often ask for guidance on the principles which they should consider when making decisions over Christian Giving.

## The Tithe

Whilst it may not be fashionable, many Christians accept the Biblical Tithe (10 – 40% of a tither's total income) as a standard for which they aim, of which not less than half should be through the local church.

## The Two-Hour Principle

Some decide to use a little rule of thumb to guide them, which is to give two hours wages a week, of which not less than 1 hour is through the local church, as well as the time spend in worship and service to the church.

## Proportionate Giving

The Bible teaches that we should give according to our means. In practice we should therefore review our giving every year in light of our circumstances – always endeavouring to maintain the same proportion for God's work, whether our income goes up or down.

A Table That Makes It Plain			
Take-Home Pay		Weekly Giving	
Week	Year	5%	10%
\$1	\$52	\$0.05	\$0.10
\$50	\$2,600	\$2.50	\$5.00
\$100	\$5,200	\$5.00	\$10.00
\$250	\$13,000	\$12.50	\$25.00
\$500	\$26,000	\$25.00	\$50.00
\$1,000	\$52,000	\$50.00	\$100.00
\$2,000	\$104,000	\$100.00	\$200.00

### **\$1 per Week per \$1,000 of Annual Take Home Income**

If we could all give at this level, few Parishes would have financial problems – and they would be able to get on doing God’s work without having to worry whether they could afford to do it.

### **A Gift of Love**

There are those who feel their response should be spontaneous and generous – far outstripping the 40% tithe or any other guideline or principle.

We do receive these big-hearted gifts from time-to-time as well as significant Bequests that have been left to us in the Will of someone who has seen the church as significant to them.

# What does it cost to be a Parishioner?

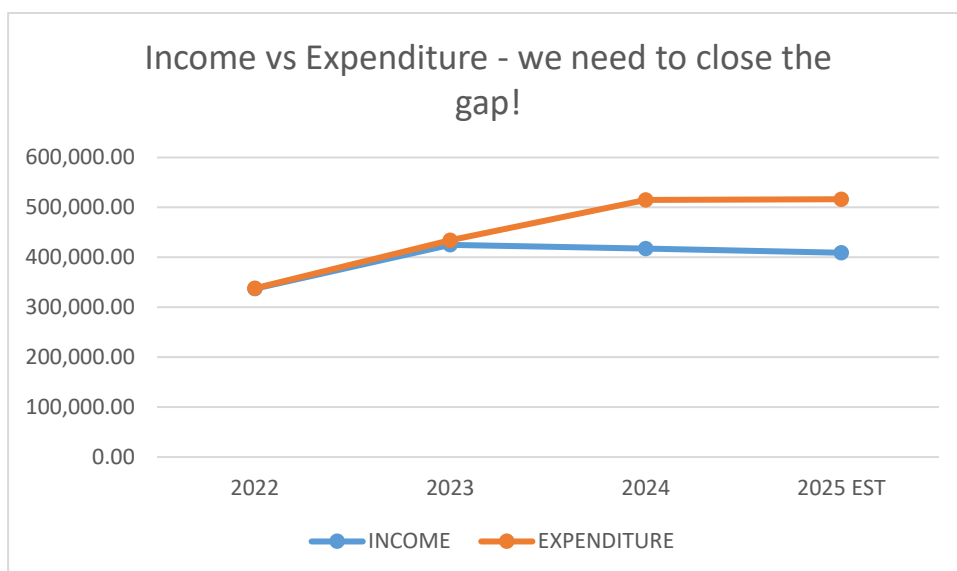
That is an easy answer – whatever you can afford to give the church. You can choose to give as much or as little as you wish.

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings does not have a ‘joining fee’ or anything like that. It does however seriously take on the challenges of ministering in a provincial city environment and could certainly use your help and commitment to achieve this.

*“All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours,  
and of your own we give you”*

Thank You for your generous support of our Parish over past years. The collective use of our time, talents and money has enabled us to do an extraordinary range of God’s work both in our communities and beyond. Collectively we do make a difference in this ever-changing individualistic world

Thank You for your continuing support as each in our own way we do our best to answer the call to be good stewards of God’s resource.



# How can I give to Greater Hastings?

There are many ways you can give to our Parish as part of your response to God's call in your life.

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**Pray** about what you are able to commit to in terms of your giving.

**G**<sub>2</sub>

**Direct Debit.** Your giving is confidentially recorded, and a tax receipt is issued

**D**<sub>2</sub>

**E**<sub>1</sub>

**Envelope system** Your giving is confidentially recorded, and a tax receipt is issued

**I**<sub>1</sub>

**Bequest.** After talking to your family and a lawyer, this is a wonderful way of furthering God's ongoing work.

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**C**<sub>3</sub>

**Cash** in the offertory plate. No record is kept of your giving.

**V**<sub>4</sub>

**Mobile Banking.** Make your offering straight from your phone. Your giving is confidentially recorded.

**M**<sub>3</sub>

**D**<sub>2</sub>

**Donation** Could be a 'one off', an annual donation or for a specific purpose. It is confidentially recorded, and a tax receipt is issued

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**Tax Rebate.** Donate to the church your tax rebate when it arrives.

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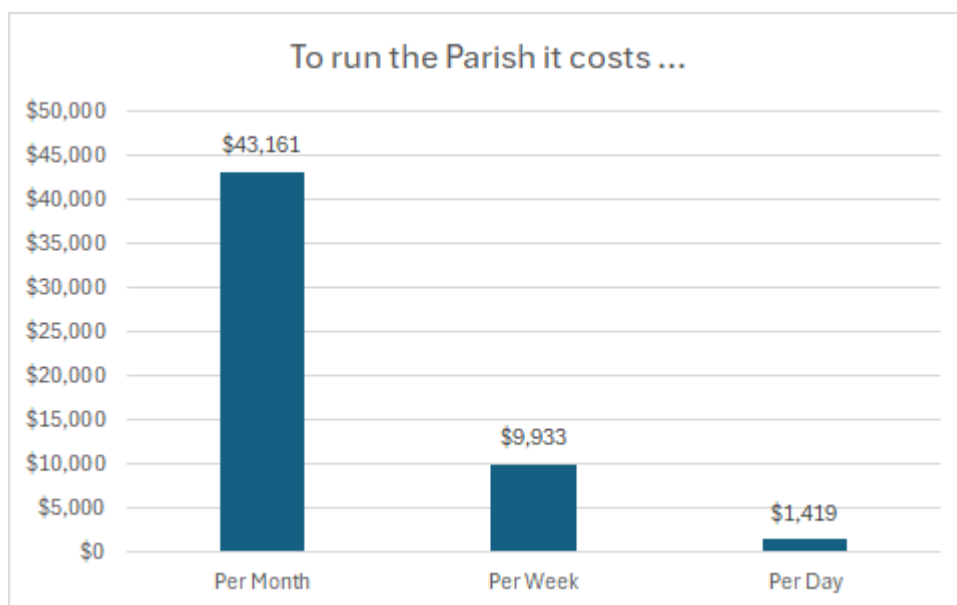
**Tithing** This is where you aim to give a percentage of your income

**N**<sub>1</sub>

**More Information.** If you are interested in finding out more about one of these systems of giving to the parish, please fill in the form at the back of this booklet or contact the Parish Support Hub on 878 6476 or [hastingsparish@waiapu.com](mailto:hastingsparish@waiapu.com)

**M**<sub>3</sub>

**G**<sub>2</sub>



## It's not just about the money

This is not just about money of course. Being in a busy, vibrant Parish means there are lots of things for us to be involved in, both in terms of outreach and support.

There are lots of opportunities to be involved with your God given skills and talents apart from being part of our regular worship.

- Church Cleaning
- Concert and Event promotion
- Flower Team
- Food Bank Donations
- Gardening
- Hospitality & Refreshment
- Liturgist & Intercessor
- Musician
- Op Shop
- Open Door Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer Team
- Reader
- RSE Worker Welcome
- Sacristan
- Seasonal Study Series
- St Matthew's Primary School
- Technology
- Waipapua Kids St Matthew's
- Welcomer

If you want to be involved in one of these areas, or any other, please indicate on the form at the end of this booklet or contact the Parish Support Hub on 878 9476 or [hastingsparish@waipapua.com](mailto:hastingsparish@waipapua.com)

## Did you know about these services?



These are the regular services of worship in Greater Hastings. You are very welcome to attend as best suits you.

You may be a regular at one of these services! Why not invite a friend to join you? Or why not attend one of the other worship services once a month?

### **Sunday**

8am Communion in the Lady Chapel at St Matthew's  
10am Eucharist in the main church at St Matthew's  
10am Eucharist at St Peter's

### **Thursday**

10.15am Communion in the Lady Chapel at St Matthew's



## Coming Up

Wednesday 22, 7.15pm. Greater Hastings VESTRY

Synod reporting

Thursday 23, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Friday 24 Hawke's Bay Anniversary.

### **Sunday 26: Hawke's Bay Anniversary & Labour Weekend.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Monday 27 Labour Day.

Wednesday 29, 2pm Eversley Resthome & Village.

Thursday 30, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Thursday 30, 1.45pm. Summerset in the Orchard.

Thursday 30, 5.30pm St Matthew's Primary School BoT.

## NOVEMBER

Saturday 1 November, 3pm. **The Week of Prayer for World Peace – A Hawke's Bay Interfaith Council Event @ St Matthew's.**

### **Sunday 2: All Saints' & All Souls' Days.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings. All Saints' & All Souls' Day.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. All Saints' & All Souls' Day.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Wednesday 5, 2pm Gracelands Resthome & Village.

Wednesday 5, 4.30pm Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee.

Thursday 6, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Friday 7, 10am Colwyn House Lifecare.

Friday 7, 1.40pm. School Eucharist.

### **Sunday 9: Armistice / Remembrance Sunday.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. Whole-of-Parish Worship: Corporate Communion @ St Matthew's, Hastings.

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

Wednesday 12, 2pm. Eversley Resthome & Village.

Thursday 13, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Thursday 13, 11.15am. Ministry Team Gathering & Lunch.

## **Sunday 16:**

8am. St Mathew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

2pm. LINDEN SINGERS Concert.

Wednesday 19, 3pm. WARDENS Meeting.

Wednesday 19, 4.30pm. Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.

Thursday 20, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Friday 21, 10am. Colwyn House Lifecare.

Friday 21, 1.40pm. School Eucharist.

Saturday 22, 9am – 12pm. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew's in preparation for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany!

Saturday 22. Op Shop Plus Special.

### **Sunday 23: The Reign of Christ / Christ the King – Stir-Up Sunday.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Sunday 23, 1.30pm. Inegal – Acoustic Baroque Music – Fringe In The 'Stings – in The Lady Chapel @ St Matthew's.

Wednesday 26, 7.15pm. Greater Hastings VESTRY Sub-Committees & Site Visits.

Thursday 27, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Thursday 27, 1.45pm. Summerset in the Orchard.

Saturday 29, 11am. Diocesan Ordination Service. Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.

All Worship Services During Advent To Be 'BACK TO CHURCH' Opportunities i.e. "We would love to see you at church this Sunday / Thursday". Primary focus on Advent 1.

The season of preparation for Christmas.

### **Sunday 30: Advent 1 – Hope / The Patriarchs = Blessing of Advent Wreathes.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Blessing of the Advent Wreath. Whole-of-Parish Worship: Corporate Communion @ St Matthew's, Hastings.

2pm. Hastings Choral Society Concert – A Fantasia of Favourites.

# Greater Hastings Stewardship Commitment Form

I / We will endeavour to:

- Worship and serve God faithfully and lovingly
- Make a commitment to regular planned giving, supporting God's work in this Parish

I / We wish to contribute:

- The giving of \$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly / fortnightly / monthly / quarterly / annually
- An immediate donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

By giving through the Automatic Payment, Envelope, or Eftpos enables you to receive an annual tax receipt. Please tick here if you wish to receive more information on:

- ☐ Automatic Payment
- ☐ Envelope
- ☐ Eftpos
- ☐ Bequests

Please tick here if you would like someone to contact you about being further involved with the parish and its activities.

- ☐ Yes please – contact me about becoming more involved.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



## Please pray as you fill in this form.

Please return it to us  
by Friday 31 October:

- Hand it in with the Offertory Collection at any service of worship
- Post to us  
Greater Hastings Anglican Parish  
PO Box 824  
Hastings 4156
- Drop it into the Parish Support Hub by Fri 31 Oct.

**Our Bank Account details**

**ANZ 01 0646 0246683 01**

**Greater Hastings Parish**

**Particulars = Your Surname & Initials**

**Code = Your Giving Number (if known)**

**Reference = Your Phone Number**

**You will be issued a Tax Receipt.**

Please deliver to:

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Return Address:

Greater Hastings  
Anglican Parish

PO Box 824

Hastings

