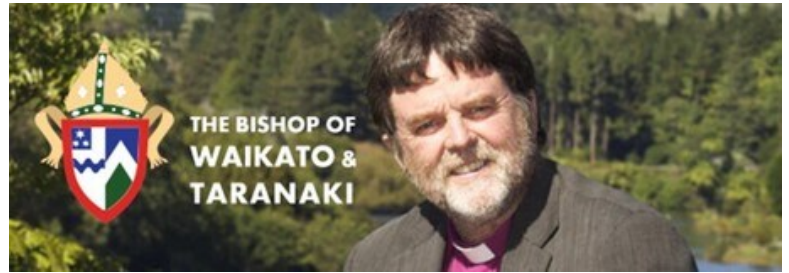


# ARCHDEACONRY OF WAITOTARA

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*(transcript of Bishop Philips message video from the October Connected newsletter)*



Hello everyone, my October video message is coming almost at the very end of the month. We've had a busy seven or eight weeks particularly with our Diocesan Synod right in the middle of this time. Synod, of course, dealt with the results of our Diocesan conversations with a series of motions which were at quite a high level, trying to reset the direction of the Diocese in the light of the conversations that we've been having but also knowing that the future will have to evolve. What we've been clear is that we have a unique character, a unique charism and a unique responsibility in relation to the communities that we serve and the history that has formed and shaped us and the possibilities that the future holds open to us. That's pretty exciting for the life of the Diocese and behind the scenes we've been working really hard to look at the framework, the structure that will allow us to move forward with confidence.

So I wanted to talk a little bit about a couple of the things that we are putting in place. The first is that we're going to trial from Advent Sunday throughout Advent through to the end of January a series of homilies offered by myself and other senior clergy in the diocese that can provide the sort of center point of local worship for each of the Sundays in Advent and January. If this is successful, if it's well received, if it's helpful to you in local contexts we'll extend that throughout next year and put around that other resources that will assist those who gather in small groups, in small communities around the Diocese and who want to be able to explore the readings of the day, to gather for prayer and to gather for Fellowship. We hope that these resources will be useful and we'd love feedback. The intention is that they will be available at least a week prior to the Sunday on which they can be used.

Another the areas that we've been working really hard at and yes it has been prompted by the Royal Commission of Inquiry but not motivated entirely by that; we've been reviewing all of our licensed Ministry; both the requirements but also more importantly the resources that we have to offer. And so over the next few (videos) months and in some material that will be circulated we'll set out the pathway to licensed ministry; both Licensed

**St Mary's Anglican Church, Hawera**  
**Wesley Methodist Church, Hawera**  
**St Luke's Co-operating Church, Patea**  
**St George's Anglican Church, Patea**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd, Waverley**  
**Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Stratford**  
**All Saints' Anglican Church, Eltham**  
**St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Opunake**  
**St John's Community Church, Kaponga**  
**Robert Gibson Chapel, Manaia**

Lay Ministry and Licensed Ordained Ministry. What the requirements will be in terms of basic training and formation but also what will be needed in terms of ongoing formation and training. We hope that as we release some of this information you'll be as excited by the possibilities as I am. For example, Licensed Lay Ministry is foundational to every Faith Community in our Diocese but we haven't really been resourcing it to the level that it should be resourced and supported. Our Licensed Lay Ministers in all sorts of community settings carry out some very important Ministry, often Ministry of first response so we want to ensure that you are well supported, well prepared, and that you know where to get assistance when you recognize that perhaps the Pastoral situation or the worship leading that you have to do, is something that's just a bit beyond your experience. So watch the space—I think there's some pretty exciting stuff coming.

I wanted also to invite you to pray for Jonno McFarlane. Jonno and Lauren and their five children will be joining our Diocese team. Jonno will be the minister in charge of Katikati. Now this is in many ways, a new style of appointment in our Diocese where someone who has served in leadership in senior Ministry positions in another denomination, a denomination whose ministerial status is not recognized by our church, is coming into a leadership role within the Diocese. So he comes as the minister in charge not as the priest in charge or as an ordained Anglican; he is in the ordination discernment process for the Diocese. He comes with tremendous experience and a tremendous desire to serve the people of Katikati, a deep sense of call. So please pray for Jonno and for Lauren, for the people of Katikati and particularly for the Anglican Community there as they embark on this new Journey in life together and in Ministry and mission.

Of course we are all of us aware of very significant political elections in the United States of America that will take place just last week. We recognize that this election will have a profound impact on global stability and on Global Policy generally, so we pray for our brothers and sisters in the United States, we pray for wisdom, we pray for leadership, we pray for the future.

Thank you so much for all that you do in the life of the Diocese. I continue to feel that it is the privilege of my life to be a bishop in this Diocese amongst you all. So may God bless you and keep you and may this time as we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord be a time of renewed faith and renewed focus, a renewed sense of call, both for you individually and for us all God bless you

+Philip

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## RECENT EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDEACONRY

### The Art of Stained Glass Windows

Hawera's St Mary's Church was open to view the Stained Glass windows on Saturday 19th October 2024 at 4:00pm, following afternoon tea.

The afternoon began with a short talk on Stained Glass Art by Karen Christian with plenty of time to view the windows. The event is hosted by the Taranaki Heritage Churches Task Group and St Mary's Vestry.

Also on display were the clerical robes and altar linen from St Cuthbert's. Maniaia. All items were embroidered to an outstanding level.

Lots of locals attended, some younger ones who had never been to St Mary's and some older folk who came to visit.

### Market Day at Opunake

OUR St Barnabas Market day was pretty good really. A really good turnout all round was a big help. So nice to get contributions of goodies from very kind people ..

Unfortunately the Rain came and ruined the atmosphere and of course the street emptied other than us Stall Holders !!! Always Hopeful!!

Our 3 Raffles Of Groceries and An Ice Box sold so well.

In the end we were happy with our \$760.

Of course the weather cleared when we got back to the church to pack away items for next year !!! We had so many plants left which are now free to anyone!! Maybe next year the Sun may shine . .we just want 3 hours .lol

*Jenny Cavaney*

### All Souls Service

St Mary's, Hawera held a Service of Commemoration for All Souls on Sunday 3 November. All were invited to come and member and honour those who have died this year and earlier. Rev Brendan Gibbs led the service. The five candles represent aspects of our loss of loved ones.

- Light of Christ
- Courage
- Remembrance
- Love
- Thoughts



## Centennial celebration and Seekers concert 17th November in

### Whangamomona

Two special events are planned for **Sunday 17 November** in Whangamomona.

At **2.30pm** there will be a celebration service of 100 years since the old St John's Anglican Church (now owned by the community) was dedicated on 13 November 1924. The service will be led by local Anglican ministers Paul and Wynne Bowers-Mason from Stratford/Eltham. Paul performed with his brother Wayne as Mason Brothers at the Whangamomona Hall back in September. Then at **4.00pm** Paul and Wynne who sing together as *The Ministrels*, will do their own concert, this time using the great acoustics of St John's to roll out a one-hour show of all the best-loved "Songs from *The Seekers*" from the 1960s. Tracey Haskell will open the show for them, with Paul playing bass for her. There will be the chance to put in a donation/koha for the community upkeep of the church building. In between these two gatherings at **3.15pm** there will be a pot-luck community afternoon tea at the Whangamomona Hall. So you are welcome to be part of that whether you are doing the centennial service or the concert or both.



## HAWERA CINEMAS



### DESPICABLE ME 4

12.50pm Sunday 17th November  
Exchange two cans for 1 movie ticket.



Food Bank

Old cans, dented/damaged can, pet food, gift vouchers or free movie passes will NOT be accepted for this charity screening.  
All cans donated to the Salvation Army Foodbank.





# Senior Life Expo

*A light - hearted and informative day with humour - filled insightful information from those who are in the industry of living life to it's fullest...  
Psst - That's you!*

**Date:** 20th November 2024

**Venue:** Tairoa Lodge

**For more information** phone  
06 278 8633



*Hardings Funerals is bringing the Senior Expo to South Taranaki. With stalls from a range of businesses such as lawyers, rest and retirement homes, tour bus companies, audiology clinics and more, we also have our keynote speaker Jason Gunn who will be speaking from 11am to 12noon. Tickets to see Jason are \$35.00, available at Hardings Funerals, First National Real Estate, and Tairoa Lodge, or online on eventfinder. Includes a goodie bag of specials.*

*If you simply wish to check the expo out, it is free to enter after midday.*

**You are at the heart of everything we do**

**Hawera Combined Churches**

**Senior Citizens  
Christmas Concert**

**Sunday 15th December**

**2024**

**2.00 - 4.00pm**

*Doors open at 1.30pm*

**St Josephs Catholic Church Hall**

*Entrance off Little Regent Street*

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**Hawera Junior Brass, Carols,  
Variety Entertainment & Afternoon Tea**

**All Senior Citizens Welcome**

## December 2024 Sunday Services Roster

	Sunday 1 Dec Advent 1	Sunday 8 Dec Advent 2	Sunday 15 Dec Advent 3	Sunday 22 Dec Advent 4	Sunday 29 Dec Christmas 1
Holy Trinity, Stratford <b>10:30am</b>	Morning Prayer <b>2pm Concert "Songs of the Seekers"</b>	P Bowers-Mason HC	Morning Prayer	P Bowers-Mason HC	<b>Cluster Service</b> Holy Trinity Church, Stratford
All Saints, Eltham <b>9am</b>	W Bowers-Mason HC	P Bowers-Mason HC	Morning Prayer <b>7pm Lessons and Carols</b>	P Bowers-Mason HC	<b>BBQ lunch to follow</b>
Mancia Methodist <b>10am</b>			W Bowers-Mason C		P Bowers-Mason
Kaponga Community Church <b>10:30am</b>	P Bowers-Mason HC	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements	
St Barnabas, Opunake <b>10am</b>	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements	Own Arrangements <b>7pm Blue Christmas</b>	P Barleyman	
St Mary's, Hawera <b>10am</b>	<b>8am</b> P Scaife HC <b>10am</b> B Gibbs HC	<b>Hawera Combined Churches Service at AOG</b> <b>9:30am Morning Tea</b> <b>10am Service</b>	<b>10am</b> T Harrison HC	To Wesley	<b>St Mary's Church</b> <b>Hawera</b> B Gibbs
Wesley Methodist <b>10am</b>	To St Mary's	Methodist Minister	To St Mary's	M Lemanu C	
St Luke's, Patea <b>10am</b>		To Waverley	T Anaru C	To Waverley	
St Georges, Patea <b>10am</b>	To St Mary's	To Waverley	To St Luke's	To Waverley	
Church of Good Shep, Waverley <b>10am</b>		R Smith C	<b>7pm Carol Service</b> R Smith	B Gibbs	

## Mid-Week Services Roster

	Wed 4 Dec	Wed 11 Dec	Wed 18 Dec
Holy Trinity Stratford	No Service	To Eltham	No Service
All Saints Eltham	No Service	10am W Bowers-Mason	No Service
	Thurs 5 Dec	Thurs 12 Dec	Thurs 19 Dec
St Mary's Hawera	10am P Scaife HC	10am C Hunn HC	10am P Scaife HC

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

## Carol Services and Christmas Services

(advance-notice—final dates and times in December Newsletter)

1 Dec 7pm	St Mary's Pakaraka
8 Dec 6pm	St Mark's, Waitotara
8 Dec 7pm	Kaponga Community Carols at St Patrick's Catholic Church
15 Dec 7pm	Lessons and Carols, All Saints, Eltham
15 Dec 7pm	Blue Christmas, St Barnabas, Opunake
18 Dec 7pm	All Saints, Alton
Christmas Eve	7pm—St George's, Patea 7pm—Kaponga Community Church 9pm—St Barnabas, Opunake 11pm—All Saints, Eltham 11pm—St Mary's, Hawera
Christmas Day	8am—St Mary's, Hawera 10am—St Mary's, Hawera 10am—Holy Trinity, Stratford 10am—Church of the Good Shepherd, Waverley