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Upper Hutt City Council

Community spirit meets food resilience in greened-up Council gardens

Shades of rich green and sunny yellow have brightened up the Council gardens on Brown Street behind the Civic Centre in recent weeks.

Protected by the canopy of the gardens' tōtara trees, pumpkin and courgette (zucchini) plants are flourishing.

The addition of the vegetable plants is a collaboration of Upper Hutt City Council staff in support of a pumpkin growing competition as part of the inaugural Upper Hutt Food Week, to be held from 21-29 March 2026.

The Growing Sustainability Trust, in partnership with community organisations, farmers, businesses, and the Council, is currently finalising an exciting programme of food markets, workshops, and family events for the city's first-ever Food Week.

The initiative aims to create a platform for sharing knowledge and skills, acknowledging growers and farmers, and celebrating local food.

The community-wide pumpkin growing competition was launched by Heritage Nursery and the Upper Hutt Fruit and Vege Co-op at Greenstone Doors, and is leading up to a grand judging finale during Upper Hutt Food Week.

Local businesses Upper Hutt Produce and Aston Norwood are supporting the competition by sponsoring a range of prizes, guaranteed to delight budding and experienced gardeners alike.

Upper Hutt's schools have joined in with much enthusiasm. The city's youngest gardeners are keen on developing their green thumbs – and showing that you don't need to be a gardening expert to start growing your own food.

Produce from the plants currently being tended in the Council gardens will be donated to local food banks across the city.

How to enter the competition

It's not too late to join in! Find out more about the competition here.

<https://events.humanitix.com/uhpumpkingrowingcompetition>

Source: Upper Hutt City Council

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New Zealand Police



Police seek information following aggravated robberies

Police are appealing to the public for information following a spate of robberies in the Hutt Valley.

About 1.30am on Saturday 10 January, Police were notified of an incident at a bar in King Street, Upper Hutt.

Detective Senior Sergeant Martin Todd, of Hutt Valley Police, says two people brandishing weapons approached bar staff.

“Thankfully, staff were uninjured, but this incident was understandably unsettling for everyone involved.

“After making various demands the offenders fled in a vehicle belonging to a staff member. The vehicle was found abandoned on Sinclair Street in Upper Hutt.

“We are now appealing to anyone who witnessed anything in these areas at the time to please contact Police.”

Police are keen for any footage that shows the movement of people or vehicles near King and Sinclair Streets between 11pm on Friday 9 January and 2.30 am on Saturday 10 January.

One man was wearing a black beanie, a dark coloured sweatshirt and long pants, and had a blue cloth over his entire face.

Another man wore a beanie, a ‘Nike Academy’ sweatshirt with distinctive white stripes and dark coloured long pants. He also wore a cloth over his face.

“We are making use of some CCTV footage and would appreciate any further information or accounts.”

Since 10 December, 2025 a total of three Hutt Valley bars have been targeted in similar ways where an offender, or offenders, have used various weapons and demanded money and other items.

The other aggravated robberies include a bar in Evans Street Stokes Valley about 10pm on Thursday 1 January, and a bar in Ward Street Upper Hutt just after midnight on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

Detective Senior Sergeant Todd says inquiries are continuing to ascertain if these robberies are linked.

“There are some similarities and the investigation team is working to establish if these have all been committed by the same offender or offenders.”

Police will be contacting bar owners in the Hutt Valley and wider Wellington District this week to offer support and talk to them around staff safety procedures. Police advise that if anyone is confronted by a person with a weapon to remain calm and to do what is required to avoid an unnecessary escalation.

If you recognise anyone in these images, or have CCTV images, footage or information, please contact Police at [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz), clicking “Update report”, or by calling 105. Please use the reference number 260110/6662, or make a report anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Source: New Zealand Police

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Send an article to The Upper Hutt Connection
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I always welcome to any articles that are related to Upper Hutt.

For example: general news, sports, community events, garage sales, Letters to the Editor, situations vacant, etc

You can either send in articles by filling in the form on the website, or by messaging The Upper Hutt Connection on Facebook.

Filling in the form is the preferred option.

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<https://uhconnection.co.nz/send-an-article-to-the-upper-hutt-connection/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheUHConnection>

To better understand why I encourage the sending of articles and events from members of the public, please visit the link: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/it-takes-the-people-of-upper-hutt-to-make-the-upper-hutt-connection/>

Cheers, Ben Knowles - Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Suicide Among Older Adults Deserves Our Urgent Attention – David McNicholas

Suicide among older adults is an issue that receives far less attention than it deserves, despite its profound impact on families and communities. While public discussion often focuses on youth mental health, many older people face deep and persistent challenges that place them at significant risk. Their struggles are quieter, less visible, and too often misunderstood.

Across many countries, including New Zealand, suicide rates among older adults—particularly older men—remain troublingly high. These deaths are not isolated tragedies. They reflect patterns shaped by social, medical, and emotional pressures that accumulate over a lifetime. Age does not shield a person from despair, and resilience built over decades can be eroded by circumstances beyond one's control.

Several factors contribute to this vulnerability. **Social isolation** is one of the most significant. Retirement, bereavement, and reduced mobility can shrink social circles, leaving many older adults without meaningful connection. **Declining physical health**, chronic pain, or disability can undermine independence and create a sense of burden. **Loss of purpose** after leaving the workforce, **financial stress** on fixed incomes, and long-standing **stigma around mental health** further compound the problem. These pressures do not act alone, but together they can create a sense of hopelessness that becomes overwhelming.

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Preventing suicide in later life requires compassion, awareness, and coordinated action. Strengthening **social connection** through community programs and regular check-ins can reduce loneliness. Improving **access to healthcare**, particularly mental-health support, allows early identification of distress. Supporting **family caregivers**, promoting **age-friendly environments**, reducing **stigma**, and creating opportunities that **restore purpose** all play vital roles in prevention.

Above all, we must recognise that older adults are not simply recipients of care. They are valued members of our communities, with wisdom, experience, and stories that enrich us all. Their wellbeing is a measure of our collective humanity.

If we want to reduce suicide in this population, we must build communities where ageing does not mean isolation, where asking for help is met with understanding, and where every person—regardless of age—feels seen, supported, and valued.

New Zealand Suicide-Prevention Resources:

Ministry of Health – Suicide Prevention: <https://www.health.govt.nz/strategies-initiatives/programmes-and-initiatives/mental-health-addiction-and-suicide-prevention/suicide-prevention>

Mental Health Foundation – Suicide Prevention: <https://mentalhealth.org.nz/suicide-prevention>

LifeKeepers – National Suicide Prevention Training: <https://www.lifekeepers.nz/>

LifeMatters Suicide Prevention Trust: <https://www.lifematters.org.nz/>

Health New Zealand / Te Whatu Ora – Suicide and Prevention: <https://info.health.nz/health-topics/mental-health/mental-health-conditions/suicide-prevention>

Thank you for helping bring this issue into the public conversation.

A “thank you” to David McNicholas for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

Cricket results for Saturday, 17th of January

Another weekend of cricket in the books

Bhavik Patel once again a highlight for the Premier Men, claiming 5/65.

View all images associated with this article at: <https://uhconnection.co.nz/sports/upper-hutt-uhuc-connection-cricket-club/cricket-results-for-saturday-17th-of-january/>

Source: Upper Hutt United Cricket Club

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COMMUNITY EVENTS: To view all upcoming and regularly occurring community events, please visit <https://uhconnection.co.nz/community-events/>



Brewtown

Bogan Day Out 2026: Saturday 14th of March, 12.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Pre-sale begins Tuesday 20th January. Register now to be first in!

GET READY FOR THE BIGGEST, BADDEST, BOGAN DAY OF YOUR LIFE!

BOGAN DAY OUT is back for 2026! You are in for the most epic day of the year right here at Brewtown, Upper Hutt – official home of the Bogan!

For just 35 bucks – Get ready for a wild ride with BBQ, Trucks, Chilli Eating, Live Music and all the bogan fun you can handle. Whether you're an all-out Bogan or just Bogan-curious, if you're into loud music, drag races, or just living your best life in a flannel shirt, we've got it all. Grab your mates, crack a cold one, and come ready for a day full of mayhem, laughs, and top-notch bogan antics!

My Big Bad Bogan Wedding!

This Bogan Day Out at Brewtown, were doing what no sane wedding planner would ever suggest- Brewtown is officially on the hunt for a never been married, 100% authentic bogan couple to tie the knot live at Bogan Day Out in front of other full-blown bogans. Imagine that – thousands of uninvited Bogans at your ceremony watching you bogans marry and cheering you on! This is iconic Upper Hutt.

Our annual Brewtown BBQ comp is back and bigger than ever.

With NZ's BEST BBQ teams throwin' down the meatiest, smokiest cook-off you've ever seen! Prepare for a sizzling showdown of mouthwatering grills, smoky flavours, and next-level BBQ skills.

Enjoy a full-throttle day of live music on the main stage.

The absolute BEST tribute acts in NZ will be bringing the heat all day long!

LINEUP COMING SOON!

Think you can handle the heat?

Step up to the Fire Dragon Chilli's NZ Chilli Eating Champs and put your tastebuds to the ultimate test! This is no ordinary spice challenge—only the brave survive! Grab your guts, gear up for fiery fury, and see if you've got what it takes to be crowned the chilli champion!

Limited spaces! Reserve your spot when you purchase your ticket.

Still want more? We got you...

Get ready to master the art of BBQ at the Black Dog BBQ Demo Stage! Learn tips, tricks, and secret techniques from the best pitmasters in NZ, and take your grilling game to the next level. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, this is your chance to cook like a legend!

Rev your engines and check out the big rigs at the Truck Displays! Get up close to some of the most massive and impressive trucks on the road, with epic custom builds and roaring engines that'll leave you in awe. It's a must-see for truck lovers and gearheads alike!

Hit up the market for all your BBQ, spicy food, and bogan essentials! From sizzling spicy sauces and mouthwatering meats to rad gear and bogan merch, you'll find everything you need to take your BBQ game and bogan style to the next level. Don't miss out on the best deals and wildest finds!

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Reckon your Bogan style beats all others? Strut your stuff and be declared the Best Dressed Bogan or Maddest Mullet and win cool stuff.

Craving some epic eats? Our food trucks have got you covered, with mouthwatering BBQ delights for the true meat lovers and fiery, spice-loaded dishes for the brave! Whether you're all about smoky, slow-cooked meats, chasing the burn with hot and spicy flavours, or something on the milder side there's something to satisfy every craving. Come hungry and get ready for a flavour explosion!

Feeling thirsty? A Brewtown event wouldn't be complete without the Brewtown Bar pumping out the best beers and spirits brewed right here on site, as well as a load of Bogan Specials just for this event and the return of the popular Lion brown Bar!

You don't wanna miss this – it's the ultimate day out for all you legends!

- All ages event
- Pass-outs permitted until 6pm
- Last entry is at 6pm
- Cashless event for bar and food. Some market vendors may accept cash.

For updates, please check out Brewtown Upper Hutt on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrewTownUpperHutt>

Source: *Brewtown Upper Hutt*

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRACTICE

In a disaster your neighbours are your first and best source of support

Come along and practice working together as a community during a disaster

Wednesday 11th February | 6pm-8pm

Birchville School 16 Gemstone Drive Birchville Upper Hutt

Using an earthquake scenario, this session will cover how to:

- Set up your local Community Emergency Hub
- Ensure those in need are supported
- Overcome potential challenges together
- Make the most of the resources you have locally

Everyone is welcome. Join in and be more prepared as a community.

Find out more at wremo.nz/calendar

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Upper Hutt City Council

Community update and discussion on city centre safety: Thursday 22nd of January, arrive at 5.30 pm for 5.45 pm start

Help shape a safe, welcoming city centre.

We're teaming up with Wellington District Police for a community update and discussion on city centre safety, with a focus on practical solutions and urban design.

CBD businesses and staff are encouraged to come along, share priorities, and be part of the conversation with Peri Zee Mayor of Upper Hutt, Councillors and NZ Police's Hutt Valley Area Commander Wade Jennings.

- Upper Hutt Library
- Thursday 22 January
- 5:30pm for a 5:45pm start

Let us know if you'll be attending here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/16NbupuGWE/>

Source: *Upper Hutt City Council*

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Emergency Response Practice at Birchville School: Wednesday 11th of February, 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRACTICE

In a disaster your neighbours are your first and best source of support

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Tuesday 10th February | 6pm-8pm
Plateau School, Mollys Road, Upper Hutt

Using an earthquake scenario, this session will cover how to:

- Set up your local Community Emergency Hub
- Ensure those in need are supported
- Overcome potential challenges together
- Make the most of the resources you have locally

Everyone is welcome. Join in and be more prepared as a community.



Find out more at wremomnz/calendar



Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

Emergency Response Practice at Plateau School: Tuesday 10th of February, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

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Taoist Tai Chi: Mondays, 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Taoist Tai Chi sessions

- Mondays 6.30 pm-8.00 pm.
- Trentham School Hall.
- No sessions held on public holidays.

Start any time.

Reduce stress, find calmness, balance, strength and flexibility with Taoist Tai Chi™ practice. Join us to have a go a great way to improve your life and health. <https://www.taoisttaichi.org/find-a-location/>

A “thank you” to Glenn for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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LAUGH WITH LAUGHING CLUB
 🤗 very good, very good yeah 🤗



- **Session Day:** every monday
- **Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- **Place:** Plunket rooms, 21 Tawai St, Trentham, Upper Hutt
- **\$5 a session** to pay for venue

Enquires:
 Sharyn on 0272308289
 Sandra foglianis@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing and laughing with you 🤗

Sharyn Rive

Laugh with Laughing Club: Every Monday, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

A “thank you” to Sharyn Rive for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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St. Margaret's Church - Silverstream

St. Margaret's Playgroup: Tuesday Mornings, 10.00 am – 11.30 am (term time only)

Tuesday mornings during term time 10-11.30am. Come along and join in the fun with your preschool children. Meet other parents and carers, relax and enjoy a cuppa while the kids play. (Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult!). Looking forward to seeing you.

A "thank you" to St. Margaret's Church – Silverstream for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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Rimutaka Baptist Church Playgroup: Fridays, 9.00 am - 11.30 am during term time



Contributor: Kerry



Contributor: Cushla

Upper Hutt Baptist Church playgroup: 9.30 am – 11.30 am, Tuesday mornings

If you're looking for a Tuesday activity for your little ones then come check out UHBC Playgroup at Upper Hutt Baptist Church, corner of Milton St and Fergie Drive.

We run 9.30am – 11:30am each Tuesday morning and you can drop in anytime that suits.

Lots of fun stuff to play with and a different activity each week to stimulate young minds.

Morning tea for children and adults provided.

Everyone welcome

Gold coin donation

Hope to see you there

Cushla gave permission for this article to be put up on The Upper Hutt Connection.

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The Upper Hutt Connection

Jackson Street Programme – Free Parking: Available until 28th of February 2026

Free Parking*

Shop, dine, or unwind on Jackson Street.

SPEND \$30+ at participating locations on Jackson Street and get your hour of parking free.*

VISIT multiple spots to extend your free parking!

* Free parking is provided as a discount off your \$30+ purchase. See www.jacksonstreet.co.nz for details. Available until 28th February 2026

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Jackson Street Programme Christmas Giveaway: Vouchers to be redeemed by the 28th of February, 2026

Christmas Giveaway

Spend \$20 and win up to \$1000

Spend: \$20 or more at a participating Jackson St business, and enter the draw to win.*

Prizes: to win - 2x \$1000 / 10x \$100

Pop: your entry into the in-store box or email your receipt to.. info@jacksonstreet.co.nz

Draw: First draw - 26 Nov 25 / Second draw - 22 Dec 25

Vouchers to be redeemed by 28th February 2026*

*prizes are in vouches to spend at Jackson St businesses. Terms and conditions apply, see www.jacksonstreet.co.nz for details.

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Zumba Fitness in Stokes Valley: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

A "thank you" to Alpa Modi for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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Strings Attached Ukulele Group

We need a few new players/performers for our ukulele /singing/ performance group, based in Upper Hutt. More than anything we love people with enthusiasm who are keen to interact with an audience. We perform mostly at retirement villages but have also performed at birthday parties and celebrations of life. We focus on songs from the 50's to the 80's but most importantly we are there for our audiences and what they enjoy.

- you need to be able to hold a tune.
- the ability to play a ukulele would be great but if you don't we can teach you!

If you are keen or know of someone who would be an asset to our group' please ring Virginia on 0273920920.

A "thank you" to Virginia for sending this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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The Upper Hutt Womens' Carers' Group

Our group consists of women who have someone in their lives who has had a stroke or has Alzheimers, that they are caring for.

We meet once a fortnight for two hours. We offer a supportive listening environment with lots of laughs as we walk our challenging journeys together. If there are women out there who feel we could be of support, please contact Jenny on 0284340102 for further details.



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Business Advertising

A webpage on The Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day

Is your business lacking a website, and you don't want to bother with setting one up yourself? The Upper Hutt Connection can offer you a webpage on The Upper Hutt Connection at only \$1 a day (billed at \$30 a month). Include all the text, images, links etc that you like.

Advertise your business in The Upper Hutt Connection's Wednesday Edition for only \$10 a week - be seen by all 1,128 subscribers.

Would you like to advertise your business weekly in The Upper Hutt Connection's Wednesday Edition? You can have your business advertised at only \$10 a week (billed at \$40 a month). Include a small paragraph of text along with a small image – OR an image alone, with all your business info included in the image itself. A small line of text can be included for a link to your website, etc. If you have a request where you'd like your ad to be placed in the Wednesday Edition then please say – otherwise I'll use my own judgement.

Restrictions

As for restrictions on who can advertise, the only exclusion is the sex industry. Everyone else is welcome to advertise on The Upper Hutt Connection.

If you're interested in advertising on The Upper Hutt Connection, please email me at editor@uhconnection.co.nz

Cheers, Ben Knowles – Editor / Operator @ The Upper Hutt Connection.

Please note that advertising on The Upper Hutt Connection is only open to those based in Upper Hutt – That is as north as the Remutaka Hill, the border of Akatawara Road between Upper Hutt and Kapiti, and as south as Reynolds Bach Drive, Stokes Valley.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Heretaunga Community Church

Live for Jesus, Share his Love

Our Sunday morning service is at 10am and everyone is welcome.

We would love you to stay afterwards for fellowship over morning tea.

Our Creche for children under 3 1/2 years runs every Sunday morning. Our Children's Church runs Sundays during school terms.

Services are live-streamed on YouTube: Heretaunga Community Church

Address: 51 Lane St, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt 5018, New Zealand

Email: admin@heretaunga.com

Website: <https://www.heretaunga.com>



Heretaunga Community Church

St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

You will find us at: 4-6 Dunns St, Silverstream, Upper Hutt

The Minister: The minister at St Margaret's is Rev Rodney Ramsay. Rodney is on-site most days from Tuesday to Friday and anyone is welcome to drop in for a chat over a cup of coffee/tea.

If you have any need to contact Rodney he can be reached at the office number 5279604, on his mobile 0211259835 or via email at minister@stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz

Worship services: Our worship services take place on Sundays at 10.00am.

The First Sunday of each month is a Communion Service and the second Sunday is a Family Service.

Our services are fairly traditional, and we have a very warm and welcoming congregation. All are welcome.

Our services are live streamed on Zoom. If you wish to receive the link, please text Lynley McInnarney at 027 278 0010 or send an email to mcinnarneys@gmail.com

We offer children's church for primary school age that happens during the main church service.

St Margaret's runs a teenage youth group on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the church hall and lounge during term time. Youth group runs from 6.30pm to around 8.00pm.

Other contact details: The Lay leader (Session Clerk) at St Margaret's is Chris Rosanowski and he can be contacted at rosanowskic@gmail.com

Please visit our website for further information including the hire of our facilities.

<https://stmargaretssilverstream.org.nz>



St. Margaret's Presbyterian Church - Silverstream

Rimutaka Baptist Church

Location: 2 Akatarawa Road, Brown Owl, Upper Hutt

We would love to get to know you, so come along to one of our groups and meet others in your community.

Tuesdays

5 Loaves and 2 Fish Food Pantry: 11am – 12noon – Free

Food is available for those who are needing extra assistance. If you have food to contribute to contribute to the pantry, feel free to drop off at the church.

Wednesdays

Community craft session: 10.30 am – 12noon – Free

Bring along your craft and join us for morning tea.

Community Lunch: 12noon – Free

All welcome

Bible study: 7.00 pm – Free

All welcome to learn more about the Christian faith.

Fridays

Rimutaka Playgroup: 9.00 am – 11.30am – Donation

All caregiver and preschoolers are welcome. This is a fun, friendly, safe environment. Morning tea is provided.

Youthgroup: 7.00 pm – Donation

Contact the church for details

Sundays

Church Service: 10.00 am

All welcome, and please stay for morning tea after the service.

Sunday online recording available on YouTube from 5.00 pm



Google Maps: Sky Stream Media



St. Hilda's Anglican Church

St. Hilda's Anglican Church

Location: 35 Cruickshank Road, Clouston Park, Upper Hutt

Email Church Office: sthildasuh@gmail.com

Who we are:

A congregation of faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, who draw on the Anglican tradition to support a lively expression of our faith.

Our recently unanimously agreed vision statement is: St Hilda's – a vibrant, faith-based presence within our community.

What we do:

- We are a community of people who come together to worship God, to grow in relationship with one another and with the wider community.
- We offer loving service to God, one another, the people of Upper Hutt and the world.
- We are disciples of Jesus, the Lord of Love.
- We believe in the Christian Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life. We are inspired and guided by the Holy Bible. We seek to grow in faith.
- We welcome newcomers to our parish family with warm hospitality. We provide a wide range of activities, both spiritual and secular. We encourage all to develop their relationship with Christ through our worshipping community.
- In recent years we have turned our focus outwards to serving our community.

Weekly services:

Sunday 9.30am: Traditional NZ Anglican Worship

This is a comfortable, family-friendly feeling service, although it follows the traditional liturgical format. The service order alternates between the three ANZPB Eucharistic (communion) liturgies. There is always a sermon with a liturgical assistant leading the worship; when a priest is not available. The communion is led by one of our leaders licenced for reserved sacrament.

Thursday 10.00am: Traditional Communion Service

The service order follows ANZPB with the Sunday sermon being repeated here. Our services are supported by a good tech suite, including two large monitors installed at the front of the church, and a quality sound system.

Prayer books remain available in the pews for anyone who prefers to use them.

JANUARY SERVICES AT ST HILDA'S

Cruickshank Road, Upper Hutt

Sundays through January to Sunday 25 January

5pm Evensong, followed by a shared barbeque tea.

Sunday 1 February onwards

9.30am Normal Sunday services resume

Thursday 12 February onwards

10am Normal Thursday services resume.

Sue sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection / Source: St Hilda's Anglican Church Upper Hutt



Silverstream Reformed Church

Silverstream Reformed Church

Location: 8 Blue Mountains Road, Silverstream

What we Believe:

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and the Sovereign Lord over all of life. We are fully committed to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God. We believe that theology is important, it is vital for the health of the church, and without sound doctrine the church decays. Throughout history, the church has confessed what it believes by faithfully summarising the truths of the Bible in written forms known as creeds and confessions. These confessions do not hold the same authority as the Bible, but they help to summarise the Bible's teaching. Ultimately, the Bible remains our only rule for faith and life.

Who we Are:

Our Church is a family church, with a mixture of young families, retirees, couples, single people and youth. We have approximately 200 members, from different backgrounds, meeting together because we share a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

Service Times:

Our worship services are on Sunday at 10 AM and 4 PM, and we would love to see you there. Our friendly greeters will meet you at the door and answer any questions you have.

Like to know more? Visit our website at: <https://silverstreamrcnz.co.nz/>

Silverstream Reformed Church sent this article to The Upper Hutt Connection.

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St John's Anglican Church in Trentham

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Location: 563 Fergusson Drive, Trentham, Upper Hutt

Email Church Office: office@stjohnstrentham.org.nz

Church website: <http://www.stjohnstrentham.org.nz>

Who we are: A congregation of faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ in the heart of Trentham. We gather in a historic Anglican church, founded in 1863 and continuously used for worship since then, providing a place of beauty, sacredness, and stillness. But the church is primarily about people, relationships, and recovery day by day, wherever we live. Our focus is on faith, family, and care for others.

What we do: We seek to nurture our faith, our relationship with God, in various ways. First and foremost, we come to worship and pray together. The Parish seeks to provide a variety of styles of worship to suit the varying needs of parishioners. We also gather in small groups for Bible study and fellowship, have regular community events, and have monthly communion services in Fergusson Rest Home and the Summerset Community Centre.

Weekly services:

Sunday 10.00am: Communion in the church with children's ministry

Our Sunday inter-generational service unites families, young and old, in the church, while our children's program (Godly Play) offers meaningful spiritual education for our tamariki. We gather for morning tea in and around the entry foyer afterwards.

Wednesday 10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in the church

In addition to the Sunday service, there are other opportunities for worship during the week, such as the Wednesday 10am Holy Communion. This is in the church and uses one of the services in A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare. We gather for morning tea in the foyer afterwards.

Weekdays 7.00am: Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is held in the church chapel every weekday morning at 7am. We use A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare, but there is plenty of opportunity for everyone to join the time of intercession and thanksgiving at the end of this service. All ages are welcome.

Source: St John's Anglican Church in Trentham

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Upper Hutt Uniting Parish

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Address: Cnr 1 Benzie Avenue / 780 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

Worship Services:

Upper Hutt Uniting provides Presbyterian – Methodist church services each Sunday at 10am at the Wesley Centre (Te Whanau Lounge) located at 1 Benzie Avenue. We are fortunate to have a revolving preaching team, of both Ordained and Lay Preachers, who offer an interesting and different variety of relaxed preaching styles. After service refreshments and social time. Visitors are welcome to join us.

Wesley Centre:

A multi-use community centre located close to the Upper Hutt city centre, hosting 5 separate churches (Presbyterian -Methodist, Tongan language Methodist, Samoan Assembly of God, Messianic Saturday study group and a church from Myanmar – contact us for details on other groups services), together with the Wesley Thrift Shop and Upper Hutt Foodbank, plus multiple regular and casual community organisations meetings and as a venue for group and family events.

Wesley Centre provides a modern church space, a gymnasium style hall for functions, two kitchens and two spacious meeting rooms.

For enquiries regarding building use, contact the Parish Office 528 8915, or the Property Manager 0274 456 992, or email property.uhup@outlook.co.nz.

Parish Office:

64 Martin Street – open Thursday / Friday 10am to 3pm

Ph: (04) 528 8915

Email: uhup@xtra.co.nz

Website: <http://www.upperhuttuniting.nz>

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ENTERTAINMENT

What's new at Monterey Cinemas? Releasing 22nd of January 2026

GRAND PRIX EUROPE

Running time: 96 minutes

Rated: G

Edda, a young mouse with big dreams, seizes her chance to race in the Grand Prix disguised as her hero, Ed. She rises to the challenge of outwitting her rival's sabotage and proving that even the smallest racer can make the biggest impact.



Grand Prix Europe

LABYRINTH 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Running time: 91 minutes

Rated: G

A 16-year-old girl is given 13 hours to solve a labyrinth and rescue her baby brother when her wish for him to be taken away is granted by the Goblin King.



Labyrinth 40th Anniversary

MARTY SUPREME

Running time: 150 minutes

Rated: R13 (Violence, sex scenes, offensive language, nudity & wound detail)

Marty Mauser, a young man with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness.



Marty Supreme

MERCY

Running time: 100 minutes

Rated: M (Violence, offensive language & drug references)

In the near future, a detective (Chris Pratt) stands on trial accused of murdering his wife. He has 90 minutes to prove his innocence to the advanced A.I. Judge (Rebecca Ferguson) he once championed, before it determines his fate.

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Mercy

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PRIMATE

Running time: 89 minutes

Rated: R16 (Graphic violence & horror)

After returning home to Hawaii for summer break, LUCY (Johnny Sequoyah - DEXTER: NEW BLOOD) is reunited with her father ADAM (Academy Award winner, Troy Kotsur - CODA), sister ERIN and their pet chimpanzee BEN. Lucy and her friends KATE, HANNAH (Jessica Alexander - THE LITTLE MERMAID) and Kate's older brother NICK decide to throw a pool party to take advantage of an empty house after Lucy's father is called away for work. Unbeknownst to them, Ben is bitten by a rabid animal and the gentle chimpanzee they once knew is no more. The group is forced to barricade themselves in the pool, but with no means of calling for help, they must work together to figure out how to outsmart the now ferocious Ben and survive their ordeal.



Primate

RETURN TO SILENT HILL

Running time: 105 minutes

Rated: R16 (Violence, horror & content that may disturb)

When a mysterious letter calls him back to Silent Hill in search of his lost love, James finds a once-recognizable town and encounters terrifying figures both familiar and new, and begins to question his own sanity.



Return to Silent Hill

LORD OF THE RINGS - EXTENDED CUT

Running time: 740 minutes

Rated: M

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, the Lord of the Rings extended editions are returning to the big screen.

The extended versions of The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, and The Return of The King back to back!



The Lord of the Rings