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## **Peninsula Parish Profile November 2025**



# 1. Introduction

Kia ora! This document sets out key information about our Parish. It's for anyone who is interested in our vacancy of Vicar and is exploring whether God is calling them to serve in our community.

In November 1923, the first St Aidan's Church building was moved from the top of the hill on Tauhinu Road to its existing site at 91 Miramar Avenue. One hundred years later, we are thankful for the vision and faithfulness of those who have come before us, investing their efforts, time, prayers and finances in living lives together as witnesses to God's unchanging goodness, the love of Jesus, and the presence of his Holy Spirit.

We are sad to see our existing Co-vicars being called elsewhere. However they were clear with us that their appointment fifteen months ago was always going to be a temporary one. They will remain with us until mid-February 2026 before continuing on God's great mission elsewhere. We are looking forward to welcoming the next person who God calls to lead our Parish, serving Him here on Motu Kairangi, the Miramar Peninsula.

Please know we are praying for you as you read this document, that you may have discernment and courage to follow God's leading in your life - wherever that might be.

# 2. Our mission and vision

## ***Our mission***

First and foremost, we are followers of Jesus. We are a group of people who have responded to the good news of Jesus, and the forgiveness of sins. In response to this love and mercy of God, and by the power of His Spirit, we are committed to living renewed lives that reflect this, following the way of Jesus, to the glory of God.

## ***Our vision***

We are committed to a vision (discerned by Vestry in 2021) that calls us to invest our resources into evangelism and discipleship, with a primary focus toward 0-12 year olds and their families. This is our core focus. In principle, we decided to run our ministry and outreach decisions through this lens.

A vital part of discipleship is the passing on of faith from one generation to another. Investing in and equipping the younger generation is the faithful response to the commission Jesus has given us. One of the strengths of our Parish is our faithful core of grandparent figures and with this in mind we have looked to grow our intergenerational activities and opportunities, including inviting younger generations to participate in our ministries. Children are seen participating in our Eco Group, worship leading and the newly established Kids Band.

After establishing this as our vision we saw solid growth in the number of children attending our services. However, after several years of change in the Parish, including leadership changes and personal circumstances, some of our families have become less regular in their attendance. We have several activities focused on connecting with young families and with our wider community as well. For instance, Strathmore Community Church (SCC) is experiencing steady growth, with a number of local families (many from unchurched backgrounds) now regular attendees.

## ***Sunday services***

We meet weekly at Saint Aidan's on Sundays for worship at 10am, with an additional 8am service on the first Sunday of each month. The 10am service runs for approximately 80-90 minutes. The monthly 8am service does not include music or a children's programme and typically lasts 60 minutes. Both services include communion and are followed by morning tea.

Our children's programme (Sunday School) is currently split into two classes (0-4 years and 5-12 years) and follows a curriculum called "The Biggest Story". Our current roster of approximately 25 children is spread across Little Ones and Primary (which splits into upper/lower primary for response time), with the majority of children attending the Primary class. Attendance fluctuates greatly week by week averaging somewhere around 8-15..

At Easter and at Christmas we hold additional services and events, bringing a wider community of people to worship and celebrate with us. Ash Wednesday Services are shared with Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. A Good Friday Procession of the Cross is hosted jointly by the Catholic and Anglican churches and takes place in the suburb of Seatoun.

During January's extended summer holiday period, the collective churches across the Peninsula host one service between them each week (on a rotating basis, not including the Catholic church). This allows church members to experience other kinds of worship, to get to know other Christians in the community and gives Vicars / pastors / ministers a chance to take holidays without needing to make arrangements for cover.

## ***Weekday services***

Small weekly services are held at St Aidan's (10am Wednesdays followed by a cup of tea) and St George's (10am Thursdays), with communion. These are run by members of the Parish.

We are part of a roster of two Anglican churches (ourselves and All Saints) who run monthly Anglican communion services at the Rita Angus retirement village in Kilbirnie (adjoining the Peninsula) this involves running a service for approximately 15 seniors every other month.

Several parishioners are licensed to take Reserved Sacrament to those who are sick or housebound, or to preside over services using Reserved Sacrament.

## ***Strathmore Community Church***

Strathmore Community Church (SCC) is led by Lizzie and Ben Pringle, who have a deep heart for the Strathmore community. They are part of Urban Vision (a missional order of the Anglican Church) and have a wider missional team in Strathmore made up of another family and several young adults who live and serve locally. The close relationship with the St Aidan's leadership and wider Peninsula Parish has been central to SCC's formation and growth in the last few years.

SCC began in 2010 with a group of young adults and families from the local area, and has always held a vision to be deeply local, relational, and welcoming. Over the years SCC has gathered in community centres, schools, homes and church buildings, remaining committed to being a place of belonging, hospitality and faith discovery for the people of Strathmore. After a pause in 2024, SCC was re-planted in early 2025 with renewed leadership, purpose and connection to the parish.

During 2025 the Parish Co-Vicars attended regularly—particularly Rev. Emily Spence, who helped lead worship—and their presence, guidance, and bridging role between St Aidan’s and SCC was invaluable in re-planting and strengthening this congregation. We have intentionally built a partnership between the two congregations, formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which recognises that SCC is part of Peninsula Parish and sits under the authority of its vestry. The MoU recognises the gift of the centre/edge relationship for both entities, emphasising the opportunities for both to encourage and support one another, such as at the recent Strathmore Community Christmas Carols service. This ongoing relationship with St Aidan’s remains an important part of SCC’s story and future, and there is room for this partnership to continue developing – particularly through practical support such as meals and shared ministry.

SCC is diverse, strongly Māori in its makeup, full of local families and children, and includes many who are exploring faith for the first time or who find traditional church settings challenging. We are an intergenerational community where everyone belongs—from our youngest tamariki to our kaumātua—and we believe God is at work in all of us. SCC is not often a quiet church, and we see our children as a gift: their movement, voices and noise are all worship to God. We value ‘realness’: real community, real faith questions, and real support through life’s joys and struggles. We regularly celebrate baptisms, weddings, birthdays, and new babies, and stand alongside one another in harder seasons of life. We meet at 4pm every Sunday at the Strathmore Plunket Rooms, followed by a shared meal at 5pm.

SCC remains a small congregation, yet one that is full of life, faith, and local connection. This new season offers a hopeful and exciting opportunity: a growing church in a richly diverse suburb, brimming with children, community relationships, and people encountering Jesus for the first time. There is significant potential here for mission, discipleship, and long-term ministry.

### ***Study groups***

Groups of parishioners meet fortnightly for prayer, bible study, friendship and support at St Aidan’s, at Rita Angus, at Shop 89, in homes and online.

### ***Prayer***

In late 2025 the co-Vicars initiated a committed, formalised prayer group to receive weekly prayer requests and commit to praying, and to gather several times a year to support needs in the community, the work of the church and her mission.

### ***Shop 89***

We run a second-hand shop in the church hall at 89 Miramar Avenue. We provide quality, reasonably-priced goods for sale, and generate income for the work of the Parish and local giving. Many, many people visit our shop every week. It also serves as a hub for our church life in the community and we advertise our church activities and run appeals through the shop. Those visiting the shop are welcome to have a hot drink, and our volunteers will chat - and pray - with anyone; for some, it is a place of belonging. We have prayers twice weekly at the shop, which is staffed by ~10 Parish and community volunteers and overseen by the Team Lead Shop 89.

### ***Youth groups***

The Parish is involved in two youth groups that meet weekly. Junior youth is for children in year 6 to 8 and senior youth is for college-aged children. These programmes are led by paid and

volunteer Anglican Youth Movement (AYM) folk in their twenties. The groups meet at All Saints Anglican church in Hataitai and are jointly funded by Peninsula Parish and All Saints. These groups are very well attended, vibrant and experience strong growth. Currently about 70% of the children attending the junior youth group are either from the Peninsula Parish or have been invited to attend by our children.

### ***The discipleship house***

In 2022 and 2023, Vestry progressed a long held vision of building a house on the land adjacent to the St Aidan's vicarage. At a special general meeting in July 2023 the Parish approved a design and financial provision for this project which was completed in February 2025. This was possible due to a significant bequest of a late parishioner, Ron Fayle, which has helped make this dream a reality. The church also furnished the communal areas of the house. Since August 2025 two young men have been living in the Discipleship House. They serve in the Senior Youth Group and have connections with Strathmore Community Church, as well as attending Sunday services at St Aidan's. Both have committed to remain in 2026. There are weekly prayer meetings between the current Vicars and these young men. There is a third, currently vacant bedroom at the Discipleship House for which will be filled in early 2026 by another young man.

There is scope to extend the connections and ministry of the Discipleship House with the arrival of the new Vicar. Our vision and prayer is that this home, and the Parish commitment to it, establishes a discipleship community of young adults who are active in our Parish life and who will champion the spiritual growth of youngsters in the Parish through relationship, discipleship and evangelism. The potential is there and we acknowledge that more work needs to be done to realise this potential.

### ***The committed core, and those on the edges***

In December 2023, Bishop Justin spent time with our church ministry leaders, challenging us to think about the growth of our family here as being made up of a committed core and people on the edges. The number of people that can attach to the edge (and stay attached) is dependent on the size of that core - sort of like Lego bricks; there is only so much capacity on each brick. The Bishop's challenge was to grow that core - a core characterised by people of deep faith through good times and bad; characterised by love for God and a desire to tell his good news; and characterised by focus on growing disciples through all our ministry efforts and community engagements.

This is a useful way to frame some of the challenges of our present moment.

We have a committed core of parishioners, some of whom have been attending for decades. For this we are thankful. Their tireless service and deep faith is the heart of our Parish.

Some of the people who have begun coming regularly to our activities we could characterise as having faith that has seen them through the ups and downs of life and is their bedrock - or it once was - and is being revitalised through joining our faith community. They are not necessarily serving in our Parish (yet) but we imagine they would naturally be drawn into that core over time.

Some of the people who have begun coming regularly to our activities we might characterise as having a developing faith or faith we don't know much about at all. These people are on the edges

and, without intentional discipleship opportunities and formative connections with others, are at most at risk of detaching.

We also have many, many community relationships, which we are good at developing through our activities and engagement, but which don't necessarily translate to regular church attendance and a growing faith.

The Bishop's challenge remains relevant. We need to continue focusing our activities on intentional discipleship opportunities, sharing our life in Christ with others in new ways - both the challenges as well as the celebrations. One example of this dynamic is evident in the diversity of St Aidan's Sunday services - both its 10am (and less frequent 8am) and SCC which helpfully reflect the centre-edge relationship that Bishop Justin was describing.

We know that God's presence is with us in this task.

### ***Our alignment with the Diocesan Synod Justice Priorities***

Our Diocesan Synod approved three justice priorities for 2026 which are responding to the housing crisis, supporting former refugees and responding to climate change. Here are some of the ways we are investing in these areas.

#### **We are responding to the housing crisis**

- Our discipleship house as discussed above.
- The 2025 AGM agreed in principle to explore options (starting with the Diocese) for the sale or development of our underutilised land and assets at 42 Ferry Street (Saint George's Church and Hall) in the future. This work will be part of the new Vicar's remit in conjunction with Vestry.

#### **We are supporting former refugees**

The Miramar Peninsula is a location where newly arrived former refugees are homed shortly after they arrive in New Zealand. Over the past few years our Parish has fully furnished and/or set up several homes for former refugees. More recently we have begun coordinating the collection of items that are needed to set up a home, sourced by donations from parishioners, the wider community and from Shop 89.

- As at the time of writing we are currently gathering goods to support a house set up.
- We have people in our Parish with the requisite formal training to manage future house setups.

#### **We are responding to climate change**

- In 2023 an inter-generational Parish eco-committee was established and this year we applied and were accepted as a recognised Eco Church.
- Shop 89 has taken on new initiatives in response, including a bottle refilling station (for liquid soap etc.) and acting as a collection point for used batteries, plastic and metal lids and plastic medicine container recycling. These initiatives are particularly popular with parishioners and our wider customer community.
- We regularly participate in the annual South Coast beach clean-ups.
- We have re-established glass, plastic, metal and cardboard kerb-side recycling and are making frequent small changes toward a more sustainable way of life.
- Weekly eco-tips are included in the Parish newsletter, and wētā hotels may be installed

in the courtyard to encourage creepy crawlies in future.

- Celebrating Care of Creation month in September.

### **We are supporting Anglican Mission**

- Every year we support the Anglican Mission through our Advent and Lenten appeals.
- We also raise money through ad hoc pop-up markets - an extension of Shop89, with Parish members hosting additional stalls. Previous markets have supported Tonga, Ukraine and Cyclone Gabrielle.

## **3. Our people**

### ***Demographics***

Our Parish community is primarily made up of:

- a large group of faithful members in their 70s and 80s,
- a solid group of retirees (or soon to retire) in their 60s,
- a number of families with primary and intermediate aged children moving into some college aged families.

Our demographic gaps at present are primarily preschool aged families, teenagers and young adults. As mentioned, we are hopeful that our discipleship house will help address this missing community and provide a model and guide for what life with Christ can look like.

Something we value, name and cherish as part of our Parish character is the interconnection between our younger and older generations. This creates a sense of family and vibrancy in our Parish. Our children know the older people and greet them in the supermarket or at the beach, rushing to tell their holiday adventures. We are sharing life together.

### ***Parish roll and service attendance information***

As of our AGM in November 2025, there are 112 people on the electoral roll. Four elderly parishioners passed away in 2025.

We communicate weekly through an email newsletter with 141 families and individuals, with an approximately 73% open rate.

In the period March 2024-March 2025:

- 4884 people received communion across our four weekly services
- 114 received communion on Easter Day
- 87 received communion at Christmas Day (with 128 at Midnight on Christmas Eve)
- 110 children and their families attended our Christmas Eve children's service.
- There were no baptisms in this period but we have 3 scheduled for January 2026.

### ***Our Parish life***

In 2023 we surveyed parishioners, asking them to describe their experiences of the Parish and produced the following word cloud montage. This still closely represents our experience and our

hopes for the community.



#### **4. Our leadership and paid roles**

The leadership of our local Parish is with our Vicar (the full-time role with stipend for which we are advertising). We are blessed to have the support and wisdom of an Assisting Priest in our Parish as well. This is a non-stipend role.

There are presently two other part-time, paid roles in our Parish - our Administrator and our Team Lead Shop89 (these roles are currently held jointly by one person).

Our committed Vestry team meets monthly and comprises the Vicar(s), the Assisting Priest, our Vicar's and People's Wardens and five additional lay Parish members who oversee various areas including finances and property.

Like every local Parish, ours is supported by many, many volunteers who put in countless hours of practical support to keep our community Parish and its activities flourishing. From organising and preparing food to setting up and cleaning up; from preparing and playing music to arranging flowers and counting money; from greeting people at the door to providing a roster for all these activities; from gardening to painting the toilets! Our mission shop, Shop 89, is staffed mostly by volunteers of all ages, and our regular weekly activities simply do not happen all by themselves. We are grateful for this service, and we are working on ways to ensure newer people can find opportunities to serve alongside those who have done this for a lifetime - bringing those people closer to the life and deep faith of that committed core.

#### **5. Our finances**

Our Parish has a steady financial position and financial performance and has consistently supported a full-time, stipended Vicar.

In the last five years:

- Our total income has ranged between \$150,000 and \$180,00. This has three principal parts:
  - giving (\$100,000 to \$125,000)
  - income from hiring out our property or facilities (\$10,000 to \$15,000)
  - income from Shop 89 (\$20,000 to \$40,000).
- Our total expenses, including a stipend for a full-time Vicar, have averaged around \$170,000.
- We broadly run at a deficit, with 2025 being particularly large, however it is noted that we have just completed our mission house which is expected to increase our income from rental revenue.

Our overall balance sheet is sound, and comprises:

- \$400,000 in cash and investments
- Two large properties (Miramar and Seatoun) with multi-million dollar valuations for each

As a Vestry, it is our view that, in the absence of a material change, the St Aidan's and St George's Parish will be able to comfortably support a new, full-time, stipended Vicar.

Note the Discipleship House operates outside the general church accounts and has a separate budget.

## 6. Our activities

- **Mainly music** - For 15 years we have run weekly toddler music and movement sessions in St George's hall in Seatoun, staffed by a committed group of retirees who set up, prayed and offered pastoral care to caregivers. Due to aging volunteers, changing demographics on the Peninsula and reducing attendance, this ministry concluded at the end of 2025. Attendees typically bring their families to our annual Christmas Crafts and the Christmas Eve service at St Aidan's which are very well attended by the wider community.
- **Friday cafe** - We have run a weekly cafe using the Iona Centre for many years, aimed at providing community to those looking for one. Approximately 40-50 people typically come for food and an opportunity to talk and share.
- **Retirees Coffee Club (RCC)** - Runs bi-monthly events for our (typically) older Parish members and their wider friend networks (all are welcome). 15-40 people typically attend. There is also solid pastoral and social connection through phone calls and house calls.
- **Second Saturday Social** - For the last few years each 'second Saturday' we run an early evening event, targeted at being an event to which we invite friends. Conceptualised as something for the span of ages and stages that anyone can come to, it has mostly been the 'medium sized' kids and their families who have come along. Activities have included board games, outdoor games, roasting marshmallows on a fire. Ice cream is provided, and people bring their own dinner.
- **Family events** - We hold a few annual events designed to bring younger families (both from the Parish and our wider friendship networks) together for extended periods of time. We have had two very successful church tramping trips and are looking forward to camping in the church courtyard this February.
- **Family camp** - In the last two years St Aidan's has combined with All Saints Hataitai for a combined weekend family camp at El Rancho. Approximately eight Parish families attended with day visitors coming from Strathmore Community Church.

- **Community events** - Annual and ad-hoc events engage our local community in other ways. Examples include a long-running Christmas Crafts afternoon, participating in annual beach clean ups, a combined Halloween alternative “Hero Party” with the Baptist church and a pop-up market to raise funds for international aid.
- **Working bees** - There is a small core of committed folk who show up to maintain the grounds and address practical/property needs on an ad hoc basis at both the Miramar and Seatoun sites.
- **Monday meditation** - a small group gathers weekly at Rita Angus Retirement Home for meditation at 2pm on Mondays.
- This year, due to the generosity of parishioners, we were able to purchase an AED device. This has been installed on the external wall of St Aidan’s for community use.

### ***Food-related initiatives***

Our Parish helps provide and distribute affordable or free food in our community.

- **Veggie Co-Op** - Shop 89 is a hub where people can order and collect affordable veggies, fruit and eggs through a co-op initiative. We have approximately 30 orders every week.
- **Breakfast Club** - for several years supported lunches for children in need at Miramar Central School. Since this is no longer required, we now support a Breakfast Club at Kahurangi School, providing milo and jam to help with the provision of breakfast for children who need it.
- **Meals on Wheels** - For many years parishioners have been involved in meals on wheels. Meals are prepared by Wellington Hospital Kitchen staff and church members coordinate volunteer drivers to deliver one of the Peninsula based runs.

### ***Supporting Diocesan Refugee resettlement***

## **7. Our Parish property**

The Peninsula Parish was formed from a merger between the Parishes of St Aidan's, Miramar, and St George's Seatoun, and Strathmore, in 2008. It is part of the [Diocese of Wellington](#), a transformational movement of local faith communities.

### ***St Aidan’s, 87, 89 and 91 Miramar Avenue***

The St Aidan’s property includes a wooden church, a church hall (currently housing Shop 89 during the week and Children’s Sunday school on Sundays), the “Iona Centre” - an atrium joining the two with a kitchen/serving area, an enclosed grassy courtyard - and a vicarage. The discipleship house is a new build adjacent to the vicarage.

The vicarage, located off the road behind St Aidan’s, was built in 2015-16 and is conveniently situated within easy walking distance of many of Miramar’s shops, schools and other facilities.

It has three bedrooms, an office (or fourth bedroom), one bathroom, two separate toilets, a heat pump in the main living area, a second lounge, and an internal-access 1.5 car garage. It is modern, warm and sunny. The site is fully fenced and sits next to the Wellington City Council Miramar Polo Ground field, with a gate through to the playing field. In St Aidan’s there is a small room able to be used as a Vicar’s study if required.

## ***St George's, 42 Ferry St***

The St George's property includes a larger, concrete church, a standalone hall, and a carpark. It formerly included a vicarage house, which was sold in 2015 (requiring extensive strengthening and maintenance, including under heritage protection requirements) to help fund the build of the current vicarage at St Aidan's (the existing one having been uninhabitable).

St George's Church hosts a small communion service on Thursday mornings. The St George's hall is more extensively used, including for Easter and Carols hospitality, mainly music and for hire to the community.

Unfortunately, these buildings have become financially unsustainable to maintain, and options are being explored for the future of these assets in line with responsible and faithful stewardship of our resources. At the 2025 AGM the Parish voted to agree to explore options for disposal of the St George's site and to begin discussions with the Diocese regarding a Diocese purchase or development in the first instance, with further consultation and agreement of Parish members on potential options. This will be a focus area for the new Vicar and vestry.

### ***Our buildings are also used by others***

The Cook Island Community Church worships at St Aidan's on Sunday afternoons, and Tangi te Keo Rohe and another worship group gather for Sunday worship at St George's church and hall respectively.

## **8. Ministry and mission opportunities**

We look forward to working with our new Vicar and exploring with them how and where God is moving and leading us. Here are some of the thoughts we currently have about the immediate needs of the Parish and the possibilities ahead.

- Discipleship house: There is ongoing work to build and bed-in expectations and rhythms for tenant participation and involvement both with the Parish and with the Vicar/Vicar's family/vicarage life. This will be an immediate and ongoing focus, with plenty of potential for creativity and growth.
- Progressing the future sale/Diocese development of the St George's buildings and property at 42 Ferry Road with Vestry and the Parish.
- Growing the 'committed core' will be key, understanding where and how deliberate discipleship can be integrated in what we do, while also keeping focused on our vision for the 0-12 age group. This will help grow our faith.
- Supporting new Parish members to become well connected to the 'core' and keeping space at the 'edges' will help us sustain and consolidate our existing growth in numbers.
- It seems likely that changes will be needed to manage the pressure on our facilities, volunteers, activities and rhythms. Changes could enable both physical space for continued growth and the logistical/volunteer capacity required to support this.

- Shop 89, originally developed with the design of helping the Parish be financially sustainable, is doing very well as an op shop and community hub. However, Vestry considers its primary purpose should be to provide a vehicle to share the love and good news of Jesus with our community, with a secondary purpose to provide income for the Parish. There is scope for increased involvement and creativity in achieving this vision and ensuring the shop has the necessary human and other resources to do this.
- Forging new and stronger connections between Saint Aidan's and the Strathmore Community Church and the work that God is doing there.
- As the children in our Parish age, we foresee a need (and desire) to establish or lead tween and teen programmes for our children and their friendship networks over and above the weekly Youth Groups. (We hope the discipleship house tenants will be closely involved.)

## 9. About Te Motu Kairangi, the Miramar Peninsula

Te Motu Kairangi, the Miramar Peninsula is a large Peninsula on the south-eastern side of New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. Bordering Cook Strait to the south, it's located at the entrance to Wellington Harbour in Wellington's eastern suburbs, and is the jewel in Wellington's crown (of course, we're biased!).



The Peninsula – population 19,230 (2022) – has an area of approximately 800 hectares, with a rocky coastline of many bays, steep cliffs, and small pinnacles and caves. It also has sweeping sandy beaches and low-lying flat lands. It is largely urbanized, with large suburbs of Miramar, Maupuia, Strathmore and Seatoun. The urban area is a mix of suburban housing, retail outlets, schools, light and service industries, recreation grounds and Wellington Airport. There are extensive areas of regenerating native bush, pine forest, and remnant farmland, as well as urban gardens.

In early November 2023, Miramar Peninsula was declared pest-free. This was the result of 11,000 bait stations, 450 cameras, and the work of 20,000 residents. This has seen a corresponding increase in birdlife of 71% since the project began.

Politically, the Peninsula falls within the eastern ward of Wellington City Council and is currently represented at council by councillors Sam O'Brien, Jonny Osborne and Karl Tiefenbacher.. Nationally, we are part of the Rongotai electorate (which also includes the Chatham Islands) and is represented in Parliament by Julie-Anne Genter MP.

Parts of the Peninsula are long-established, with Strathmore being the location of New Zealand's first 'state house' in 1937. The area has a diverse, multi-ethnic, multi-generational population that is family friendly.

Miramar Peninsula is home to many significant cultural and historical sites, including:

- *Rangitatau Reserve* – Rangitatau Pa is Wellington's only remaining untouched pa site.
- *Ataturk Memorial* – commemorating modern Turkey's first president, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.
- *Beacon Hill Signal Station* – the Port's permanently manned signal station.
- *Fort Ballance* – Wellington's primary military fort until 1911
- *Massey Memorial* – to William F Massey (former NZ premier) who died in office in 1925.
- *Mount Crawford Prison* – closed in 2012.
- *The Eastern Walkway* – a 2.5km long walking track with superb views to the South Island and the Orongorongo Range from high coastal cliffs. This is one of Wellington's best walkways.
- *Barrett Reef* – on which the TEV Wahine, an inter-island ferry, foundered and later capsized and sank (10 April 1968) near Steeple Rock, a pinnacle just off Seatoun. 53 people died as a result of this maritime disaster.

The Peninsula is arguably the home of the New Zealand film industry, with Wētā Workshop and Wētā Digital (and world-renowned filmmakers Peter Jackson and Richard Taylor) located on the Peninsula and in the surrounding suburbs. This, along with our unique environment of natural scenery, beaches, world class cafes and restaurants has attracted a diversity of people from around the world to live and work here.

The Peninsula is well serviced. There are six primary schools, two kindergartens and various childcare centres. There is also a Māori immersion kura in Seatoun and a private school (years 1-13) in Strathmore. The Peninsula has three medical centres, three pharmacies, two Plunket bases, dentists, physiotherapy, a public library, cafes/restaurants, a movie theatre, hair salons, vet clinic, fitness and wellbeing centres and suburban shops, including three petrol stations and a supermarket. Many of these are within easy walking distance of the vicarage. The Wellington Regional Hospital is only about 4km away.



The Peninsula is a recreational playground with easy access to beaches for swimming, kayaking, boating and fishing, hills for walking and running; sports grounds and facilities for organised sports; plus, a road that circumnavigates the Peninsula, providing a natural training circuit for cyclists, runners and walkers, as well as a picturesque route around the many bays and headlands.



The Peninsula is connected to mainland Wellington by the Rongotai Isthmus, which was expanded and reclaimed to form the site of Wellington International Airport. The area is well serviced by buses into the city and neighbouring suburbs. Travel time to the city by car varies from 15-35 minutes, depending on the route/time of day/traffic conditions. A popular cycle path also connects the Peninsula to the central city.



(We'll stop now, but you can tell we love it here and we think it's really special.)

Thank you for considering whether God is calling you to serve in the Peninsula Parish at this time. Peace be with you.

~ Peninsula Parish Vestry