

# Churches helping people

April 2025



## Helping Families in Hastings/Napier for over 34 Years

Good morning, all

The year is going past so quickly and already we are now looking at Easter, with a quarter of the year gone by. Where does the time go?



### Easter Close down dates for your Diary

Christian Lovelink will be closed from

Friday 18 April to and including Monday 21 April

and then again

on Friday 25 April Anzac Day

### Annual Blanket/Duvet Drive 2025

Our annual blanket drive is **May 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**. The collection points will be the offices of **the local MP's Catherine Wedd Hastings and Katie Nimon Napier**. We are asking you all to start looking through store cupboards and talking to friends and families.

This is our main appeal for the year, and we rely heavily on it to be able to provide blankets and duvets to families in need. Last year we gave out over 1100 blankets and duvets.



### AGM June 2025

Our AGM is on Friday June 13 at Knox Presbyterian Church Ahuriri.

**This will be a key meeting** as a new amended constitution will be proposed to comply with new legislation. This has been a lot of hard work for our Treasurer and Secretary and our thanks goes to them.

It is hoped that we will have a good quorum of member churches so this can be discussed and passed. Both the suggested constitution and financials will be available electronically prior to the meeting. Please contact the office to receive your electronic copy.



## Statistics:



### Financial Year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Families assisted 926      Items distributed 14546      Donations 926      Hours worked 10380

This gives an average of 15.7 items per request for assistance over the past year. As you can see from the figures above, the need in the community is still significant.

### Snapshot of items distributed

|                      |                      |                    |             |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Blankets/duvets 1146 | Beds 863             | Sheets(pairs) 2068 | Towels 2979 |
| Drawers 315          | Large Electrical 153 | Lounge 248         |             |

These 6 key items above represent 46% of all items distributed.



## General

Christian Lovelink is keen to increase the number people that know about us and how we work. If **you, your organisation, your community group, or church** would like to know more about us, please contact the office on 027 532 2611. We are happy to do a presentation to your group (**big or small**) Just contact our Operations Manager **Ian Jones** to arrange a mutually suitable day and time.

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Monday – Friday 9 am – 12 noon

