



# Follow Me...

## The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Encompassing St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings & St Peter's Anglican Church, Riverslea & St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair & Parkvale, Mahora & Flaxmere.

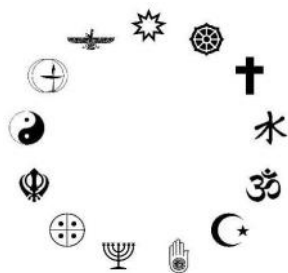
March – May / Shrove Tuesday – Lent – Easter 2024

### From the Parish Priest – Vicar

As The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings we are characterised with a dynamic of gathering and sending, welcoming all, worshipping God, nourishing community and empowering action. We are to gather people in with liturgical worship, events and other functions, by providing a spiritual home for Christians (not only Anglicans), and a safe space for people of other faiths (currently Sikh, Hindu, Muslim), and for those who are yet uncommitted (those of no articulated faith).

We look forward to welcoming everyone regardless of culture, language or faith. We extend the same welcome as the child in the manger at Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to all the world.

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; i roto i a te Karaiti, kāhore he tangata whenua, kāhore he tauiwī; in Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class or race.



The Epiphany is a feast day which points us to something far greater. It is when we give thanks that God is made known to all the world in Jesus Christ. The wise men, the kings, the magi, the scholars who studied the stars illustrate that Jesus is the great king to whom the whole earth paid homage. They suggest that all races, creeds, and ages need Christ.

In gathering and sending we are to represent the face of Christ and offer hope, peace, joy and


love. We are to be a sacred space and a public space. We are to be the turangawaewae, the standing ground, for the people of Hastings, Hawke's Bay, and beyond. We are to be a place where all feel welcome and can say this is my place, I belong here. In gathering and sending we are to represent the face of Christ revealing Jesus' life to all the world. By doing this we are no longer Christ's servants, but knowing his will, we become Jesus' friends.

In gathering and sending we share our resources with the wider community, fulfilling our role as a Christian church within Hastings. We are a place to celebrate and lament, pray and debate. We need to be a place where God is revealed in word, action and sacrament. A place that takes seriously our Christian calling to service, justice and peace for all God's creation. A place for people of all ages, races and creeds.

Our sacred spaces offer opportunities for engagement and demonstration of holiness and for people when they gather to experience activities performed in the name of Christ which they may never otherwise experience. We are provoking faith in Hastings' communities, for example St Matthew's Church is a premier worship space, civic, arts and cultural venue.

Much of what we do at church is countercultural because we are seen to maintain liturgy and music, teaching and preaching, and a rhythm of weekly public prayer in a changing context.

Fundamentally I believe we are well placed to proclaim the realm of God and live out The Five Marks of Mission which express the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.

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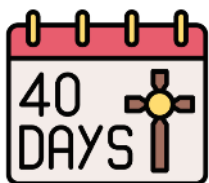


- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise & nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind & pursue peace & reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, & sustain & renew the life of the earth

I believe we are living out well what we are called to be. Through our words, actions, music, and inclusion we can be proud and thankful that we have been able to be a place that lives and breathes welcome and hospitality, a turangawaewae for all. A place of sacred and civic co-operation, a place where diverse languages, cultures, genders, and faiths can be expressed and valued.

As individuals and communities of faith we need to continue to be bridge builders, companions and friends on our faith journeys. Listening and watching where the Spirit is leading us and never being complacent or inattentive to the needs in God's world. We need to be encouraging others to see Christ's love and reconciliation in our unity in diversity and so to know that hope, peace, joy and love that is in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ – Ven. David van Oeveren.



**The Season of Lent is a time for preparation for Holy Week & Easter.**

The Season of Lent is a time to focus on Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Lent and Easter offer us the opportunity to invite those around us to church.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but before we get there, we have Shrove Tuesday.

The Season of Lent offers us a focussed opportunity to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.

During the Season of Lent, we will be offering opportunities to reflect on and consider the Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child, Baptism if you have not already been baptised, or conditional baptism and renewal of baptism if you have.

This will naturally lead toward Confirmation for those who wish in mid-late-September. If you are keen to explore adult Baptism or Confirmation please join Ven. David van Oeveren our Lenten worship as a starting point.

Sunday 18 February, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 1 – Words & the Furniture.

Sunday 25 February, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 2 – How We Got Here.

Sunday 3 March, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 3 – Understanding the Ethos.

Sunday 10 March, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 4 – Making It Work.

Sunday 24 March, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 5 – What We Do.

Sunday 7 April, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 6 – Anglican Schools Educate.

Sunday 14 April, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 7 – Anglican Care Cares.

Sunday 28 April, 5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 8 – Paths to the Future.

The initial focus is on Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows at Easter, then moving towards Confirmation in September.



As the Church we are called to TEACH:

- Nurture – To teach, baptise, and nurture new believers.
- Helping people grow in the faith deepening their connection with a church community.
- Enabling a sense of belonging to a community of faith.

If you have not been Baptised or Confirmed, or are unsure if you have been Baptised, please reach out and talk to Ven. David or Rev'd Alister or join in with our Church Space conversations as above.

Baptism and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows will be the focus of our Easter Worship.

## Shrove Tuesday

About 6-7 weeks before Easter comes the Season of Lent. The 40 days of Lent remember a special time in Jesus' life. He grew up and worked as a builder-carpenter. Then, he began new work – telling people about God. To get ready he spent 40 days alone in the desert, going without food and thinking of all that lay ahead.



Shrove is a very old word which people hardly use anymore. It means 'forgiven' There is a tradition among Christians of saying sorry to God for doing wrong things, and of remembering their belief that God forgives them.

Shrove Tuesday is known by other names: Pancake Day, Party Tuesday, Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday.... In some places, people have a carnival on Party Tuesday. It is a Mardi Gras festival. At the carnival, people wear amazing costumes in a big parade, and then they enjoy a party together.

Lent is a time when Christians try to live more simply than usual so they have more time to think about God. But first comes a feast, to use up any rich foods! This is Shrove Tuesday.

In days gone by, the rich foods people had were creamy milk and eggs. They used these to make pancakes before the start of Lent. A Pancake Party!

We are going to have a pancake feast.

Tuesday 13 February, 6 – 7pm. Shrove Tuesday – Mardi Gras Pancakes in the St Matthew's Church Hall.

## Things to Know About Our Priests

Vestry Member Murray Cushing shares this thought provoking piece, an extract courtesy of St Mary's Episcopal Church Kansas City, via Facebook.

Do we ever stop and think about our Priests and consider that they are no different to you and me? Their calling to Ministry does not exempt them from the storms of life.

All that life throws at you, the highs and lows, the successes and disappointments, the good days and the bad days, the sunny days and the stormy days, they also receive their share of the good and the bad

They love God and you a lot. (Be mindful.)

They really do want God's best for you and your family. (Be open-hearted.)

Their work knows no time or locational boundaries. (Be patient.)

They hear much more negative information than positive. (Be encouraging.)

They have chosen a vocation in which few remain. (Be praying.)

They need help. (Be available.)

They want to personally meet all the needs, but know they can't. (Be understanding.)

They are going to say some dumb things every now and then. (Be forgiving.)

They are greatly encouraged by your faithfulness. (Be there.)

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They are passionate for God's Word to be made practical to you. (Be hungry.)

They long for church to be your spiritual oasis. (Be loving.)

They dream for your and your family's spiritual health. (Be receptive.)

They need to hear that you pray for them.

(Be interceding.)

They are just regular people. (Be real.)

Pray for our priests.

## ART DECO WORSHIP

Join us at St Matthew's for a service of Holy Communion that will follow the style, language, & music used when people gathered for worship at Saint Matthew's Church in the early 1930's. While quite different from how we worship today, this service acknowledges the tradition that's been handed down over the years & is celebrated in a place of beauty & peace that's been a spiritual home to countless people over the decades.

**8am & 10am Sunday 18 February**

Come as you are or Dress Up in Art Deco for the occasion!

## Baptism

Baptism is a Sacrament. 'A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace'. A sacrament is a sign in that it points to something other than itself, but it is more than a sign in that it gives an inward and spiritual grace to the person who receives it.

We baptise because Jesus commanded us to baptise. Jesus' teaching about baptism is clearly stated in his discussion with Nicodemus (John 3:1-8). This is not an easy concept to understand, but it is a vital part of our Christian experience.

When someone is baptised, that person is brought to Jesus Christ, and made a member of Christ's Church. It is a new start to life in which the baptised person is accepted and sealed by God with the Holy Spirit to represent Christ to the world.

As a response to the baptism which God gives us, we declare our faith and intention to serve Christ, and ask for God's continuing grace to support us in the task to which we are called.

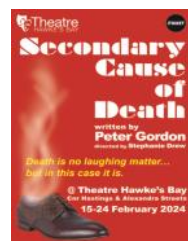
Through prayer and fellowship within the body of Christ God strengthens and nourishes us.

In summary, Baptism is the sacrament by which we are made children of God, members of Christ's body the Church and heirs to the realm of God.

Water is the outward and visible sign by which a person is baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Those seeking baptism need to renounce evil and turn from sin to Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Most importantly is the spiritual truth that our faith begins not with what we do for God, but what God does for us.



The multi talented Stephanie Drew, (parishioner) is directing 'Secondary Cause of Death' by Peter Gordon, at Theatre Hawke's Bay.

David van Oeveren will be going on Friday 23 February. If you would like to join him purchase your own ticket(s) from <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2024/feb/secondary-cause-of-death> and let David know you are going. The plan is to meet up in the Foyer at 7pm.



## The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings AGM 2024

Will be held on Sunday 24 March 2024,  
following the 10am service.

Please prayerfully consider who you might  
Nominate and Second for significant Parish  
Positions of Vestry Member, People's Warden,  
and Synods Representative?

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings requires  
Creative and Curious parishioners who show  
Competence, Capability and Capacity to be  
considered for Vestry Member, People's Warden,  
and Synods Representative.

Is that you or a fellow regular worshipper you  
know? The closing date for nominations is **noon,  
Sunday 17 March**. Nomination forms will be  
available in church, shortly.



## Would you like to volunteer for International Cultural Day?

Are you passionate about celebrating diverse  
cultures and want to be part of this vibrant  
event?

Volunteering Hawkes Bay would love to hear  
from adult volunteers to join their enthusiastic  
team and make this day a success.

If you have any questions or need any additional  
information please give us a call on 06 391 5476  
at Volunteering Hawkes Bay.

## Brave Banter

Thursday 14 March, 5/5.30-6.30pm.

This is your invitation to join us for Brave  
Banter: 'Theology on Tap'; a place to critically  
engage with our faith with David van Oeveren  
@ Brave Brewing Co, 205 Queen Street East,  
Hastings 4122.

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## Messy Church

Whether you're young or young at heart we  
invite you to join us for fun, fellowship and a  
shared meal:

**St Martin's Community Hall**  
(1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair,  
next-door to Mayfair School)

**Messy Church for 2024 resumes on:  
25th February 4- 6pm**

All welcome - children under 14 years must be  
accompanied by an adult please.

## Into God's Hands....

### Peggy Brooke 1926-2024

You may remember Peggy coming to church in her wheelchair, accompanied by her daughter Carolyn & Great-Grandson, Kurgan. We recall her great joy at being present at Kurgan's baptism at St Matthew's on Boxing Day 2021, presided over by Ven. David. Peggy was farewelled at St Matthew's on 24 January 2024, the service led by Rev'd Alister was graced by the haunting melodies of the pipes. We give thanks for Peggy Brooke. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



### Denis Hancock, 1943-2024

I wonder, how will you  
remember Denis Hancock?

For so many people in Hastings the lasting memory will be of the man who, for nearly 40 years, rode his bike around our city streets, picking up rubbish. Several newspaper articles were written about Denis. In one of them, the interviewer asked Denis why he did this rubbish collecting exercise. Denis' reply, "I hate rubbish. Don't you?" He explained what made him such an avid rubbish collector, "I remember going for drives with my father when I was a kid, and I'd see all the rubbish along the side of the road. I wanted to do something about it... It seems to make a difference." Over the years, this voluntary occupation involved various campaigns as he targeted certain suburbs or parks. At his peak Denis filled 1,000 rubbish bags a month.

For his efforts, Denis was recognised by various mayors and organisations. He was given a civic honour for community service and received accolades from Keep New Zealand Beautiful. In the words of a fellow parishioner, "Denis' dedication to keeping Hastings clean brought out the determination in him and he stuck at it, despite being taunted and targeted by many ignorant people. He woke people up to the litter that was so casually discarded back in the past, including the Council... Well done Denis, you were a humble man but have left a wonderful gift and legacy to your hometown."

There were other dimensions to Denis' life. He loved painting, in particular landscapes. Music was a vital part of his life.

He began singing in choirs as a teenager, then as a member of a choral group for decades and was a member of the parish choir at St Matthew's.

Denis was a very regular worshipper at St Matthew's – often the first to arrive on a Sunday morning. His faith meant so much to him and the church community was like a family to him. In his unique way Denis showed us what really matters in life. I asked one his friends what he was most grateful for when he thought of Denis. His reply, "Thanks for Denis being Denis." That's a profound response, for it's how God regards us. We're treasured for being who we are. We don't choose our talents, our disabilities, our temperaments. But each of us is chosen to show and make real aspects of God's love to the world. Denis most certainly did this – by his care for our environment, by his honesty, humility, and straightforward approach to life.

We give thanks for Denis Hancock. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Rev'd Alister Hendery  
*Priest Associate*



Graveside at Mangaroa

## Senior Chef in Hastings

- \* Have you lost your enthusiasm for cooking?
- \* Do you want to meet some new people?
- \* Do you need to do something different?

Here is a course for you!

Senior Chef happens over eight weeks, learning about food and nutrition for people aged 65 years and above. Each session involves a time of fellowship, learning, cooking and eating lunch together, as well as cleaning up at the end.

And with another opportunity for you to come onboard and sample the course for yourself right around the corner, here are some thoughts courtesy of Robert Tomlinson & Haldane Scougall, Senior Chef Graduates, on their experience...

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***“Talk of joy: there may be things better than beef stew and baked potatoes and homemade bread – there may be.”***

***(Quote from David Grayson- Adventures in Contentment – 1907).***

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Well – it was time to find out and put to the Test. With that in mind Haldane and Robert enrolled on the 8-week Senior Chef (cooking classes for older adults). – an initiative of and run by the Anglican Care Waiapu Parish Projects.

So pleased we did: Not only did we (as part of a group of eight enthusiastic would be Condon Bleu wishfuls) learn how to prepare and cook amazing, nutritious and easy meals but....

We learnt (under the watchful, patient, guiding and encouraging facilitator – Jennifer Whyman):

- \* How to read recipes
- \* Eating healthy – knowing your good (unsaturated) from bad (saturated) fats!!
- \* Planning meals
- \* Shopping smart
- \* Preserving food

Important as the above was - it was the Fun we all had and shared camaraderie that made these sessions special. Each session ending in a shared meal, laughter, fellowship and Thanks to a Loving and Providing God.

Haldane and I encourage parishioners (over 65yrs of age) to not hesitate but sign up for the next Senior Chef course on offer – who knows your dominant cooking genius might be unleashed!!- regardless we can assure that you will have fun discovering as a group new recipes and ways of preparing easy tasty and nutritious food!!



Images: courtesy of Robin Whyman

If not convinced, then: the excellent 128 page cookbook (endorsed by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall – at the time of publication !!) that is yours to keep and the fact the course(s) are Free – should.

Bon appetite.

The next course will start soon. Any enquiries, or to register, please call Ven. David van Oeveren 06 211 3457 / 021 470 337 or email david.vanoeveren@waiapu.com



## St Matthew's Men's Fellowship Lunch

Join us for a delicious two course meal with hot beverages, \$10.00 per person. Fabulous food, good company and great conversation - held in the St Matthew's Church Hall, 200 King Street South, Hastings. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Our next lunches are on:

**28th February**

**27th March**

Loneliness is an epidemic and soul destroying. If you, or someone you know, would like to come along as either a diner or a volunteer helper, please phone Paddy or Richard Bayley, 876-7616.

## Marty's Music

Marty's is a preschool music group for parents, grandparents and caregivers and, of course, babies-5 year olds.

It runs every Friday in term time, at St Martin's Community Hall, 1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair, from 10-12 noon.

For a small fee we offer a half hour programme of music, a healthy morning tea of fruit, sandwiches and baked goodies. Toys and activities are put out for a playgroup session and while the children play, adults have a time to share and encourage one another too. It's a very happy place with a friendly, joyful atmosphere.

Come along and have fun. Any enquiries, please ring Marilyn 8774639 or Michelle 027 8571543.



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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

#### Sunday 18: Lent 1

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Art Deco Style Worship. See notice for more details.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Art Deco Style Worship. See notice for more details.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 1 – Words & the Furniture.

Thursday 22, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Friday 23, 7pm. 'Secondary Cause of Death' by Peter Gordon, performed at Theatre Hawke's Bay. See notice for more detail.

Saturday 24, 4pm. MESSY CHURCH St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair.

#### Sunday 25: Lent 2.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea. The Confession of St Peter.

3.30 – 5pm. Deficit Mitigation Brainstorm.

*The Vestry will be bringing a Deficit Budget to the*





A.G.M. caused by an exponential increase in Insurance Premiums. This meeting is to brainstorm potential solutions to be implemented over 2024 to aim for a neutral budget for 2025. To be held at St Matthew's, Hastings.

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 2 – How We Got Here.

Tuesday 27, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Wednesday 28, 11.45am – Men's Fellowship Lunch in St Matthew's Church Hall. Peter Wilson on Edric Baker.

Wednesday 28, 7.15pm. Greater Hastings VESTRY. Peter Wilson on Edric Baker.

Thursday 29, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Peter Wilson on Edric Baker.

## MARCH

### Sunday 3: Lent 3 – Children's Day.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Commissioning of & Prayer for all of our Waiapu Kids St Matthew's & St Matthew's Primary School Teaching & Support Staff, BoT & BoP to begin the 2024 educational year. To celebrate CHILDREN'S DAY we invite all students to come join the worship in their National Dress / Costume or School Uniform as we celebrate unity in diversity. For more information go to <https://www.childrenday.org.nz/>.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

11.30am. Children's Day Picnic @ The School.

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 3 – Understanding the Ethos.

Tuesday 5, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Thursday 7, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

### Sunday 10: Lent 4.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

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

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 4 – Making It Work.

Tuesday 12, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Wednesday 13, 7.15pm. Greater Hastings VESTRY

Thursday 14, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

5/5.30-6.30pm. Brave Banter: 'Theology on Tap'.

See notice.

### Sunday 17: Lent 5 – Passion Sunday.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Tuesday 19, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Thursday 21, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

## Holy Week & Easter Worship in Greater Hastings Parish



### Sunday 24: Lent 6 – PALM SUNDAY

– The passion of our Lord.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Worship. Palm Sunday – Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The procession of the palms & the blessing of the crosses begins our journey through Holy Week. This is a joyous & chaotic event. Jesus, amid the cheering crowd, rides on a donkey into Jerusalem.

11.15am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.) of The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings.

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 5 – What We Do.





Monday 25, 8.30am. Church Space.

**HOLY MONDAY** – Jesus visits his friends in Bethany, & Mary anoints the feet of Jesus with perfume, Judas reproaches her.

Tuesday 26, 8.30am. Church Space.

**HOLY TUESDAY** - Jesus announces / foretells the betrayal of one of the twelve, Judas, & the denial of Peter.

9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Wednesday 27, 8.30am. Church Space.

**HOLY WEDNESDAY** - Judas Iscariot betrays Jesus to the Sanhedrin. In making a deal with the high priests, Judas turns Jesus over for 30 silver coins.

11.45am Men's Fellowship Lunch. St Matthew's Church Hall.

Thursday 28, 8.30am. Church Space.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Jesus institutes the sacraments of the Eucharist & priesthood, the Priestly Order. It is when we realise Jesus' real servanthood & humility in the washing of the feet & the sharing of bread & wine, the Last Supper.

10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings

7pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Institution of the Last Supper & Foot Washing. Whole-of-Parish Worship.

Friday 29, **GOOD FRIDAY** - Passion & death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is sentenced to death by crucifixion. He died on the cross, & was buried in the tomb.

10am St Matthew's, Hastings. Ecumenical Procession with the Cross. Combined Worship.

11.30am – 1.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. Hot Cross Buns Lunch with Coffee & Tea.

2pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. Liturgy of the Passion. Whole-of-Parish Worship.

Saturday 30, 7pm. Church Space.

**HOLY SATURDAY** - Liturgy of The Great Vigil of Easter: Lighting of the Paschal (Easter) Candle. Holy Saturday – Jesus descends into the Abyss, hell, & triumphs over death.

**Sunday 31: EASTER DAY** – The resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

## APRIL

Tuesday 2, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Thursday 4, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

**Sunday 7: Easter 2 – Low Sunday. Daylight Savings Ends.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – **ANGLICAN IDENTITY 6** – Anglican Schools Educate.

Tuesday 9, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Thursday 11, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

5/5.30-6.30pm. Brave Banter: 'Theology on Tap' See notice.

**Sunday 14: Easter 3.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

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

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church Space – **ANGLICAN IDENTITY 7** – Anglican Care Cares.

Tuesday 16, 9.30am. Senior Chef in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Thursday 18, 10.15am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

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Kathy Fletcher Ruth Cunliffe  
Robin Nairn Marilyn Dingle  
James Mist Francie Reed

### Men's Fellowship Lunch

Richard & Paddy Bayley 06 876 7616

### Messy Church

Barbara Person 06 878 8855  
Warwick & Marilyn Dingle 021 0861 1325

### St Matthew's Primary School

06 876 4958

### Waiapu Kids St Matthew's

Early Childhood Centre 06 878 6924

### Greater Hastings Op Shop

### @ St Martin's Community Hall

Open Tues 8am-12noon  
1120 Willowpark Road North,  
Mayfair, Hastings



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## **Sunday 21: Easter 4.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

Wednesday 24, 11.45am – Men's Fellowship  
Lunch in St Matthew's Church Hall.



Thursday 25, 6.30am – Hastings Dawn  
ANZAC Service. Hastings Civic Square  
Cenotaph.

9am – Greater Hastings ANZAC Day Service at  
St Matthew's, Hastings.

Saturday 27, 4pm. MESSY CHURCH St  
Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair.

## **Sunday 28: Easter 5 – Harvest Festival.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

5.30pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Church  
Space – ANGLICAN IDENTITY 8 – Paths to the  
Future.

Monday 29 April. Term 2 Begins.



## Anglican Missions

Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and is a chance for the Church to reflect Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

Our Lenten Appeal calls the church to give sacrificially both financially and through prayer. Each year, we partner with you to raise funds for projects that directly contribute to the health, wellbeing and development of the communities and people involved.

The one inevitable outcome of armed conflict is the significant loss of human life and dignity – on any side. Your generous donation to the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza is just one of the ways you have brought hope to the Holy Land. Al Ahli continues to operate and serve its community. So far, we have raised over \$90,000, and the Diocese of Jerusalem is receiving funds from Anglicans around the world to support the hospital and to deepen its existing humanitarian response. This is especially important as the West Bank and wider region is also in dire need of healthcare, education and community support (which includes humanitarian supplies).

This Lent, partner with us to bring Hope for the Holy Land.

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