

# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

*Provoking faith in Hastings communities*

*Faith giving Life*

## ***Parish Newsletter*** *for the weeks commencing Sunday* *17<sup>th</sup> November & 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

### **Haere Mai - Welcome**

#### **Services at St Matthew's Church**

200 King Street South, Hastings

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November -**  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November:**

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November -**  
The Reign of Christ/Stir-Up Sunday:  
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Services at St Peter's Church**

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November -**  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November -**  
The Reign of Christ/Stir-Up  
Sunday:

with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

## **WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.**

The Clergy team, along with the Wardens and Vestry, are taking some time to review where we are at following the resignation of Tracey who was the Administrator in the Parish for some 14 years.

An appointment of a replacement Administrator may not happen until the New Year, so, in the meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding as, together, we try to cover all the bases in this busy season leading up to, and including, Advent and Christmas, especially with the relocation of offices and the demolition of the hall and facilities.

As we navigate this next season into the future, we realise that we may not be able to do everything we always did, or the way they always used to be done, as our volunteers offer differing skill sets. Effective immediately is a change to the frequency of the newsletter from weekly to fortnightly, whilst still attempting to keep everyone informed of what is coming up in the Parish.

This last month has been a time of upheaval and we've seen some significant changes in Parish life, with the loss of staff, facilities, and resources ... but we are doing our best, so please be kind!

## **ROSTERS**

As we are preparing for the Services for the next two months, it would be very helpful to know of any planned unavailability, or absence, from anyone who usually has a regular spot on any of the rosters ... especially for the Christmas services.

Similarly, we would love to hear from anyone who isn't currently rostered for any of the ministry or service roles but would like to be.

Please email the Parish Office, or advise Rev'd David or Rev'd Alister. We will email an updated version of to parishioners on the roster in due course.

*This afternoon, 17<sup>th</sup> November,  
at St Matthew's Church ...*

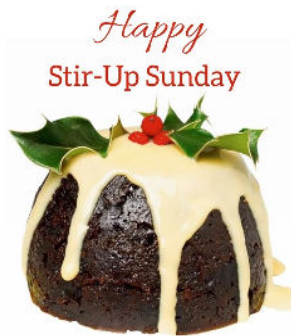
THE LINDEN SINGERS OF HAWKE'S BAY  
*present*  
**A CURIOUS  
COLLECTION  
OF SONGS**  
WITH CONDUCTOR,  
JANE PIERARD  
SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024 | 2PM  
SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HASTINGS  
DOOR SALES/CASH ONLY | \$25 | CONCESSION \$20

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November has a variety of names!

Whilst our NZ Lectionary notes this Sunday as “Christ the King” or “The Reign of Christ” or “The Sunday before Advent” it is also traditionally known as “Stir Up Sunday”.

This year, during the St Matthew’s 10am Eucharist, we will follow this tradition and “Stir Up” some ingredients to make a Christmas Pudding or Cake.

You can read more about this tradition at the Historic UK website [www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Stir-Up-Sunday/](http://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Stir-Up-Sunday/)



## Advent

On the church’s calendar, a new year commences on the First Sunday of Advent which, this year, falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. At St Matthew’s 10am Eucharist that day we will bless the Advent Wreaths to be used this season; and on the Second Sunday of Advent, we’re inviting parishioners to bring along their home Nativity sets to be blessed.

And for a feast of beautiful Advent music, the Cathedral will offer their Advent Carols & Readings Service at 7.00pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



### Men’s Fellowship Lunch

A Christmas lunch will be held at **Clubs Hastings**, 308 Victoria St, Hastings, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.30 am - \$30 per person and partners are welcome. Bookings with payment, or enquiries to Paddy or Richard Bayley 876 7616.

### Senior Chef in Hastings

Senior Chef is a free 8 week course that will kick start or reinvigorate your enjoyment of cooking nutritious food for yourself or to share. These very popular courses are held in St Matthew’s Church, with the next one beginning on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. Planning for courses is underway - to register, or enquire, please contact Rev’d David or Parish Office.



Hastings Choral  
presents

# HANDEL’S MESSIAH

Sunday 01 December 2024 @ 2.00pm  
St Matthew’s Church  
King Street, Hastings

**Soloists:**  
Isabella Reid : Soprano  
Brittany Osborne : Alto  
Philip Roderick : Tenor  
Takerei Komene : Bass

Conducted by Joe Christensen  
Accompanied by John Wells on organ

Tickets  
\$30.00 (adult) or \$5.00 (child) available through choir members,  
[hastingschoral@gmail.com](mailto:hastingschoral@gmail.com) or cash sales at the door

EFTPOS is available at the back of St Matthew’s Church for Sunday offertories or donations - for an end-of-financial-year tax receipt, please put your name and contact details on the receipt and pop it into an offertory envelope, or email the Parish Office.

## Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - November-December 2024
19	Tuesday	3.30pm 4.30pm	Wardens meeting; followed by Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Committee meeting
23	Saturday	9am- 12md	<i>‘Let’s do it together’</i> - a time to clean and tidy up inside & outside St Matthew’s Church ready for Advent / Christmas
25-29	Mon-Fri	All days	Rev’d Alister Hendery away from the Parish leading the Diocesan pre-Ordination Retreat
27	Wednesday	11.30am	Men’s Fellowship Lunch at Clubs Hastings, Victoria Street
27	Wednesday	7.15pm	Greater Hastings Vestry meeting, followed by a shared pot luck Christmas dessert celebration
28	Thursday		Rev’d David van Oeveren’s 26 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (at St Mary’s Church, Levin, 1998)
28	Thursday	2.00pm	Summerset-in-the-Orchard, Rev’d David van Oeveren
29	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Life-care, Rev’d David van Oeveren
30	Saturday	11.00am	Diocesan Ordination Service at Waiapu Cathedral
30	Saturday	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Martin’s Community Hall, Mayfair
1	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Advent 1: Eucharist, St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Advent 1: Eucharist with hymns, St Matthew’s Advent 1: Morning Worship, St Peter’s
1	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Choral Society present Handel’s “Messiah”
1	Sunday	7.00pm	Advent 1: Advent Carols & Readings at Waiapu Cathedral, Napier

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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