

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
1st December & 8th December 2024

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Sunday 1st December -

Advent 1:

with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

Thursday 5th December:

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Sunday 8th December -

Advent 2:

with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

Thursday 12th December:

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday 1st December -

Advent 1:

with Gray Ruffell

10.00am Morning Worship

Sunday 8th December -

Advent 2:

with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this next season into the future. As we make adjustments to cope with our new reality (ie loss of staff, facilities and resources), 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 ... so a reminder that the newsletter frequency has been changed from weekly to fortnightly, but we still hope to keep everyone informed of what is coming up in the Parish. We intend to produce a newsletter for the first and third Sundays each month; in between times, please refer to our website and/or our Facebook pages for any additional news or events.

Advent Services - 2024
Believe in the magic of the season

St Matthew's Church 200 King Street South, Hastings	St Peter's Church 1202 Ada Street, Hastings
1 December 8am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 10am - Eucharist with hymns	Advent 1 10am - Morning Worship
8 December 8am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 10am - Eucharist with hymns	Advent 2 10am - Eucharist with hymns
15 December 8am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 10am - Eucharist with hymns 7.00pm - Carols & Readings for Christmas with Four's Company	Advent 3 10am - Eucharist with hymns
22 December 8am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel) 10am - Eucharist with hymns	Advent 4 10am - Eucharist with hymns


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SIGNS OF HOPE IN NATURE

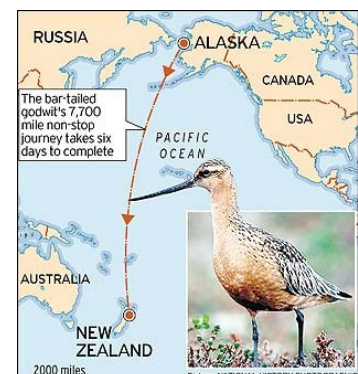
An Advent hymn by NZ song-writer, Bill Wallace, which may be sung to the tune 'St Gertrude', [Onward Christian Soldiers]

Signs of hope in nature
come like Godwits' flight
raising with Cicadas
songs within the night.
Flaking bark of Matai,
Fuchsia's bursting buds,
turn our thoughts to flowerings
of God's summer love.

*"Justice for Earth's peoples,
peace for humankind;
Oneness in God's loving!"
sounds the Advent cry.*

When Pohutukawa
tinges green with red,
fire will come soon after
on its verdant head.
Signs of hope in people
flash from lively eyes;
tears and warmth and caring
help new life arise.

So Christ comes in Advent
to our broken dreams,
bathing all our sorrows,
in grief's healing streams.
"Come into the sunlight"
Christ invites us all;
"Share Christ's feast of loving"
hear the Gospel call.



Christmas Cake Raffle

Audrey, from St Peter's, has made a large Christmas Cake for the Parish to raffle. A photo of the cake, as well as the \$2 raffle tickets, will be available to be purchased from the back of both St Peter's and St Matthew's Churches on Sundays - 1st, 8th and 15th of December.

The raffle will be drawn, at St Peter's, on Sunday 22nd December and the winner notified accordingly.



HBYO
Hawke's Bay Youth Orchestra
presents
CHRISTMAS HARMONIES
Sun 8 Dec 2024
4pm
Adults \$15
Children \$5
St Matthew's Church
King Street, Hastings
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Christian World Service Christmas Appeal 2024

"Give climate hope this Christmas"

This year's theme emerged from listening to CWS partners in the Pacific, and each week during Advent draws our attention to different challenges from climate change and the environment. We encourage support for this appeal - information and envelopes available at the back of the church.

Senior Chef in Hastings

Senior Chef is a free 8 week course (for the over-65 years age group) 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 10th February 2025. Planning for courses is underway - to register, or enquire, please contact Rev'd David or Parish Office.



Community Service
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS
Free & Open to Everyone!
SUN DEC 15 ✨ **STARTS 7PM**
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
WITH GUEST ARTISTS
Four's Company & Kathy Fletcher
ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
200 King Street South, Hastings,
<https://greaterhastingsanglicanchurch.co.nz>

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
1	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Choral Society present Handel’s “Messiah”
1	Sunday	7.00pm	Advent 1: Advent Carols & Readings at Waiapu Cathedral, Napier
4	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Retirement Village - Rev’d Alister Hendery
4	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Committee meeting
5	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist, Lady Chapel, St Matthew’s - Rev’d Alister Hendery
5	Thursday	11.00am 5.30pm	Clergy team meeting St Matthew’s School Board of Trustees meeting
8	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Eucharist, Lady Chapel, St Matthew’s - Rev’d David van Oeveren Eucharist with hymns, St Matthew’s - Rev’d David van Oeveren Eucharist with hymns, St Peter’s - Rev’d Alister Hendery
8	Sunday	4.00pm	Hawke’s Bay Youth Orchestra concert, St Matthew’s
11	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village - Rev’d Alister Hendery
12	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist, Lady Chapel, St Matthew’s - Rev’d Alister Hendery
12	Thursday	5.30pm	‘Brave Banter’ (Theology on tap) at Brave Brewing, 205 Queen St Rev’d David van Oeveren
13	Friday		Rev’d David van Oeveren’s 27 th anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate (at All Saints’ Church, Palmerston North, 1997)
13	Friday	10.00am 1.40pm	Colwyn House Lifecare, Rev’d David van Oeveren St Matthew’s School Eucharist - Rev’d David van Oeveren

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