



# 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

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## Parish Newsletter

for the weeks commencing Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup> December & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Haere Mai - Welcome

### Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Advent 3:

7.00pm Christmas Carols  
and Readings

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:

10.15am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Advent 4:

with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

8.00am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

### Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Advent 4:

with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

*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>

For Christmas and New Year Services schedule,  
please refer to notice on page 3 inside ... →

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

And a very warm welcome if you are visiting, we trust you will enjoy your time with us; and welcome back to the returning RSE workers, it is wonderful to see you again.

Please do join us for morning tea after the 10am service.

This is our last newsletter for 2024!

Services over the holiday period are noted on the back page - please refer to our website and/or our Facebook pages for any additional news, events, or changes.

May you know the peace and joy of Christ as we celebrate, again, His birth in the stable at Bethlehem; and we wish you all a safe, joyous, and blessed Christmas season, and a very happy New Year for 2025.

### **RETIREMENT**

The Rev'd Lynette Gordon recently met with Bishop Andrew and has given notice to the Parish of her intention to retire from active ministry in January 2025.

We will take the opportunity to acknowledge, and thank, Lynette for her many years of service at the 10am whole-of-parish Eucharist to be held at St Matthew's on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

We wish Lynette every blessing as she enters into her new season of retirement.

### **ON LEAVE & SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Over the Christmas-New Year Holiday period, the Rev'd David van Oeveren will be on annual leave from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December through to and including Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January; the Rev'd Alister Hendery will be on annual leave from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January through to and including Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January; the Parish Office/Support Hub will be unattended from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

The last **Thursday 10.15am Eucharist** for 2024 will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, resuming again on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025; and the last **Sunday 8.00am Eucharist** is on *Advent 4*, the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, resuming again for *The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple* on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.

During January 2025, there will be combined and/or whole-of-parish services at 10.00am - at **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, Market St, Hastings, on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**, then at St Matthew's Church on Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Services resume at St Peter's and at St Matthew's at 10.00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.





*You're invited, and all are welcome ...  
so come and join us as we  
Celebrate the Season!*

## **Christmas 2024 and New Year 2025 Services**

### **St Matthew's Church**

*200 King Street South, Hastings*

**Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve**

**5.30pm: Christingle Service**

*(for the young and young-at-heart,  
with the Blessing of the Nativity Crib)*

**11.00pm: The first Eucharist of Christmas**

**Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day**

**10.00am: Christmas Eucharist with Carols**

**Sunday 29 December - Christmas 1**

*A Combined Service at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
cnr Lyndon Road West & Market Street South, Hastings*

**Sunday 5 January 2025 - The Epiphany  
of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**10.00am: Eucharist with Carols**

### **St Peter's Church**

*1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings*

**Wednesday 25 - Christmas Day**

**10.00am Christmas Eucharist with Carols**



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*NO Sunday 8.00am or Thursday 10.15am Eucharist at St Matthew's during January;  
Sundays 12th & 19th January: 10am Eucharist at St Matthew's*

### 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 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

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

Our grateful thanks to **Village Christmas Trees, Arataki Rd, Havelock North**, for supplying the beautiful Christmas tree in St Matthew's this year - also thanks to the team who organised and arranged the decorations.



Bishop Andrew Hedge is scheduled to meet with the Clergy and Wardens on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for forward planning and direction for the Parish .

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. Planning for courses is underway - to register, or enquire, please contact Rev'd David or Parish Office.



### **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.

EFTPOS is available at the back of St Matthew's Church for Sunday offertories or donations - if you want to receive 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.

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