

# 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> February & 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025*

### **Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

200 King Street South, Hastings

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February -**

The Presentation of Jesus in the  
Temple / Candlemas:

with the Rev'd Margaret Thompson

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February -**

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

#### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February:**

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

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

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February -**

The Presentation of Jesus in the  
Temple / Candlemas:

10.00am Morning Prayer

with hymns

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February -**

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

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

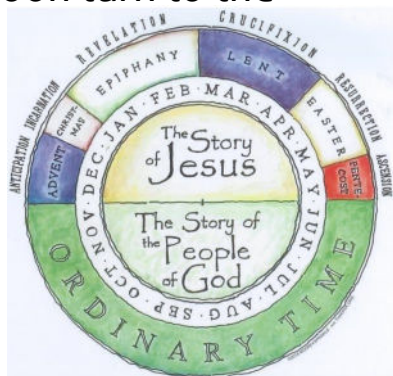
A very warm welcome to everyone joining with us at services this week. We trust you have enjoyed a relaxing break (for those on holidays) and some sunshine (for those who managed to escape the persistent rain in Hawke's Bay!)

Many of our services and activities are re-commencing this week after a summer holiday break, including the start of Term 1 for St Matthew's School children - *please be particularly alert for extra traffic, and children, around the Church and School site on week-days, especially at drop-off and pick-up times.*

With Waitangi Day public holiday falling on a Thursday this year, our mid-week Eucharist in the Lady Chapel will re-commence on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am. The Office will also be closed for the public holiday on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Today's services, Presentation of Jesus / Candlemas, are the "closing bracket" to the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season, which means we are already one quarter of the way through our church-year calendar!

Our focus will soon turn to the Lenten season, commencing with Ash Wednesday on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.



## COMPREHENSIVE ANGLICANISM

Starting today, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 11.30am - 2.00pm, and continuing for the following three Sundays in February, at St Matthew's Church with our Vicar, the Rev'd David van Oeveren - this course is open to anyone interested, but aimed particularly for those seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service and Discipleship, or those Baptised in other traditions who may now wish to explore the Anglican tradition.

Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee supplied.

- 2 Feb: 1 - Words and Furniture  
2 - How we got here
- 9 Feb: 3 - Understanding the Ethos  
4 - Making it work
- 16 Feb: 5 - What we do  
6 - Anglican Schools educate
- 23 Feb: 7 - Anglican Care cares  
8 - Paths to the Future

### Community invited to the Hastings Earthquake Commemoration

Tomorrow, **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, is the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating 1931 earthquake which destroyed many buildings in Napier, Hastings, and with wider Hawke's Bay region, and with the loss of 256 lives. The Hastings Civic Service will be held at the Clocktower tomorrow commencing at **10.30am**, with the tolling of the bells and a minute's silence at 10.47am, the exact time the earthquake began. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend to pay their respects, remember and reflect on the impact of the earthquake and the rebuild that followed. Wreaths will also be laid at the clocktower.

*Peace is not the absence of differences but the respect for them.*

## HAWKE'S BAY INTERFAITH

*invites people of all faiths or none  
to*



WEDNESDAY | 05 FEBRUARY | 6:00pm

 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
83 Georges Drive Napier

*Please bring a plate and a contribution (some words  
or music about harmony between faiths)*



### 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 for those over 65 years who wish to be inspired to cook healthy, nutritious meals for one or two.

The next course begins on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am-12.30pm**, in the Refreshment area at St Matthew's Church. To register, or enquire, please contact the Rev'd David or the Parish Office.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. **Reports for the AGM from Parish groups are due by 24<sup>th</sup> February** - would those responsible for submitting reports, please ensure they are emailed to the Parish Office by 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Special Services/Events coming up:

This is advance notice to mark your calendars for some special services and events being planned at St Matthew's:

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** - Art Deco weekend with the 8am & 10am Holy Communion services being the style of the 1930's Art Deco era

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - a morning to clean and tidy up the church ready for Lent and Easter

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Matthew's

**Shrove Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Pancakes

**Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - 10.15am Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes; 7pm whole-of-parish Ash Wednesday Service

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Bishop Andrew Hedge at St Matthew's for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Matthew's School celebration service, with Confirmation and Renewal to Commitment of Christian Service and Discipleship.

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 - February 2025
2	Sunday	11.30am -2.00pm	‘ <i>Comprehensive Anglicanism [1]</i> ’, at St Matthew’s Church
3	Monday	8.30am	St Matthew’s School Term 1 begins - please be aware of extra traffic, and children, around the school and church site
3	Monday	10.30am	1931 Earthquake Anniversary commemoration at the Hastings Clock-tower (wet weather venue: St Matthew’s Church)
5	Wednesday	2pm	Gracelands Rest-home & Village, Rev’d Alister Hendery
5	Wednesday	6.00pm	Harmony Week inter-faith event at LDS, 83 Georges Drive, Napier
<b>6</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Waitangi Day public holiday - Parish Office closed</b>
7	Friday	10.00am 1.40pm	Colwyn House Life-care, Rev’d David van Oeveren St Matthew’s School Eucharist, Rev’d David van Oeveren
9	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	5th Sunday Ordinary Time: Eucharist, St Matthew’s Lady Chapel 5th Sunday Ordinary Time: Eucharist with hymns, St Matthew’s 5th Sunday Ordinary Time: Eucharist with hymns, St Peter’s
9	Sunday	11.30am -2.00pm	‘ <i>Comprehensive Anglicanism [2]</i> ’, at St Matthew’s Church
10	Monday	9.30am- 12.30pm	Senior Chef course in St Matthew’s Church refreshment area
12	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Rest-home & Village, Rev’d Alister Hendery
12	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building Committee meeting, at St Matthew’s Church
13	Thursday	10.15am 11.00am	Eucharist, St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Clergy team meeting
14	Friday	11.30am	Cyclone Gabrielle 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary commemoration at the Hastings Civic Square - Rev’d David van Oeveren

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