



# 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  
16<sup>th</sup> February & 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025*

### Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church  
200 King Street South, Hastings

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February -  
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

*"Art Deco Sunday"*

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
(Lady Chapel)  
10.00am BCP Holy Communion  
with hymns

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February -  
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

*"Harvest Thanksgiving"*

8.00am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)  
10.00am Eucharist with hymns

Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February:  
10.15am Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Services at St Peter's Church  
1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February -  
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February -  
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
with the Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

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

The services at St Matthew's today (16<sup>th</sup> Feb) are a "blast from the past" as we join in the regional celebrations of all things **Art Deco** and the 1930's era; we also remember and give thanks to those who have gone before us to rebuild our cities following the devastation of the 1931 earthquake.

The services of Holy Communion are taken from the old Book of Common Prayer, which was the Prayer Book of the era, and for many years afterwards - this may be very familiar and comfortable for some, for others it may be new and seem very different!



**Next Sunday, (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb) the St Matthew's services will be a celebration of the bounty of God's provision - Harvest Thanksgiving.**

Parishioners are invited to bring a tin or two of fruit/veg, or some other non-perishable food items, as an extra gift to our regular donations to the local Foodbank.

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are very excited to announce that **Prasadi Pathirana** has been appointed to the part-time position of Administrator for the Parish of Greater Hastings. We expect Prasadi to commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February; her role is for 20 hours per week with some flexibility to fit around her study at EIT where she is completing a Masters of Business Studies.

Prasadi and her husband, Daniel, are parishioners who attend services at St Matthew's, so we ask fellow parishioners to welcome Prasadi (and Daniel) but please avoid any messages or "work-related" conversations on Sundays!

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## COMPREHENSIVE ANGLICANISM

Continuing today, at 11.30am - 2.00pm, and concluding next Sunday, 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.

- 16 Feb: 5 - What we do
- 6 - Anglican Schools educate
- 23 Feb: 7 - Anglican Care cares
- 8 - Paths to the Future

### **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.

### **St Matthew's School - 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday 9 March, 10.00am -1.00pm**

The St Matthew's Primary School, and the Parish, are very excited with preparations being made to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school opening.

The day's schedule is as follows:

- ◆ **10am** - a school-based Church Service in St Matthew's Church with Bishop Andrew Hedge, including a performance by the school choir
- ◆ **11am** - Anniversary Ceremony, cake cutting and morning tea;
- ◆ Principal's Address and guest speaker (Alumnus or Diocesan Representative);
- ◆ Student performances
- ◆ **12noon** - school & grounds open to visit
- ◆ Welcome and showcasing students' work with classroom displays
- ◆ Cultural Performances
- ◆ Tree planting ceremony by the Anderson Family
- ◆ School tours hosted by staff and students
- ◆ **1pm** - conclusion, closing Prayer and Benediction

Spread the word amongst your friends or any previous students of the school, and follow details on the St Matthew's School web-site of Facebook page.

### **CAFE GROUP OUTING**

Come and join us at the next outing of the Cafe Group on

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am,  
at the Birdwoods - Gallery, Café  
Sweet Shop & Sculpture Garden,  
298 Middle Rd, Havelock North.**

Contact Ruth on 027 2300 327, by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, if you would like to be part of the booking and let her know if you need a ride !

### **SENIOR CHEF IN HASTINGS**

Senior Chef is a free course for those over 65 years who wish to be inspired to cook healthy, nutritious meals for one or two. The first course for the year is already underway, so enrolments are now being taken for the next course commencing on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am-12.30pm**, in the Refreshment area at St Matthew's Church.

Enquiries and registrations to the Rev'd David or the Parish Office.

### **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:

**Harvest Thanksgiving - 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**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 -  
note this 10.15am service replaces the  
regular Thursday morning Eucharist.

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
16	Sunday	11.30am -2.00pm	‘ <i>Comprehensive Anglicanism [3]</i> ’, at St Matthew’s Church
17	Monday	9.30am- 12.30pm	Senior Chef course continues in St Matthew’s Church refreshment area
17	Monday	10.00am- 3.00pm	Fund-raising Sub-committee Strategy Workshop with Emily & Josie from The Fundraising Agency, at St Matthew’s Church
19	Wednesday	3.30pm 4.30pm	Wardens Meeting Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-committee meeting
20	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
21	Friday	10.00am 1.40pm 4.00pm	Colwyn House Life-care, Rev’d David van Oeveren St Matthew’s School Eucharist, Rev’d David van Oeveren Regional Clergy gathering at Clubs Hastings
22	Saturday	9am-12	‘Lets do it together’ clean & tidy St Matthew’s ready for Easter
23	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving:</b> Eucharist, St Matthew’s Lady Chapel <b>Harvest Thanksgiving:</b> Eucharist with hymns, St Matthew’s 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time: Eucharist with hymns, St Peter’s
23	Sunday	11.30am -2.00pm	‘ <i>Comprehensive Anglicanism [4]</i> ’, at St Matthew’s Church
24	Monday	9.30am- 12.30pm	Senior Chef course continues in St Matthew’s Church refreshment area
26	Wednesday	7.15pm	Greater Hastings Parish Vestry meeting
27	Thursday	10.15am 10am-1pm 2.00pm 5.30pm	Eucharist, St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Ministry Collective gathering - Wilberforce Foundation Summerset in the Orchard - Rev’d David van Oeveren St Matthew’s School Board of Trustees meeting

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