



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

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Parish Newsletter

for the week commencing Sunday

2nd March 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Sunday 2nd March -
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
with the Rev'd Margaret Thompson

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

Wednesday 5th March -
Ash Wednesday

10.15am Eucharist with Imposition
of Ashes (*Lady Chapel*)
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday 6th March -
No Service today

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

Sunday 2nd March -
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
with the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

Wednesday 5th March -
Ash Wednesday

10.15am Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes
(*St Matthew's Lady Chapel*)
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service
(*at St Matthew's Church*)

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

The Church's Lenten season starts on Wednesday, but before we commence our "desert journey" we will observe the tradition of cooking pancakes (to use up eggs & butter!) and enjoying a Pancake supper on **Shrove Tuesday, 4th March, 6pm** in the St Matthew's 'Hospitality' area. All are welcome to participate, just bring along your favourite pancake fillings - sweet or savoury.



Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is **5th March 2025** - we have several service options that day - all welcome at any of the services, and all services include the Imposition of Ashes ...

✠ **10.15am** Eucharist, in the Lady Chapel (*note this replaces the usual mid-week Eucharist for Thursday 6th March*);

✠ **1.40pm** St Matthew's School's Ash Wednesday service;

✠ **7.00pm** the whole-of-Parish Ash Wednesday Service, at St Matthew's Church.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are delighted that **Prasadi Pathirana** has commenced her role as the part-time Administrator for the Parish of Greater Hastings. 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.

Initially Prasadi will be on-site Mondays & Tuesdays 9am-12noon, and Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-3pm.

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!

You are invited to attend
the Lenten Study
**'This is good news –
the story we live inside'**
at St Matthew's commencing on
**Ash Wednesday, 5th March,
after the 10.15am Eucharist.**
During the weeks of Lent, the
study will be held each Thursday
morning from 11am at
St Matthew's Church,
following the Mid-Week
Thursday 10.15am Eucharist.

NEXT WEEK ...

St Matthew's School

30th 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 30th 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 or Facebook page.

Changes in Clergy Appointments

Last Monday, Bishop Andrew Hedge shared the news of some upcoming clergy movements within the Diocese:

- * **The Very Reverend Di Woods** has resigned from her role as Dean of Waiapu Cathedral where she has served for the past three years. Di will conclude her time in the Cathedral Parish with a Liturgical farewell to be held on Sunday 25th May 2025 - more details to follow.
- * **The Reverend Linda King** has resigned and retired from her role as Vicar/ Superintendent at the Whakatane Co-operating Parish; her farewell will be on Sunday 29th June 2025.
- * **The Reverend Alister Hendery** completes his ministry with Greater Hastings Parish on Sunday 30th April; and has been appointed to the role of Acting-Dean at Waiapu Cathedral, 0.75 FTE, commencing on the 12th May, for a period of at least 12 months.
- * **The Reverend Deborah Broome**, the Diocesan Ministry Educator, has been appointed as an Associate Priest at Waiapu Cathedral, 0.25 FTE, from the 25th May 2025.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings will be held on **Sunday 30th March** 2025 at **11.30am** (following the 10am Eucharist) at St Matthew's Church. Nomination forms will be available next week, and completed forms must be returned to the Vicar by mid-day on Sunday 23rd March.

Please check with the Vicar/Priest Associate or Wardens to ensure you are on the Electoral Roll if you wish to vote.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - February 2025
3	Monday	9.30am-12.30pm	Senior Chef course continues in St Matthew’s Church refreshment area
4	Tuesday	11.00am-6-7pm	Café group outing to Birdwood Café (contact: Ruth 0272300327) Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper, at St Matthew’s Church
5	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.15am 1.40pm 7.00pm	Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes (<i>Lady Chapel</i>) School Ash Wednesday Ashes Service Parish Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Services
5	Wednesday	2.00pm-4.30pm	Gracelands Rest-home & Village, Rev’d Alister Hendery Building & Maintenance Sub-Committee meeting
6	Thursday	--- 11.00am	No Eucharist service this morning Clergy team meeting, St Matthew’s
7	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Life-care, Rev’d David van Oeveren
8	Saturday	6.30pm	St Matthew’s School 30th anniversary celebration dinner
9	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Lent 1: Eucharist, St Matthew’s (<i>Lady Chapel</i>) Eucharist & Confirmation with hymns, Bishop Andrew Hedge - celebrating the 30 th anniversary of St Matthew’s Shool Lent 1: Eucharist with hymns, St Peter’s
9	Sunday	11.00am-2.00pm	Celebrating St Matthew’s Primary School’s 30 th anniversary, with morning tea & cake; guest speaker; open classrooms & grounds
9	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society concert, St Matthew’s Church
9-13	Sun-Thurs	---	Rev’d David van Oeveren attending Hato Hone St John Ambulance Chaplains Conference in Hamilton
14-17	Fri-Mon	---	Rev’d David van Oeveren on Annual Leave

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