



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 week commencing Sunday

16th March 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Sunday 16th March -

The Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
with The Rev'd Alister Hendery

10.00am Eucharist with hymns
with The Rev'd Margaret Thompson

Thursday 20th March

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Right: Mark and Tracey Confirm their commitment
to Christian Service and Discipleship

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

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The Second Sunday in Lent

10.00am Eucharist with hymns
with The Rev'd Alister Hendery



WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

We entered Lent by enjoying each other's company over a Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday. There is a deep significance in eating all the rich foods in a tradition of penitence and forgiveness. Shrove Tuesday moved us nicely into Ash Wednesday with options for Imposition of Ashes throughout the day.

Attention turned a little on the Thursday towards the 30th Anniversary of St Matthew's Primary School. A dinner was held on the Saturday night for the Founders and current School Leadership Team, and on Sunday morning magnificent celebration worship with Confirmation was held. Wonderful feedback has been received, including: 'It was great to see how the school has grown, its diversity and its great children. I am on a high.'

Now we turn out full attention to Lenten disciplines. Prayer which involves engaging in conversations with God through various forms of prayer, reading scripture, or spending time in silence and reflection. There are several different Lenten Study options in the Parish to participate in. Fasting which traditionally involves abstaining from certain foods or activities to focus on spiritual matters and cultivate self-discipline. I tend to give up something and pick up something. And Almsgiving which involves giving to those in need, whether through donations of time, resources, or material goods, and demonstrates compassion and service to others.

Go well in your Lenten journey.

You are invited to attend
the Lenten Study

**'This is good news –
the story we live inside'**

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.

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.



ANGLICAN MISSIONS

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appeal

This Lent, partner with Anglican Missions to support work in The Solomon Islands and the Holy Land. Your donation will go towards safe water, sustainable agriculture, disaster preparation, counselling, education and much more.

Scan or visit to learn more: anglicanmissions.org.nz/lent

Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and is a chance for the Church to reflect Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

Our Lenten Appeal calls the church to give sacrificially both financially and through prayer. Each year, we partner with you to raise funds for projects that directly contribute to the health, wellbeing and development of the communities and people involved.

This Lent, we're supporting projects in **The Solomon Islands and The Middle East.**

Appeal envelopes available soon, or online donations can be made at:
<https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/lent/>



Messy Church

Whether you are young or young at heart we invite you to join us for fun, fellowship and a shared meal

...in St Martin's Community Hall
1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair,
(next-door to Mayfair School)

Saturday 29th March, 4pm - 6pm

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2025-26

New sets of Offertory Envelopes are available at the back of the church for parishioners to collect.

If you have any questions regarding the envelopes or online giving, please feel free to contact Sheryl at 02111 90729 or email us at hastingsparish@waiapu.com.

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 are now available 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 - March 2025
17	Monday	All Day	St. Patrick’s Day
		9.30am – 12.30pm	Senior Chef course continues in St Matthew’s Church refreshment area
19	Wednesday	3.30pm	WARDENS Meeting
		4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee
20	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, The Rev’d Alister Hendery
		10.30am-1.30pm	Ministry Collective Gathering, Digital Church
21	Friday	All Day	St Matthew’s Primary School – Teacher Only Day
		10am	Colwyn House Lifecare, The Rev’d David van Oeveren
22	Saturday	9.30am – 2.30pm.	Comprehensive Anglicanism @ St Matthew’s: Baptism, Welcoming Members Baptised in Other Traditions, Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship, BYO Lunch, The Rev’d David van Oeveren.
23	Sunday	8.00 am	Lent 3 Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, The Rev’d David van Oeveren
		10.00am	Lent 3 Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, The Rev’d David van Oeveren & The Rev’d Margaret Thompson, Preacher: The Rev’d Dr. Deborah Broome
		10.00am	Lent 3 Eucharist at St Peter’s, Riverslea, The Rev’d Alister Hendery
		11.30am	Think Tank – Creative Lunch with The Rev’d Dr. Deborah Broome

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