



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 week commencing Sunday

23rd March 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Sunday 23rd March -

The Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
with The Rev'd David van Oeveren

10.00am Eucharist with hymns -
with Presider:

The Rev'd David van Oeveren;
and Preacher: The Rev'd Deborah
Broome (*Diocesan Ministry Educator*)

11.30am The Rev'd Deborah Broome
facilitates a "Think Tank" discussion

Thursday 27th March

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
with The Rev'd Alister Hendery

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday 23rd March -

The Third Sunday in Lent

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

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.

WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

As we have entered this season of Lent, 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM for the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings will be held **next 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 **today 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.

Parish Lunch Today

4th Sunday Parish Lunch, 12 noon,
at Serendipity Café
1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings
Please feel free to join with us
for lunch each 4th Sunday.

Contact Paddy and Richard Bayley,
8767616 for more information.

Special Services/Events coming up:

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

Sunday 30th March: Mothering Sunday whole-of-Parish Eucharist at 10am followed by the Parish AGM

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday procession with palms & crosses

Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday 7pm 'Last Supper' Eucharist and foot-washing

Friday 18th April: Good Friday 10am ecumenical procession with the cross; 2pm Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday 19th April: Holy Saturday

Sunday 20th April: Easter Day celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus and renewal of Baptism

Sunday 27th April: Low Sunday - Eucharist & Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child; and Farewell service for The Rev'd Alister Hendery as he completes his ministry in the Parish of Greater Hastings before commencing his new role as Acting-Dean at Waiapu Cathedral.



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 021 119 0729 or email us at hastingsparish@waiapu.com.



Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - March 2025
24	Monday	9.30am 12.30pm	Senior Chef course continues in St Matthew’s Church refreshment area
26	Wednesday	7.15 pm 9.15 pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY – End of Year Accounts & Budget Meeting
27	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, The Rev’d Alister Hendery
		2.00 pm	Summerset in the Orchard – The Rev’d David van Oeveren.
29	Saturday	4.00 pm	MESSY CHURCH St Martin’s Community Hall, Mayfair. Marilyn & Warwick Dingle.
30	Sunday	8.00 am	Lent 4 Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, The Rev’d Alister Hendery.
		10.00 am	Whole-of-Parish Worship - Corporate Communion of the Parish: Members of all Parish Organisations are asked to attend. The Rev’d Margaret Thompson (Presider), The Rev’d Alister Hendery (Preacher), and The Rev’d David van Oeveren. <i>Note: no service at St Peter’s this morning</i>
		11.30 am	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.) of The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings – The Rev’d David van Oeveren.

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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