



# 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*

*23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025*

### Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> March  
10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)  
with The Rev'd Alister Hendery

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

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish Lunch, 12 noon,  
at Serendipity Café  
1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings  
Please feel free to join with us  
for lunch each 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Mothering Sunday whole-of-Parish Eucharist at 10am followed by the Parish AGM

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Palm Sunday procession with palms & crosses

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Maundy Thursday 7pm 'Last Supper' Eucharist and foot-washing

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** Good Friday 10am ecumenical procession with the cross; 2pm Liturgy of the Passion

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Holy Saturday

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Day celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus and renewal of Baptism

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



ANGLICAN MISSIONS

**25**  
lenten  
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](https://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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hastingsparish@waiapu.com).



**May Fair**

BRING DOWN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THE MAY FAIR EVENT, TO MEET YOUR COMMUNITY AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

THERE WILL BE PROVIDED:

- FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLES,
- FACE PAINTING,
- LATIN DANCING,
- SCHOOL PERFORMANCES,
- BOUNCY CASTLES

**DATE** April 5th, 10am - 1pm  
**LOCATION** Mayfair School Primary, 1110 Willowpark Road North, Hastings

## 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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