



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

6th April 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Sunday 6th April -

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion
Sunday. Daylight Savings Ends.**

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

10.00am Eucharist with hymns
The Rev'd David van Oeveren.

Thursday 10th April

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
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WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

The week we call Holy is rapidly approaching. Beginning with Palm Sunday worship, the procession of the palms & the blessing of the crosses begins our journey through Holy Week. This is a joyous & chaotic event as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey.

At 8.30am on Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 April we will have Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel of St Matthew's as the story of Holy week unfolds.

This will lead us into the Easter or Paschal Triduum. This is the three days from Holy or Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. There are two opportunities to worship on Maundy Thursday, two on Good Friday, Holy Saturday is a day of waiting, and there are three opportunities to worship on Easter Day.

May your Lenten preparations prepare you for the Holy Week to Easter Day journey of worship.

Hastings Music Society 2025 Dates

The Hastings Music Society is pleased to host monthly concerts at 2:00pm on the second Sunday of each month, from April through to November.

Venue:

St Matthew's Anglican Church,

Concert Dates for 2025:

13 Apr/11 May/8 Jun/13 Jul/10 Aug/
14 Sep /12 Oct/9 Nov

Join us for amazing live music performances - Don't miss out.

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.

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 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/>

Our **OP-SHOP** is open every Tuesday morning 8am-12 at St Martin's Hall, 1202 Willowpark Road North (next to Mayfair School)

We are in need of more goods to sell ... can you help? Almost anything sells, clothes, books, puzzles, tools, etc.

Come along on a Tuesday to shop or donate, or phone Warwick (06)877-4639 to arrange for goods to be picked up.

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 - April 2025
9	Wednesday	9.00 am 2.00 pm	Eversley Resthome & Village – The Rev’d Alister Hendery
10	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - The Rev’d Alister Hendery
11	Friday	2.00 pm	End of Term School Assembly.
		All Day	Term 1 Ends
12	Saturday	9.30 am 2.30 pm	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.
13	Sunday	8.00 am	Lent 6 - Palm Sunday - Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - The Rev’d David van Oeveren
		10.00 am	Lent 6 - Palm Sunday-Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - The Rev’d David van Oeveren & The Rev’d Margaret Thompson. Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst in attendance. <i>Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. The procession of the palms & the blessing of the crosses begins our journey through Holy Week. This is a joyous & chaotic event. Jesus, amid the cheering crowd, rides on a donkey into Jerusalem. (Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:1-11)</i>
		10.00 am	Lent 6 - Palm Sunday - Eucharist at St Peter’s, Riverslea - The Rev’d Alister Hendery.
		2.00 pm	Hastings Music Society Concert @ St Matthew’s.

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