



## 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*

*30<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

### **Haere Mai - Welcome**

#### **Services at St Matthew's Church**

200 King Street South, Hastings

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March - The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

10.00am Whole-of-Parish Eucharist  
with hymns - with Presider:  
The Rev'd Margaret Thompson;  
Preacher: The Rev'd Alister Hendery;  
and The Rev'd David van Oeveren.

11.30am Parish Annual General  
Meeting

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

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

#### **Services at St Peter's Church**

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

There is no service at St Peter's this  
morning - please join us at St Matthew's  
Church for the 'Whole-of-Parish'  
Eucharist at 10.00am, followed by the  
Parish Annual General Meeting.

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.**

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.

### **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).

### **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.



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/>

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings will be held **today**, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 11:30am (following the 10:00am Eucharist) at St Matthew's Church.

We encourage all members to attend.

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.



## Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - April 2025
2	Wednesday	2.00 pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village – The Rev’d Alister Hendery
		4.30 pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
3	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - The Rev’d Alister Hendery
		11.00 am	Ministry Team Gathering
		5.30 pm	St Matthew’s Primary School BoT
4	Friday	10.00 am	Colwyn House Lifecare – The Rev’d David van Oeveren
		1.40 pm	School Eucharist - The Rev’d David van Oeveren
5	Saturday	All Day	May – Fair Community Day
6	Sunday	All Day	Hawke’s Bay Auto Extravaganza for Hato Hone St John
		8.00 am	Lent 5 - Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - The Rev’d David van Oeveren
		10.00 am	Lent 5 - Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - The Rev’d David van Oeveren
		10.00 am	Lent 5 - Eucharist at St Peter’s, Riverslea - The Rev’d Jenny Chalmers
7	Monday	9.30 am-12.30 pm	Senior Chef in St Matthew’s Church Refreshment Space

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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