



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*

Parish Newsletter

for the week commencing Sunday

15th June 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

**Sunday 15th June - Trinity
Sunday Service**

8.00am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
10.00am Eucharist with hymns

Thursday 19th June

10.15am Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

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

**Sunday 15th June - Trinity
Sunday Service**

10.00am Eucharist with hymns



(The Vicar leads the "Liturgy of Light" to mark the end of the Easter season. - Pentecost Sunday)

**On Sunday 1 June I received the
resignation of Mark Hensman.**

'I regretfully write to inform you that, for personal reasons, I am resigning from my role as Lay Minister in Greater Hastings.

This decision is to be effective from midnight on Friday 6th June.'

I acknowledged receipt of Mark's resignation on the same day, but did not accept it until after he had met with Archbishop John in Vancouver and had reported back to me. In consultation with Archbishop John, Mark has decided not to seek Ordination. On Friday 6 June with sadness and regret I accepted Mark's resignation.

We have been working through this pastorally for some time and we will continue to do so.

For The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings this will mean that during the months of June and July we will need to accept that we cannot meet all demands but will continue to do our best for God.

In August and September we will need to take stock and reflect on where we are heading and how we wish to do that.

It will be helpful to have in mind Te Ngahere Puawai: A Vision For The Flourishing of Waiapu. It will also be helpful for us to think about what we want the Parish to look like in 5-10 years rather than focus on our needs right now.

Over the last 12 months we have seen significant changes in our human resource pool, and I have come to see this as a God-given gift to look forward to what God is calling us to be and do at this time in history, 2025 – 2035.

I will use my time travelling to see what is happening on a more global scale and on my return work with the Wardens and Ministry Team on a process for Vestry to reflect on where we are heading and how we wish to do that.

**Yours faithfully in Christ -
The Rev'd David van Oeveren
Parish Priest / Vicar**

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Pastoral Care

As many parishioners are aware, we have experienced some major changes with personnel and ministries in recent months. We previously had two full-time stipendiary priests with four retired non-stipendiary clergy available to undertake various ministry roles in the Parish; we now have the equivalent of one-and-a-half roles. As a result, we are currently exploring and redistributing resources and responsibilities, being aware that we cannot continue covering everything the same as in the past.

The ministry of all the baptised is to love and care for one another, and recognising that, the Wardens and Clergy ask that if you, or someone you know, become unwell, or require Home Communion, or a residential care/rest-home visit, PLEASE, pass the information direct (in confidence) to Prasadi in the Parish Office, or contact the Clergy, or a Warden.

If you are hospitalised, or know of a parishioner in hospital, your first point of contact for Pastoral Care is the Hospital Chaplain (you become their 'parishioner' whilst in hospital); but if you wish to have a visit from one of the Greater Hastings Parish Clergy, please let us know.

Matariki Weekend

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 June.

Mānawatia a Matariki!

With Matariki on Friday and on Saturday it being Mid-Winter Day there is much to gather around.

Matariki / Mid-Winter Day.

Sunday, 10th June • 10:00am
St Matthew's, Hastings

Join us as we bring together the light of Pentecost and the hope of Matariki, looking forward with gratitude and joy.

AN EVENING WITH COMMON GRACE



Monday 30 June, 7pm
St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ahuriri-Napier
RSVP to Carolyn at
kjinzland@gmail.com or 020 473 1178

Join us over dessert to connect and hear about the work of Common Grace Aotearoa, a movement of Christians seeking to transform unjust structures for the common good.

Co-Director Alex Johnston will share about the work of equipping the Church in the areas of climate change, economic justice and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and opportunities to get involved or to partner financially.

COMMON GRACE AOTEAROA

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - June 2025
18	Wednesday	3.30 pm	WARDENS Meeting
		4.30 pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
19	Thursday	All Day	Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion. Thursday after Trinity Sunday
		10.15 am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
		5.30 pm	St Matthew’s Primary School BoT
20/22	Fri/Sun	All Day	MATARIKI Weekend
21	Saturday	All Day	Mid-Winter Day
22	Sunday	8.00 am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, Matariki /Mid Winter Day
		10.00 am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings, Matariki /Mid Winter Day
		10.00 am	Eucharist at St Peters, Riverslea , Matariki /Mid Winter Day
25	Wednesday	7.15 pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY
26	Thursday	10.15 am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
		10.30 am 1.30 pm	Ministry Collective Gathering. Soul Care.
		2.00 pm	Summerset in the Orchard
27	Friday	2.00 pm	End of Term School Assembly.
		All Day	Term 2 Ends
29	Sunday	8.00 am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
		10.00 am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings,
		10.00 am	Eucharist at St Peters, Riverslea , PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST PETER, Apostle, Martyr

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