

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

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Parish Newsletter

for the week commencing Sunday

29th June 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Sunday 29th June
The Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8.00am Daily Devotions
(Lady Chapel)

10.00am Eucharist with hymns

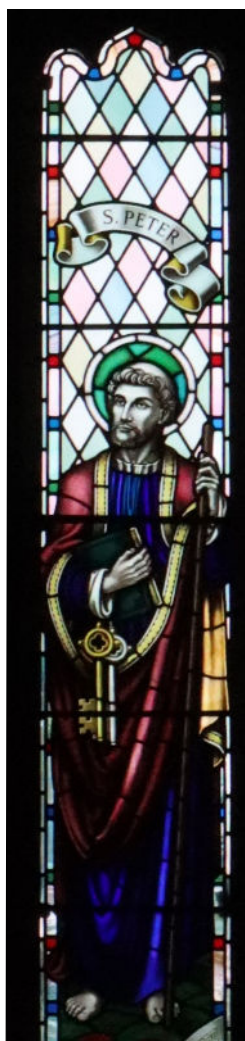
Thursday 3rd July

10.15am Eucharist
(Lady Chapel)

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

Sunday 29th June
St Peter
Patronal Festival

10.00am
Eucharist
with hymns



*Photo of the St Peter's panel
of the North window
in St Matthew's Church*

WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

Manawatia a Matariki! Wasn't it great to have a long holiday weekend in the middle of winter to celebrate Matariki (the Maori New Year) - this public holiday is a fairly new addition to the calendar but is rapidly becoming more widely acknowledged, accepted, and enjoyed. I hope everyone had the opportunity to ***“Remember and honour those who have gone before us, to Celebrate the present, and to Look to the future”*** - three keys elements of Matariki - and to participate in some of the many celebrations in our communities.

Along with Matariki, was the marking of the Winter Solstice, or mid-winter's day, which means we can now look forward to Spring and Summer!

And last Tuesday (24th June) was the commemoration of **St John the Baptist**, the forerunner of Jesus. The church remembers John on his birthday, which is placed six months before that of Jesus, in line with the account in Luke's Gospel (*Luke 1:36*). John's commemoration also reminds us that summer is coming, and it's six month's until Christmas!

Saints Peter and Paul Apostles, Martyrs

Today, 29th June, our church calendar remembers Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs

Both St Peter and St Paul are commemorated individually on separate days, Peter on account of his confession of Jesus as the Messiah on 22 February, and Paul on account of his conversion on 25 January. They are commemorated together on 29 June because of their martyrdom in Rome during the Neronian persecution about 64 CE. The Basilicas in Rome of St Peter's in the Vatican and St Paul's outside the Walls stand on the traditional sites of their respective burials.

Winter 'Ills and Chills'

We may well be looking forward to Spring, Summer, and warmer weather, but we've had a timely reminder this week that we are still very much in the midst of winter, with many seasonal 'flu bugs, and the Covid-19 virus, still very active in our communities.

Thanks to those who have assisted this week as we have had to juggle what services we've been able to offer, and carry out safely.

And apologies to those who may have been inconvenienced by the changes.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Support

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, 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.

If you have a request for prayer support (no specific details required), please phone the Prayer Chain co-ordinators:

Liz: 0210 266 6753;

or Jean: 027 878 3601 / 06 8783601

Coming up in July:

We are looking forward to welcoming guest preachers to the St Matthew's Church services during July ... this also brings some changes to our regular schedule ... so a reminder that there will be **NO 8.00am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel at St Matthew's for the four Sundays of July.**

Please do come to the 10am service to support and encourage our guests; alternatively you may wish to attend the Thursday 10.15am Eucharist in the Lady Chapel if your preference is for a simple Eucharist without hymns.

Sunday 27th July is Social Services Sunday when we'll welcome members of the Open Home Foundation and hear of their role and ministry in supporting families in our communities.

Vestry

The Parish Vestry met this week and began a discussion looking at the various "risk" options for insurance cover on all the buildings within the Parish, and the cost of premiums for the level of coverage. Insurance costs are having a huge impact on our ability to balance a budget and to provide stipendiary ministry.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - July 2025
1	Friday		Beginning of the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings, 2021
2	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Rest-home and Village
2	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building and Maintenance Committee meeting
3	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - Lady Chapel of St Matthew’s Church
6	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns at St Matthew’s & St Peter’s Church
9	Wednesday	2.30pm	Eversley Rest-home
10	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - lady Chapel of St Matthew’s Church
12	Saturday	9.30am	Safe-guarding Level 1 training, St Mary’s Church, Waipukurau
13	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Eucharist with hymns at St Matthew’s Church
13	Sunday	1.00pm	Safe-guarding Level 2 training, St Mary’s Church, Waipukurau
13	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society concert, St Matthew’s Church
14	Monday		Schools Term 3 begins

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Parish Vicar: The Reverend David van Oeveren - *on leave.*

*Note: whilst the Vicar is on leave, please contact the Parish Office direct for any Pastoral Care or Parish enquiries;
or phone one of the Wardens: Juliette 021 431 820 or Murray 06 870 6245*