

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 July 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

**Sunday 6th July - The Fourteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Please note there are NO 8.00am Services
scheduled for the Sundays of July 2025.*

10.00am - 'Whole-of-Parish' Eucharist
with hymns



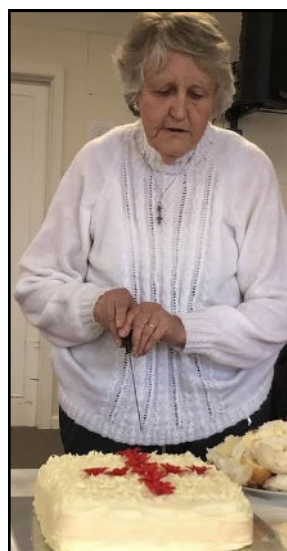
Thursday 10th July

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

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

**Sunday 6th July - The Fourteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10.00am - the Service at St Peter's is
cancelled due to illness - a 'Whole-of-
Parish' Eucharist at St Matthew's



*Last Sunday, 29th June,
St Peter's celebrated their
Patronal Festival -
and a celebration cake
was cut and shared for
morning tea after the
service.*

*Photo credit:
The Rev'd Jenny Chalmers*

WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

All are welcome to share morning tea light refreshments and a time of fellowship following the 10am services.

A huge **“Thank you”** to those who have stepped up and filled gaps this past week as many have succumbed to the winter cold & flu, and Covid, viruses circulating in the community.

And apologies to those who may have been inconvenienced by the changes as a result of these illnesses.

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 service 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.

In brief:

Congratulations to **All Saints' Taradale Parish** who celebrated their 150th anniversary last weekend. The celebrations have continued this week with a Craft Fair and exhibition of quilts.

Whilst the formation of the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings marked a new beginning on the 1st July 2021, we are planning to hold a celebration marking the **130th anniversary** of the establishment of an **Anglican Parish in Hastings** over the weekend of **30th-31st August.**

The Waiapu Diocesan Synod will be held in Rotorua on 17-18th October - there will be an opportunity for pre-Synod discussion with the HB Cities Archdeaconry led by the Ven. Alan Burnett on **Sunday 13th July**, from 3pm at All Saints' Church, Taradale.

Kia ora e te whānau, Namaste, Talofa, Malo, Hello

We have available spaces for children over two years of age to be enrolled into our amazing Childcare centre
Waiapu kids St Matthews.

Our hours are from 7.30- 5.15 Monday to Friday. We welcome all whānau to visit our beautiful centre

Our contact details are below

0687869246 or 027519401.

A message from the Diocesan Office:
from The Venerable Alan Burnett and
The Reverend Dr Deborah Broome
Ministry Education Portfolio

Kia ora e te whanau ō Waiapu. We are sending this email to update you all on a few upcoming initiatives within the Ministry Education of the Diocese of Waiapu, driven by the new strategic plan and with an eye to developing and growing faith, understanding and leadership across our communities.

As a first point of note, there's been some shuffling of roles within the diocese. **The Reverend Dr Deborah Broome**, our Diocesan Ministry Educator, is now half-time in her diocesan role, with a further half time then shared between Central Hawkes Bay as Priest in Charge and Waiapu Cathedral as an Associate Priest. **The Venerable Alan Burnett**, Vicar of Taradale, has taken the other half of the ministry education portfolio.

Upcoming Initiatives - We encourage parishioners to consider engagement in some of the following initiatives that are being piloted within the diocese in the second half of this year, with formal roll out likely in 2026. *continued ... →*

The Waiapu Certificate - pilot launches 14th July with ***Reading the Bible***.

We're launching a certificate programme that will become mandatory in 2026 for licenced lay ministers without formal theological training. The certificate will take 2 years to complete and represent a baseline theological and biblical knowledge for those entrusted with teaching, leading worship, and care in our communities.

We're launching the first two papers of this in Semester Two of this year:

- ***Reading the Bible:***
Finding the Word in the word
(15 weeks, 2 hours of study per week);
and
- ***The Prayer Book:***
Rites, Rubrics and Reasons
(5 weeks, 2 hours of study per week).

If you'd like to be part of the pilot (a chance to shape and mould how it will be delivered) please contact Deborah by email: deborah.broome@waiapu.com

If possible, we'd like a group of 20 people to be part of this trial.

Blessings - Alan and Deborah.

Advance notice to "Save the dates":

Thursday 14 August, 2pm - *Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church* – a conversation facilitated by The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF; followed by an optional time for refreshments and collegiality.

Saturday 16 August - A Franciscan Style Retreat Day with The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF.

Sunday 17 August: Religious Vocation Sunday - 10am, at St Matthew's Church, with The Rev'd David van Oeveren & The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF.

Sunday 17 August, 1pm. *Pizza & Poetry: Speaking of the Spirit* - a reading by Hawke's Bay Poets for National Poetry Day at St Matthew's Church, Hastings.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - July 2025
9	Wednesday	2.30pm	Eversley Rest-home
10	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist in the Lady Chapel, 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
13	Sunday	3.00pm	HB Cities Archdeaconry meeting at All Saints’ Taradale
14	Monday		Schools Term 3 begins
16	Wednesday	3.30pm 4.30pm	Wardens meeting; followed by the Finance & Stewardship sub-committee meeting
17	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist in the Lady Chapel, St Matthew’s Church
18	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist, St Matthew’s Church
18-20	Fri-Sun		HB Winter Art Deco Festival - various events & locations

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

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for any Pastoral Care or Parish enquiries;
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