



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

13th July 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

**Sunday 13th July - The Fifteenth
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**

*Pictured (right) - **'The Good Samaritan'** - an 1890
painting by Vincent Van Gogh. The Parable of the
Good Samaritan is today's Gospel reading.*

Thursday 17th July

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

**Sunday 13th July - The Fifteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10.00am - the monthly 'Whole-of-
Parish' Eucharist at St Matthew's**



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 again this past week as we navigate our way through the winter cold, flu, and Covid viruses. And apologies to anyone who may have been inconvenienced by the changes as a result of these illnesses.

A reminder that there are **NO 8.00am Sunday Eucharist services in the Lady Chapel at St Matthew’s during July.**

Please do come to the 10am service to support and encourage our guest preachers; 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.

This afternoon, **Sunday 13th July:**

- **1.00pm, Safe-guarding Level 2 training, at St Mary’s Church, Waipukurau;**
- **2.00pm, the Hastings Music Society present their monthly concert in St Matthew’s Church;**
- **3.00pm, the Ven. Alan Burnett will lead a pre-Synod discussion for the HB Cities Archdeaconry at All Saints’ Church, Taradale.**

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.

Sunday 31 August: 130th anniversary of the establishment of an **Anglican Parish in Hastings, and the Patronal Festival of St Matthew.**

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

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.

REST IN PEACE

We offer our love, prayers and condolences to the families and friends of loved ones whose Funerals have been held recently, or to be held this week:

Margaret Kent

Jean Knight

Ray Hensman

Harvey Boyden

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY

Concert - Sunday 13th July, 2.00pm

at St Matthew's Church

with the Hawke's Bay Community

Orchestra and Community Choir,

and Kirsty McMinn Collard

\$5.00 entry at the door / children free

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - July 2025
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 - please be aware of traffic & children around the school and church grounds
14	Monday	1.30pm	Funeral service for Harvey Boyden at St Matthew’s Church
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
20	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns - at St Matthew’s and St Peter’s Church

EFTPOS is available at the back of St Matthew’s Church for Sunday offertories or donations - for an end-of-financial-year tax receipt, please put your name and contact details on the receipt and pop it into an offertory envelope, or email the Parish Office.

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Parish Support Hub: phone: 878-9476 ~ P O Box 824, Hastings 4156
email: hastingsparish@waiapu.com

website: www.greaterhastingsanglicanchurch.co.nz

Facebook: Parish of Greater Hastings, NZ

Bank account: ANZ 01-0646-0246683-01 Greater Hastings Parish

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*