



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

20th July 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

**Sunday 20th July - The Sixteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Thursday 24th July

10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)



The Rev'd Henry Williams, CMS

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

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*Martha and Mary, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*

*JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the
Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa, 1973.*

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 continue to assist by filling gaps in the rosters as we navigate our way through the winter cold, flu, and Covid viruses, the change in staffing, and the Vicar’s well-earned annual leave.

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 - next week, for Social Services Sunday, we have members of the Open Home Foundation with us to share stories of their ministry in the community.

And don’t forget the option to attend a “said” Eucharist (without hymns) on **Thursdays at 10.15am** in the Lady Chapel.

Please be aware ... the third term of the school year has commenced, and, in an attempt to prevent traffic congestion and improve safety for the children, the school has imposed a **“no access”** zone to the driveway between the school and the church, from **8.30am - 9.15am, and 2.30pm - 3.15pm from Monday to Friday.**

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

**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.

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Next Sunday, 27th July, is **Social Services Sunday**, and we'll welcome members of the Open Home Foundation to our 10am Eucharist at St Matthew's to share news of the work they do in our community. The service will be followed by an extended morning tea, and a "soup & buns" lunch.



NAU MAI HARAMAI KI
**TE KARAKIA
WHAKAWHETAI**
MŌ TE **150th**
O **HUKARERE KARETI**

WAIAPU CATHEDRAL
28 Browning St, Napier
SUNDAY, 20TH JULY | 12PM

You are cordially invited to join
Archbishop Don and Hukarere Girls College
for a special karakia celebrating the
150th anniversary of Hukarere.

Contact: The Rev. Zhane Tiopira Tāhau - Lead Chaplain
zhane@tairawhiti.org.nz | 022 434 2015



**Coming Up : A Brief History of St
Matthew's Church**

Date : Wednesday 23 July : 12.00pm

Venue: St Matthew's Church, Hastings
Rev David Van Oeveren & Geraldine
Travers

Join us , as we explore the history of St
Matthew's Church and its place in the
Hastings community

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - July-August 2025
23	Wednesday	7.15pm	Parish Vestry sub-committees meeting & site visits
24	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist in St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
24	Thursday	11.00am	Ministry team meeting
27	Sunday	10.00am	Social Services Sunday - Eucharist with hymns at St Matthew’s Church and St Peter’s Church
27	Sunday	11.30am	‘Think Tank’ creative lunch
28-30	Mon-Wed		NZ Assn RE Teachers & School Chaplains Conference
30-1	Wed-Fri		Anglican Schools Conference, Christchurch
31	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist in St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
31	Thursday	2.00pm	Summerset in the Orchard Rest-home Eucharist
31	Thursday	5.30pm	St Matthew’s Primary School Board of Trustees meeting
1	Friday	10am	Colwyn House Life-care
1	Friday	1.40pm	St Matthew’s School Eucharist

Parish Administrator’s Office Hours - Please note Prasadi’s availability during the following hours this term whilst she continues her MBus. Studies at EIT:

Monday : 9am - 2pm

Thursday : 9am - 12pm

Tuesday : 9am -12pm

Friday : 9am - 4pm

Please feel free to get in touch with Prasadi during these times for any Parish related assistance or enquiries .

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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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*