



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

3rd August 2025

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

**Sunday 3rd August -
Peace Sunday**

8.00am - Eucharist

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Thursday 7th August

10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

**Sunday 3rd August -
Peace Sunday**

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns



WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

This week I have been in Otautahi - Christchurch at 2 conferences back-to-back. Both serve as in-service training which is an essential part of being a covenanted licensed Priest.

The first was New Zealand Association of Religious Education Teachers and School Chaplains Conference, and the second was the Anglican Schools Office Conference.

Both are high calibre, thought provoking, and skill developing opportunities where networking and relationship developing are expected bonuses.

As an introvert it always takes me time to process my learnings. Simply the opportunity to learn, mix and mingle, and experience how others share their ministries is beneficial.

I am grateful for these opportunities which will directly benefit Waiapu Kids and St Matthew's Primary School and indirectly the Parish.

REST IN PEACE

We farewelled our beloved parishioner, Jo Fletcher, whose funeral was held at St Matthew's on Wednesday.

We offer our heartfelt condolences, love, and prayers to Kathy and all her family as they mourn her loss.

Preparing for the Parish's 130th anniversary celebrations

Can you help us to spotlight past events that brought St Matthew's Church to life?

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings is looking for good quality historical photos of events or celebrations that took place at St Matthew's Church, pre-1950. The older, the better!

If you have any, please scan and send them to our Parish Administrator at:

hastingsparish@waiapu.com

Please include any details you have about the image (year, people, event etc). We hope to use them in a campaign highlighting St Matthew's Church's vital place in the life of Hastings over the last 150 years. Thank you.

(Note: we can't guarantee to use every photo, but we appreciate receiving them all).

Also, please spread the word amongst family and friends, and any former parishioners you may know, and invite them to search out old photos, and to attend the celebration service at 10.00am on Sunday 31st August.

HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday 10th August, 2.00pm

at St Matthew's Church

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music featuring musicians, vocalists, ensembles, and Beverley Heard.

\$5.00 entry at the door / children free

Prayer Needs for the Open Home Foundation

- A teen boy currently needing a loving and supportive home for long term.
- A teen girl who needs a home to support her with medical challenges she is facing.
- A young boy who needs a new home for life and his younger sister as well who also needs a home for life.
- For our Open Home Foundation funding to be secure nationwide so we can continue our work unhindered.
- For our Community Mahi to grow and expand and families to be able to access support through us directly.
- For the staff – strength and grace to continue the work. Spiritual protection as we move in an increasingly challenging secular world.
- Oasis Respite Home – For our families facing funding cuts and the continued resilience and strength to care for their child with disability.
- For the team at Oasis - protection over their health and strength to continue with the awesome work they do.

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.**

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - August 2025
3	Sunday	8am 10.00	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s and St Peter’s Churches
6	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Rest-home & Village
6	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Sub-Committee meeting
7	Thursday		Hastings Anglican Parish established 1895 - 2025 = 130 years
7	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
7	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry team gathering
10	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - whole-of-parish at St Matthew’s
10	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert, at St Matthew’s Church
13	Wednesday	2.30pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
14	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
14	Thursday	10.30am	Ministry Collective Gathering
14	Thursday	2.00pm	Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church – a conversation facilitated by The Rev’d John Hebenton TSSF
15	Friday		St Mary, the Mother of Jesus – Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
15	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
15	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
16	Saturday	10.00am 3.00pm	A Franciscan Style Retreat with The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF
17	Sunday	8am 10.00	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s and St Peter’s Churches

Parish Administrator’s Office Hours - Please feel free to get in touch with Prasadi during these times for any Parish related assistance or enquiries .

Monday : 9am - 2pm

Tuesday : 9am - 12pm

Thursday : 12pm - 3pm

Friday : 9am - 4pm

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