



## 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*

*10<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Services  
for the Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8.00am - Eucharist

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

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

**There is no service at St Peter's this  
morning, please join us at St Matthew's  
Church for the 'Whole-of-Parish'**

**Eucharist at 10.00am**



## **WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.**

We are blessed over August to have some significant happenings. We have a wonderful opportunity to engage with The Rev'd John Hebenton, a Third Order Franciscan, as he shares his spirituality, wisdom, and current learnings. He will be offering three touch-stones of engaging.

**Thursday 14 August, 2pm.** Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church – a conversation facilitated by The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF. Held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122. This will end with a relational and collegial culture forming time at Brave Brewing Co.

**Saturday 16 August, 10am – 3pm.** A Franciscan Style Retreat with The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF. Held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122. Please BYO Lunch.

### **Sunday 17: Religious Vocation Sunday.**

8 & 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. An exploration of what religious vocation might mean.

All of these are open to Clergy and Laity, please feel free to come to one or all of these magnificent offerings of spiritual formation.

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Then we turn our gifts and skills to celebrating 130 years of an Anglican Parish in Hastings. This will begin with a Working Bee.

Please come along and lend a hand to ensure St Matthew's is in tip-top shape to celebrate this significant milestone.

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### **Preparing for the Parish's 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## LET'S DO IT TOGETHER

As we prepare to celebrate  
**130 years since an Anglican Parish**  
was established in Hastings and  
mark our Patronal Festival,  
let's come together to make  
St Matthew's shine inside and out.

**Date - 23rd August 2025**

**Time - 9.00am -12.00 noon**

Please come along a lend a hand to  
ensure St Matthew's is in tip-top  
shape to celebrate this significant  
milestone.

### HAPPENING TODAY!

#### HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Come along and support our vibrant  
musical community.

We look forward to seeing you  
there!

## 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.

## Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - August 2025
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
17	Sunday	1.00pm	Poems from the Spirit & Soul: A reading by Hawke’s Bay Poets for National Poetry Day
20	Wednesday	3.30pm	Warden’s Meeting
20	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
21	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
22	Friday		National Poetry Day
23	Saturday	9.00am 12.00pm	LET’S DO IT TOGETHER! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew’s in preparation for 130th anniversary celebrations.
24	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s and St Peter’s Churches
27	Wednesday	7.15pm	VESTRY Meeting
28	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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