

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

17th August 2025

Religious Vocation Sunday

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Thursday 21st August
10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

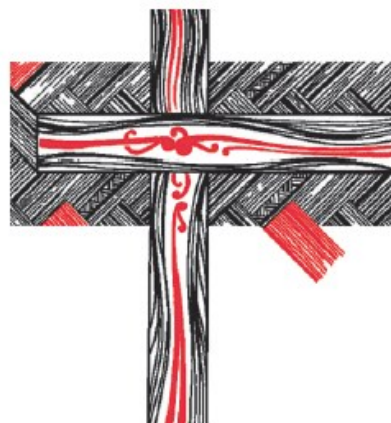
**Sunday 24th August - Services
for the Twenty second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

8.00am - Eucharist
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

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

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WELCOME to our services in the Parish this week.

The last Sunday of August is Anglican Communion Sunday where we acknowledge the four Instruments of Communion which are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Primates' Meeting. These bodies work together to foster unity and fellowship among the member churches of the Communion. These are important as we look to mission and community.

This year we acknowledge there being an Anglican Parish in Hastings for 130 years. We were seeded out of Havelock North who celebrated 150 years recently. Out of the Hastings Parish grew other Parishes and we are now again one in The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite those who have worshipped with us before, make welcome those who are new, and invite back to church those who have been in your prayers.

Let's make this a 'Back To Church Sunday'!

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

come along and lend a helping hand.

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 Choral
presents

Musical Memories

Songs from the shows

Sunday 07 September 2025 @ 2.00pm
St Matthew's Church, King Street, Hastings

Conductor Joe Christensen with
accompanist Anna Hansen and guest soloists

Tickets: Adult \$25.00 School student \$5.00
Available through choir members, hastingschoral@gmail.com or cash sales at the door
Tickets prepurchased directly from choir members \$22.00

Pastoral Care & Prayer Support

As many parishioners are aware, we have experienced some major changes with personnel and ministries in recent months. We previously had two full-time stipendiary priests with four retired non-stipendiary clergy available to undertake various ministry roles in the Parish; we now have the equivalent of one-and-a-half roles. As a result, we are currently exploring and redistributing resources and responsibilities, being aware that we cannot continue covering everything the same as in the past.

The ministry of all the baptised is to love and care for one another, and recognising that, the Wardens and Clergy ask that if you, or someone you know, become unwell, or require Home Communion, or a residential care/rest-home visit, please, PLEASE, pass the information direct (in confidence) to Prasadi in the Parish Office, or contact the Clergy, or a Warden.

If you are hospitalised, or know of a parishioner in hospital, your first point of contact for Pastoral Care is the Hospital Chaplain (you become their 'parishioner' whilst in hospital); but if you wish to have a visit from one of the Greater Hastings Parish Clergy, please let us know.

If you have a request for prayer support (no specific details required), please phone the Prayer Chain co-ordinators:

Liz: 0210 266 6753;

or Jean: 027 878 3601 / 06 8783601



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**Come and join the Celebrations
for the 130th Anniversary
of a Hastings Anglican Parish**

*Giving thanks for the past
sharing hope for the future*

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10.00am - Eucharist
at
St Matthew's Anglican Church
200 King Street, South, Hastings**



Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - August 2025
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
28	Thursday	2.00pm	Summerset in the Orchard
29	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
29	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
31	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - 130 years since an Anglican Parish was established in Hastings & Patronal Festival of St Matthew. Whole-of-Parish Worship. Corporate Communion of the Parish

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