



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, 28th September 2025

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Today- Sunday 28th September-
Day Light Saving Time commences

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Thursday 2nd October

10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Next Sunday 5th October-

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am - Morning Prayer with
the Blessing of the Animals,
celebrating the Feast Day of
St Francis of Assisi

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

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Day Light Saving Time commences

10.00am - Eucharist

Next Sunday 5th October-
Ordinary Sunday 27

10.00am - Eucharist



Kia Ora...

Over the next couple of months we have some amazing things happening in the Parish, and we want you to be a part of them. You are welcome and wanted here!

4 October. Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226.

Sunday 5 October : Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226. 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Blessing of the Animals: All Creatures Great & Small; for the love of Pets & their People. Morning Prayer @ St Matthew's, Hastings. This annual service occurs the Sunday closest to 4 October, when the church honours St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals & creation. Bring your pets as we celebrate the love we share. Come this Sunday!

Sunday 12 October: The Week of Prayer for World Peace. 10am. Whole-of-Parish Worship: Corporate Communion @ St Matthew's, Hastings. Prayer for the Israel & Palestine conflict – Prayer for Hope for the Holy Land: A call to take action to prevent the humanitarian disasters unfolding in the Holy Land & end suffering in Gaza.

Whilst this is a week – we are making it a month bookending with this and **Saturday 1 November!**

Saturday 1 November, 3pm. The Week of Prayer for World Peace – A Hawke's Bay Interfaith Council Event @ St Matthew's.

Saturday 22 November, 9am – 12pm. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew's in preparation for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany!

Sunday 23 November : The Reign of Christ / Christ the King – Stir-Up Sunday. 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

Sunday 30 November: Advent 1 – Hope / The Patriarchs = Blessing of Advent Wreathes. 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Blessing of the Advent Wreath. Whole-of-Parish Worship: Corporate Communion @ St Matthew's, Hastings.

This is just the 'Save the Dates' highlights of what is coming up.

We would love to see you at Church this Sunday.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Morning Prayer

Sunday 5 October 2025, 10.00am

St Matthew's Anglican Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

And Eucharist services for
the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
8.00am St Matthew's Lady Chapel
10.00am St Peter's Church, Ada St.

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Hastings Music Society

Concert

Sunday 12th October

2025, 2.00pm

at

St Matthew's Anglican

Church,

200 King Street South,

Hastings

Mai Kai food box, cooking and growing workshops are coming to Mayfair!

ā tātou kai

JOIN MAI KAI

**Fresh organic kai at a
price that works for you.**

COMMUNITY POWERED GROCERY BOXES PACKED
WITH SEASONAL, NUTRIENT-RICH, ORGANIC
LOCAL KAI!

As an MSD registered beneficiary, you can get
your fortnightly grocery box for as low as \$50
(single) or \$100 (Whānau) *limited spots*



Contact us to join
the Mai Kai Whānau!

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SCAN ME!!!

Facebook Instagram



Following more than six months of successful piloting in Napier, Mai Kai is now scaling up and recruiting members for new sessions in both Hastings and Napier. Mai Kai will be operating out of St Martins Hall on Willowpark Road every second Friday starting end of September.

How it works

Every two weeks, Mai Kai members receive a grocery list, make their selections, and prepare their own jars, containers, and packaging (we all support the environment).

Accessibility and value

Mai Kai believes in universal access to nutritious kai. To ensure inclusivity, we operate a tiered payment system based on members' circumstances.

For more information, including to see how Mai Kai runs, go onto our website www.maikai.nz or email or call admin@maikai.nz 022 589 5523

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - October 2025
1	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
1	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
2	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
2	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering
4	Saturday		Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226.
5	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
5	Sunday	10.00am	Blessing of the Animals - All Creatures Great & Small; Morning Prayer at St Matthew's Church, Hastings Eucharist at St Peter’s Church, Ada Street, Hastings
6	Monday		The Rev’d Christine Scott - 19 th Anniversary of her Ordination to the Priesthood, at St Luke’s, Rotorua.
6	Monday		Term 4 Begins
8	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
9	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
10	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
10	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
12	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - Praying for Peace - Whole-of-Parish Worship, St Matthew’s
12	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert at St Matthew’s
15	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
15	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
16	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
16	Thursday	10.30am	Ministry Collective Gathering

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