

# 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, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

*The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

**Today- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

**Next Sunday-Sunday 12th  
October - The Week of Prayer for  
World Peace.**

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)  
10.00am - Whole-of-Parish  
Eucharist

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

**Today- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October-**  
**Ordinary Sunday service**  
10.00am - Eucharist

**Next Sunday- There will be no service  
at St Peter's on Sunday, 12 October  
2025. Please join us at St Matthew's  
Church for the Whole-of-Parish  
Eucharist at 10:00am.**



## 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!

**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.

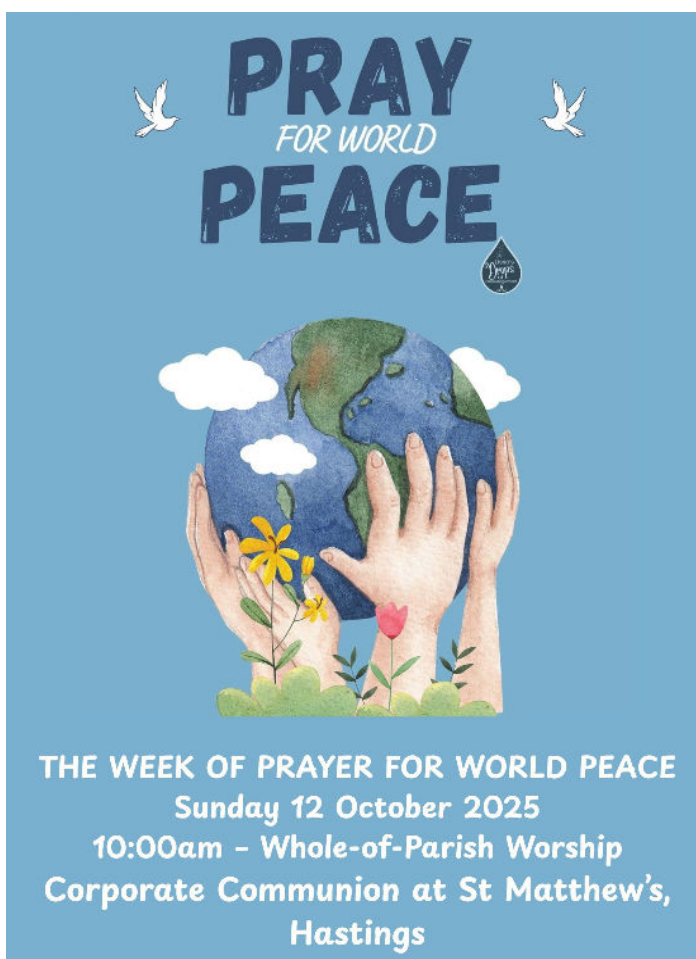
**Saturday 22 November, 9am – 12pm.** LET'S DO IT TOGETHER! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew's in preparation for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany!

**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.



## Mai Kai is in Mayfair!

Join us at **St Martin's Community Hall** for our fortnightly sessions – a chance to pick up a healthy kai box, learn simple cooking and growing tips, and connect with your community.

**Session times: 3.15pm & 4.45pm**  
**St Martin's Community Hall**

**1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair,  
Hastings 4122**

Every second Friday, from 10 October  
Learn new recipes & growing skills  
Bring your own bags / containers

***Spaces are limited – come be part of  
Mai Kai Mayfair!***

Come to the first session – decide to  
stay for the value!

[Register – Mai Kai NZ](#)

Mai Kai is for everyone.

More information can be found here  
– [www.maikai.nz](http://www.maikai.nz)

## HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October , 2.00pm**

**at St Matthew's Church**

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music  
with Fours Company and Linda Gilchrist.

\$5.00 entry at the door / children free

Come along and support our vibrant  
musical community.

## Pastoral Care & Prayer Support

As many parishioners are aware, recent changes mean we now have only the equivalent of one-and-a-half clergy roles. We are reviewing and redistributing responsibilities, as we cannot cover everything as before.

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.

For prayer support (no details needed), please call the Prayer Chain coordinators:

**Liz: 0210 266 6753 or Jean: 027 878 3601 /  
06 8783601**



The poster for St Martin's Community Hall features a yellow background. At the top, it says 'St Martin's Community Hall' in green. Below that, a purple heart contains the text 'mai kai'. To the right, there is a photo of a wooden crate filled with various fruits and vegetables. Below the photo, the address '1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair' is listed. At the bottom, there are three heart icons flanking the text: 'Mai Kai is for everyone', 'Join the Mai Kai whānau', and 'Every second Friday 3.15pm and 4.45pm'. Below this, it says 'Mai Kai community pack-out sessions are now in Hastings!' and 'Hosted at St Martins Community Hall, Mayfair.' It then encourages becoming a member and joining the whānau to enjoy local, organic groceries. At the very bottom, it says '- maikai.nz -'.

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our community!

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

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - October 2025
6	Monday		The Rev'd Christine Scott - 19 <sup>th</sup> 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
18	Friday		St Luke's Day
19	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew's & St Peter's
20	Monday		Diwali
21	Wednesday	7.15pm	VESTRY Meeting

**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 - 4pm

**Tuesday** : 9am - 4pm

**Wednesday** : 9am - 12pm

**Friday** : 3pm - 5pm

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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