



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

*The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

**Today- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October- The Week of Prayer for World Peace.**

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Whole-of-Parish Worship

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

**Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October-  
Tikanga Youth Sunday**

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

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

**Today- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October-**

*No service at St Peter's today. Combined for  
the Whole-of-Parish Eucharist at St.  
Matthew's Church, 10:00 am.*

**Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October-  
Ordinary Sunday Service**

10.00am - Eucharist



## Kia Ora...

In the past week, Greta Thunberg and three Kiwis, and others, were arrested, imprisoned, and deported for attempting to breach the maritime blockade off the coast of Gaza. The arrests were fairly predictable, and those sailing on the flotilla were beyond brave. The Israeli Defence Force do not treat people well. The official death toll of 66,250 people killed in Gaza, in the past year, attests to that.

Yana Hamada, Yousef Sammour and Samuel Leason, are the most recent New Zealanders to protest war, and to have to count the cost of that opposition. They follow in the footsteps of people like Archibald Baxter who could see no sense in war. 'All war is futile' he said

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. We join with our guests from other faiths and remember those who were brave enough to oppose war, and in the midst of violent oppression, resolve to live peacefully and in harmony with their enemies and the world around them.

And let's not forget the other wars in the world, Ukraine, Sth Sudan, and those we don't know about.

**Jenny Chalmers**

## Save the Dates !!

**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.

## A Prayer for the Holy Land

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls.

By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Most Reverend Dr Hosam E. Naoum.**

**August, 2025**

## Lost!!!

Please, could the little porcelain Owl belonging to Barbi Speers be returned to the table where it was left.

Thank you in advance for your returning of this treasured decoration.

## 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\*



SCAN ME!!!

Contact us to join the Mai Kai Whānau!

admin@maikai.nz  
021 589 5523

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](http://www.maikai.nz) or email or call [admin@maikai.nz](mailto:admin@maikai.nz) 022 589 5523

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

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - October 2025
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
22	Wednesday	7.15pm	VESTRY Meeting
23	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
24	Friday		24 October 1981 ,The Rev’d Alister Hendery Ordination to the Priesthood 44 Years.
24	Friday		Hawke’s Bay Anniversary
26	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s & St Peter’s -Hawke’s Bay Anniversary & Labour Weekend.
27	Monday		Labour Day.
29	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
30	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
30	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
30	Thursday	5.30pm	St Matthew’s Primary School BoT.

**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

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