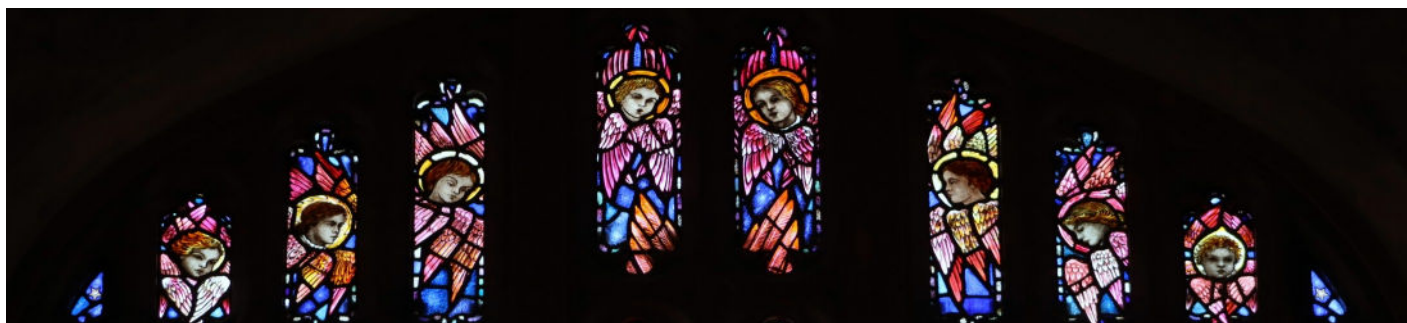


The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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, 16th November 2025

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Today- Sunday 16th November-The
Ordinary Sunday Service
8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday 20th November
10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Next Sunday 23rd November-The
Reign of Christ / Christ the King –
Stir-Up Sunday Service
8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

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

Today- Sunday 16th November-
The Ordinary Sunday Service
10.00am - Eucharist

Next Sunday 23rd November-
Ordinary Sunday Service
10.00am - Eucharist



Are we there yet?
No, not yet, but nearly!

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. "Reign of Christ," "Christ the King," & "Feast of Christ in all Creation" all refer to the same Christian feast day just before Advent begins. The feast honours Jesus Christ as the ruler of all creation & was established 100 years ago to counter secularism & affirm Christ's universal reign.

This feast encourages believers to live in a way that reflects Christ's reign of justice, love, & peace, & to recognize his authority in every aspect of life. *Then we are there!*

Advent is a Christian season of preparation & anticipation that begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas & lasts until Christmas Eve. The word "advent" means "coming" or "arrival," & the season prepares us for the celebration of Jesus's birth while also looking forward to his eventual return. Key themes often associated with each week of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love.

It is a time for us to spiritually prepare for Christmas by reflecting on the themes. It is the start of the liturgical year, a New Years Day of sorts.

There are some wonderful Advent Traditions. A popular way to count down to Christmas is an Advent Calendar. The Advent Wreath is circular with four candles – if you have one bring it on Sunday 30 November at 10am to be blessed. Nativity scenes depicting the Birth of Jesus – if you have one bring it on Sunday 7 December at 10am to be blessed. Many also use this time for quiet prayer & reflection, focussing on scripture & spiritual growth.

We look forward to seeing all of you as we journey towards the stable.



How Much Senior Chef Cost?

FREE – Anglican Care Waiapu & The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings wholly fund the course. All course materials & ingredients are provided, including a cookbook each participant gets to keep. The only thing missing is you!

How do I enrol for Senior Chef?

Places are limited, so be in quick. Class sizes are typically 8-12 people & deliberately kept small to enhance the learning experience. We do keep a waiting list. Our next course begins on Monday 2 February.

You can enrol by simply contacting hastingsparish@waiapu.com or phone us on 06 8789476

Email us your name & phone number we will get back to you.

Hurry- spots are limited ! !!

Parish Lunch - Next Week

4th Sunday Parish Lunch, 12 noon,
at Serendipity Café

1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings
Please feel free to join with us
for lunch each 4th Sunday.

Contact Paddy and Richard Bayley,
8767616 for more information

THE LINDEN SINGERS OF HAWKE'S BAY

present

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APPETITE



FOR
WONDER

SONGS MYSTICAL AND MODERN
WITH CONDUCTOR, JANE PIERARD

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER | 2PM
SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HASTINGS
DOOR SALES/CASH ONLY | \$25 | CONCESSION \$20

Year 8 School Leavers Bible

It is that time of the year when our St Matthew's Primary School prepares to farewell the Year 8 students.

They are off to High School with a great education and a faith base to hold onto.

We have a tradition as a Parish of gifting a Bible to each leaver.

The Bible Society have provided a wonderful deal on 20 Bibles for our students. If 20 parishioners gifted \$10 we would cover this cost.

Your donation can be made in a labelled envelope or simply an additional \$10 in your giving.

Thank You.

Save the Dates !!

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

Sunday 23: 1.30pm. Inegal – Acoustic Baroque Music – Fringe In The 'Stings – in The Lady Chapel.

Sunday 30: Advent 1 – Hope / The Patriarchs = Blessing of Advent Wreathes. 9am. Advent Study focussing on the key Advent figure of John the Baptist, Forerunner – Prophet – Witness.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Blessing of the Advent Wreath. Whole-of-Parish Worship Corporate Communion @ St Matthew's, Hastings. The Rev'd David van Oeveren.

Everyone welcome to be part of it !!



Hastings Choral
presents

A of Fantasia Favourites

Final concert with Joe Christensen & Anna Hansen

Sunday 30 November 2025 @ 2.00pm
St Matthew's Church, King Street, Hastings

Conductor Joe Christensen with
accompanist Anna Hansen and guest soloists

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - November 2025
19	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
19	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
20	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
20	Thursday	10.00am 1.30pm	Ministry Collective Gathering
21	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
21	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
22	Saturday	9.00am 12.00pm	LET’S DO IT TOGETHER! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew’s in preparation for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany!
23	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s & St Peter’s
23	Sunday	12.00pm	Café Lunch @ Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120
23	Sunday	1.30pm	Inegal – Acoustic Baroque Music – Fringe In The 'Stings – in The Lady Chapel @ St Matthew’s.
26	Wednesday	7.15pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY Sub-Committees & Site Visits.
27	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
27	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
28	Friday		The Rev’d David van Oeveren Ordination to the Priesthood at St Mary’s, Levin. 27 Years.
29	Saturday	11.00am	Diocesan Ordination Service. Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist
30	Sunday		30 November 1993 (St Andrew’s Day). The Rev’d Jenny Chalmers Ordination to the Diaconate at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. 32 Years.
30	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s & St Peter’s
30	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Choral Society Concert – A Fantasia of Favourites.

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