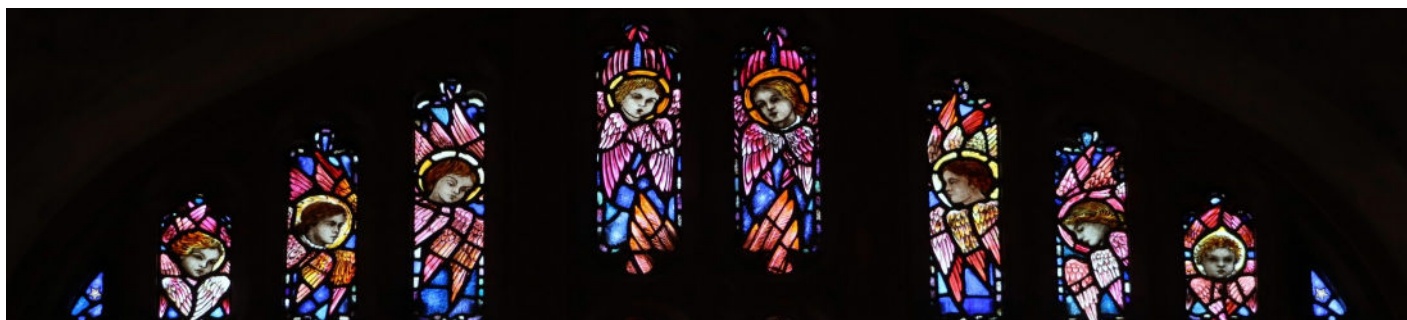


The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Encompassing St Matthew's Church, Hastings; St Peter's Church, Riverslea; St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair; Parkvale, Mahora & Flaxmere

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Parish Newsletter

for the week commencing Sunday, 23rd November 2025

The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

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

Thursday 27th November
10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Next Sunday 30th November-
Advent 1 – Hope / The Patriarchs-
Blessing of Advent Wreathes.
8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)
9.00am- Advent Study 1
10.00am - Whole-of-Parish Worship-
Eucharist with Hymns

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

Today- Sunday 23rd November-
The Ordinary Sunday Service
10.00am - Eucharist

Next Sunday 30th November-
**There will be no service at St Peter's
on this Sunday. Please join us at St
Matthew's Church for the Whole-of
-Parish Eucharist at 10:00am.**



Welcome!!

A very warm welcome to everyone as we gather for worship this morning.

Today, Christ the King Sunday, is the last Sunday of the Church calendar year; next Sunday, we flip the calendar over and begin a New Year on Advent Sunday, Year 'A' in the three-year cycle of Lectionary Readings when we follow (primarily) the readings from Matthew's Gospel.

Whilst we won't be singing 'Auld Lang Syne' today - "*should old acquaintances be forgot*" - it is a time when our thoughts will start to turn towards the Advent season which is the waiting, and preparation, time before Christmas. This can be a difficult time, as it's also a time, for many, that triggers memories of the past ... happier times with loved ones who are no longer with us.

This year, as a Parish, we are offering a **"Blue Christmas" service - at 6.00pm on Thursday 4th December, at St Matthew's Church.**

Of course, everyone is welcome to attend, but this service is especially for anyone who has experienced grief, or loss, either recently or in the past, or anyone who may be feeling lonely.

As the Christmas season approaches, and all around us we can see the decorations, excitement and anticipation that the season brings, it can be difficult to enter into the spirit



of the season and be "merry" when all you're feeling is sad and "blue".

The service will include music, prayers, silence, and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

This is not an All Souls' service, so names from the Funeral Register will not be read aloud; but it is a time for personal reflection and memories, and an encouragement to look forwards with hope.

Invitation cards are available and can be used to personally invite anyone you know who may like to attend this service; flyers (as above) are also available to help us spread the word.

Blessings

The Rev'd Margaret Thompson

Parish Lunch - Today

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



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

30 years!

An invitation
to
celebrate
with us!

Join us as we
reflect on the
past, celebrate
the present,
remember those
we have
journeyed with
and look ahead to
the future!



Wednesday 10 December 2025, 5pm

St Luke's Anglican Church, 24 Te Mata Road, Have-
lock North 4130

RSVP to hastingsparish@waiapu.com , by 3 Decem-
ber 2025.

Save the Dates !!

**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.

**Sunday 07: Advent 2 -Peace / The
Prophets 9am.** Advent Study focussing on
the key Advent figure of John the Baptist,
Forerunner – Prophet – Witness

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Blessing of
Your NATIVITY Set from home. We hope
the Nativity Scenes remind us of
Emmanuel (God with us). If you have a
Nativity Set at home, bring it along for a
blessing & to share the story of what
makes it special for you & your whanau.

**Sunday 14: Advent 3 – Gaudete (Rejoice /
Praise) / Joy / John the Baptist. 9am.**
Advent Study focussing on the key
Advent figure of John the Baptist,
Forerunner – Prophet – Witness

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

7pm. St Matthew's, Hastings – Festival of
Christmas Carols & Readings with Four's
Company & Kathy Fletcher-Kain

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - November/December 2025
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	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
30	Sunday	9.00am	Advent 1 - Study focussing on the key Advent figure of John the Baptist, Forerunner – Prophet – Witness.
30	Sunday	10.00	Eucharist with Hymns – Whole-of-Parish Worship (Corporate Communion) at St Matthew’s, Hastings
30	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Choral Society Concert – A Fantasia of Favourites.
30	Sunday	7.00pm	Advent Carols @ Waiapu Anglican Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.
1/5	Monday/ Friday		St Matthew’s Primary School Camps.
3	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
3	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee.

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