



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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Parish Newsletter

for the week commencing Sunday, 7th December 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Today- Sunday 7th December-
Advent 2 – Peace / The Prophets -
Sunday Service

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

9.00 am - Advent Study 2

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday 4th December

10.15am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

Next Sunday 14th December-
Advent 3 – Gaudete (Rejoice /
Praise) / Joy / John the Baptist.

8.00am - Eucharist (*Lady Chapel*)

9.00am- Advent Study 3

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

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

Today- Sunday 7th December-
Ordinary Sunday Service

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

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Coming – Advent – Arrival

We have launched into Advent, the beginning of the Christian New Year – and into Revised Common Lectionary Year A

Soon it will be the Christmas Season, but first, here are a few important Advent things to be part of and invite and encourage others to join with you.

Sun 14 Dec at 3 –5pm @St Matthew's. Cole Martin is a photo-video journalist and Anglican from Aotearoa NZ. He recently returned from 6 months in the occupied West Bank, Palestine where he lived in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem, studied at Bethlehem University, worked alongside Palestinian Christians, and documented the reality of life under Israeli occupation.

Cole will tell stories of what he witnessed from across the West Bank, including that of his friend Awdah, a peace activist, who was killed by a settler and whose village Cole had been documenting the struggles of over the last year.

Our Parish and Community Christmas Carols and Readings is on Sun 14 Dec at 7pm. This is made extra special by the choir Fours Company and Kathy Fletcher-Kain. If you are looking for something community facing, special and sacred then come to this and bring your friends, family and whanau.

After practicing Christmas Carols with a choir, on Mon 15 Dec at 7pm, we have the opportunity to share with the residents and staff some more Advent and Christmas Carol Singing at Colwyn House.

If you play a transportable instrument, bring it along. This is about us giving to the residents and staff.

Then we finally arrive at Christmas. I am delighted that this year for Christmas and January we are combining with Hastings Presbyterians.

Wednesday 24: The Eve & Vigil of Christmas – The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

6pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Christingle Nativity Crib Service – for the young & young at heart to celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World.

11pm. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish First Eucharist of Christ-mass.

Thursday 25: CHRISTMAS DAY – The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Festive Christmas Day Communion.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Festive Christmas Day Carols & Communion.

For more information on the above please find us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings> - follow us and like any events you are planning to attend

Please come along to these special gatherings and please invite others in the spirit of 'Back To Church' opportunities.



We Are Looking for an OP SHOP TEAM LEADER !!

Expressions of Interest sought for a person or a couple of people to provide active operational & strategic management of the Opportunity Shop including the recruitment of volunteers & succession planning.

This is a part-time volunteer role, requiring 8–12 hours per week, based at the Op Shop in St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair.

*Please let the Wardens & Vicar
know you are interested by
emailing*

*hastingsparish@waiapu.com or
phoning 06 878 9476*



*you're invited and all are welcome
so come and join us as we
Celebrate the Season!*

Christmas 2025 and New Year 2026 Services

St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

6.00pm: Christingle Service

*(for the young and young-at-heart,
with the Blessing of the Nativity Crib)*

11.00pm: The first Eucharist of Christmas

Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

8.00am: Christmas Eucharist with Carols

10.00am: Christmas Eucharist with Carols

Sunday 28 December – Christmas 1

10.00am: Eucharist with Carols – a Combined
Service at St Matthew's Church

**Sunday 4 January 2026 – The Epiphany
of our Lord Jesus Christ**

10.00am: Eucharist with Carols

St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Whole-of-Parish Services at St Matthew's

*NO Sunday 8.00am or Thursday 10.15am Service at St Matthew's during January;
Sundays 11th, 18th & 25th January: 10am Eucharist at St Matthew's*



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Upcoming Services

Volunteers Welcome !!

We have several special services coming up on 14th, 24th, and 25th December.

If you would like to be part of the preparations or volunteer during these events, we would love your help.

Signup sheets are placed at the entrance for anyone wishing to help.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - December 2025
9	Tuesday	6.00pm	Hawke’s Bay Clergy Dinner.
10	Wednesday	10.00am	Eversley Resthome & Village.
11	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
11	Thursday	11.00am	Advent Study focussing on the key Advent figure of John the Baptist, Forerunner – Prophet – Witness.
11	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering. Review January, February & March R-Evolving Diary.
11	Thursday	5.30pm	School BoT
12	Friday		Term 4 Ends
13	Saturday		13 December 1997 The Rev’d David van Oeveren Ordination to the Diaconate at All Saints’, Palmerston North. 28 Years.
14	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
14	Sunday	9.00am	Advent Study focussing on the key Advent figure of John the Baptist, Forerunner – Prophet – Witness.
14	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s & St Peter’s
14	Sunday	3.00pm 5.00pm	Cole Martin, photo-video journalist and Anglican from Aotearoa NZ - Sharing stories from the West Bank, including the life and struggles of his friend Awdah, a peace activist killed by a settler, and experiences documenting local communities under Israeli occupation
14	Sunday	7.00pm	<i>Festival of Christmas Carols & Readings with Four’s Company & Kathy Fletcher-Kain.</i>
14	Sunday	7.00pm	Maraekakaho Christmas Carol Service. Maraekakaho Church.
15	Monday	7.00pm	<i>Colwyn House Lifecare Christmas Carol Singing. Join together to sing Christmas Carols around Colwyn House</i>
16	Tuesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
16	Tuesday	6.00pm	End of Year School Assembly.

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