



# The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

*An encompassing home for all, encouraging community connection, and nurturing faith in Hastings communities*

## ***Parish Newsletter***

*For the week commencing Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

*The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

Today - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January - The  
Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ-  
The revelation of Christ

10.00 am - Whole-of-Parish Eucharist  
with Hymns

Next - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January- The  
Baptism of the Lord.

10.00 am - Whole-of-Parish Eucharist  
with Hymns

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January- Epiphany 2

10.00 am -Whole-of-Parish Eucharist  
with Hymns

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

**From Sunday 28 December 2025 to  
Sunday 25 January 2026 (inclusive),  
we will worship together at St  
Matthew's, with the Hastings**

**Presbyterians.**

**All are warmly invited.**



*(Rev. David during the Christmas Eve Christingle Service at 6pm)*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!**

**AND JUST LIKE THAT 2026 IS HERE!**

Wherever and however, you celebrated Christmas and New Year, we hope you found moments of hope, peace, joy, and love, and that you felt at home.

I would like to offer a special Thank You to all those Lay and Ordained who made this Advent and Christmas so special. To the Ministry Team who brought to life Blue Christmas, Lessons & Carols, and many more significant liturgies. To the Musicians who added vibrancy to our worship. To the Flower Arrangers and Church Decorators for drawing us into the season of Advent and onto the birth of the Christ-child. To the Gardeners and the Cleaners who ensured we were looking our best. To all the other lay people who contributed in and out of worship to make the season come alive. Thanks!

Our Study **Group starts up on Thursday 5 February**. The Study Group meets at 11.15am after Thursday mid-week worship.

In February the focus will be on 'Spiritual Disciplines for Lent', in March 'A Pre-Easter Focus', and in April 'Learning About Other Faiths'.

These will be taken by Mark Hensman. Come to Thursday 10.15am and stay for the Study Group, or come and join at 11.15am.

May the hope, peace, joy, love and promise of Christ's birth encourage and strengthen you through all that may come in 2026! Peace on earth and goodwill to all those on whom God's favour rests.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE – JANUARY SERVICE**

#### **SCHEDULE**

Please be aware that our usual midweek and early services will be taking a break during January.

There will be **NO 8.00am Eucharist** and **NO Thursday 10.15am Eucharist** at St Matthew's for the month of January.

St Peter's Church will not hold its 10.00am services throughout January.

Regular service times will resume in **February**.

We appreciate your understanding as these changes take place, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in February.

### **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](mailto:hastingsparish@waiapu.com) or phoning 06 878 9476**

## **PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER SUPPORT**

As a church family, we are called to support and care for one another.

The Wardens and Clergy encourage you to let us know if you, or someone you know, is unwell, would value Home Communion, or would welcome a visit at home, in hospital, or in a residential care or rest-home setting, 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.

If you have a request for prayer support (no specific details required), please phone the Prayer Chain coordinators:

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

## **PARISH LUNCH**

**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



Would you like to feel more confident in the kitchen and enjoy learning new recipes in a relaxed, supportive setting?

**SENIOR CHEF IS A FREE, HANDS-ON COOKING PROGRAM DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE AGED 60 AND OVER.**

**Starts: Monday 2 February 2026**

**Time: 9 :30 am – 12:30 pm, 9 weeks**

**Location: St Matthew's Church, Hastings**

Each week you'll enjoy practical cooking sessions where you'll learn to prepare simple, tasty, and healthy meals for one or two.

The classes also include helpful budget-friendly tips, nutrition advice, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions and try new ideas. It's a friendly and welcoming environment where you can build skills, try new ideas, and enjoy the experience at your own pace.

Limited spaces available (8–12 participants), so early enrolment is encouraged.

**To enrol: [hastingsparish@waiapu.com](mailto:hastingsparish@waiapu.com)**

**or call: 06 878 9476**

Come along, cook, connect, and enjoy the joy of food together!

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

Date	Day	Time	Meeting/Event/Activity - January / February 2026
6	Tuesday		Epiphany
5/9	Monday Friday		Deep Summer Clean & Inventory of St Matthew's Kitchen & Refreshment Space.
11	Sunday	10.00am	The Baptism of the Lord - Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthew’s, Hastings
18	Sunday	10.00am	Epiphany 2 - Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthew’s, Hastings
25	Sunday	10.00am	Epiphany 3 - Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthew’s, Hastings
25	Sunday	12.00pm	Café Lunch @ Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120.
28	Wednesday		Term 1 Begins - Kowhai Specialist School
28	Wednesday	7.15pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY Sub-Committees & Site Visits.
29	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
30	Friday	8.30am 10.30am	St Matthew’s Primary School – Teacher Only Day
31	Saturday	4.00pm	Hawke’s Bay Interfaith
1	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
1	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s
1	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns - St Peter’s - Commissioning & Prayer / Powhiri & Karakia for Kowhai Specialist School – Kowhai Tec Teaching & Support Staff & BoT to begin the 2026 educational year.

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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