



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026*

*The fifth Sunday in Ordinary time*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 15<sup>th</sup> February - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)  
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Ash Wednesday**  
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Lent 1 - Art Deco Style Worship**  
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)  
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

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

**Sunday- 15<sup>th</sup> February - Ordinary Sunday Service**  
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

**Sunday- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Ordinary Sunday Service**  
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns



**WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH**  
**OF GREATER HASTINGS**

A very warm welcome if you are visiting, or joining us for the first time, it's wonderful to have you with us; please introduce yourself to one of the Clergy and join us for Morning Tea after worship.

The first half of 2026 will see the Parish focusing on: **'Education, Spirituality & Quiet Days'**.

**The Parish Study Group starts this off.**

**Our Parish Study Group meets at 11.15am after Thursday mid-week worship**

† **In February the focus will be on 'Spiritual Disciplines for Lent'.**

- Fasting Contemplation, Charity, and Dying to Self

† **In March 'A Pre-Easter Focus'**

- The Old Testament Road to Calvary, Jesus' Road to Calvary, The origins of resurrection expectations, Stations of the Cross.

† **In April 'Learning About Other Faiths'**

- Principles of Interfaith Dialogue, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism

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

**'Education, Spirituality & Quiet Days'**  
**continue with:**

**Saturdays 28 February & 14 March, 9.30am – 2.30pm.** We will explore **Comprehensive Anglicanism at St Matthew's.** This is ideal for those seeking Baptism; for Welcoming Members from other Traditions; & for those seeking Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship. BYO Lunch.

**Advance Notices**

**Thursday 19 March, 1 – 4pm** (This will end with a social & community culture forming social time) or 7 – 9.30pm. **Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church** – a conversation facilitated by The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF on the works of Andrew Root. Held at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122.

**Saturday 21 March, 10am – 4pm.** **A Franciscan Style Quiet Day** as we prepare for Palm Sunday & Holy Week with The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF. This is likely to include Taize Prayer which is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. A typical Taize prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture and chanted songs from Taize. Held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122. Please BYO Lunch.

***Abundant Blessings***

## **Lent – Easter – Pentecost**

It is time to embrace Lent beginning with Shrove Tuesday / Ash Wednesday.

If you have **Palm Crosses** for turning to Ash please bring them in by Sun 15 Feb!

### **Tuesday 17 February. SHROVE TUESDAY.**



**Tuesday 17, 6 – 7.30pm.**

SHROVE TUESDAY – Mardi Gras Pancakes @ St Matthew's!



Wednesday 18 February. **ASH WEDNESDAY:** The First Day of Lent

**Wednesday 18, 10.15am.** St Matthew's, Hastings. Ash Wednesday Celebration Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes.

**Wednesday 18, 11.15am.** STUDY GROUP – Spiritual Disciplines for Lent

**Wednesday 18, 7pm.** St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Worship. Please attend as we share together.



## **Volunteers Needed**

THE PARISH IS LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY EVEN MORE WELCOMING!

We urgently need new

**Welcomers, Morning Tea helpers, and Sound-desk operators(training provided)**

How can you help? Let our Parish Administrator know  
hastingsparish@waiapu.com | 06 878 9476

A new roster will be in place from March onwards.

## **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.

### **KEY DETAILS**

- Role Type: Part-time volunteer
- Requiring 8–12 hours per week.
- Based at the Op Shop in St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair.



If you are interested, Please let the Wardens or Vicar know by emailing  
hastingsparish@waiapu.com  
or contact 06 878 9476.

### **LET'S DO IT TOGETHER !**

Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew's in preparation for Lent & Easter!

**Date : Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**Time : 9am to 12noon**

All hands are welcome! Bring your energy, enthusiasm, and a smile, and let's make our church shine for this special season.



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

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - February 2026
8	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s
		10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns - Whole-of-Parish Worship St Matthew’s
9	Monday	9.30am	We welcome back SENIOR CHEF for a 2026 season of culinary community
		12.30pm	
11	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
11	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
11	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee
12	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s
12	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Spiritual Disciplines for Lent.
12	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering
13	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
13	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
14	Saturday		14 February 2023 - Hawke’s Bay Cyclone Gabrielle Commemoration. Valentine's Day
14	Saturday		March – May / Shrove Tuesday – Ash Wednesday – Lent – Easter Parish Magazine available.
14	Saturday	9.00am 12.00pm	LET’S DO IT TOGETHER! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Matthew’s in preparation for Lent & Easter!
15	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s
15	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns - St Matthew’s and St Peter’s
16	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef
17	Tuesday		SHROVE Tuesday
17	Tuesday	6.00pm 7.30pm	SHROVE TUESDAY – Mardi Gras Pancakes @ St Matthew’s. We will provide the Toppings (both savoury & sweet) & the Pancakes! You bring the appetite & a koha
18	Wednesday		Ash Wednesday. The First Day of Lent
18	Wednesday	10.15am	St Matthew’s, Hastings. Ash Wednesday Celebration Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes.

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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