



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

*The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

### **Services at St Matthew's Church**

200 King Street South, Hastings

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February -**

**Imposition of Ashes Worship**

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

7.00pm - Whole of Parish Worship

**Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Lent 1 -**

**Art Deco Style Worship**

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

**Thursday - 26<sup>th</sup> February**

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> March - Lent 2 -**

**Children's day**

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

### **Services at St Peter's Church**

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

**Sunday- 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Ordinary**

**Sunday Service**

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

**Sunday- 1<sup>st</sup> March - 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 & join us for Morning Tea after worship.

Lent is here! We begin our Lenten Journey on Shrove Tuesday, 17 February, at 6pm for Festive Mardi Gras Pancakes. Then we move to Solemn Ash Wednesday for the Imposition of Ashes. More details on these are in the Newsletter or <https://www.facebook.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings>.

Lent consists of the forty weekdays before Easter. It is a time of preparing & getting in shape to appreciate Easter. Lent is often the period of preparation for Baptism at Easter. The forty days of Lent are based on the story of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness when he was tempted. Holy Week & Easter are the pinnacle of this preparation.

**Our Parish 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'.
- † In April 'Learning About Other Faiths'.

These will be taken by Mark Hensman. Come to Thursday 10.15am & stay for the Parish Study Group, or come & join in at 11am.

**Saturdays 28 February & 14 March, 9.30am – 2.30pm.** We will explore **Comprehensive Anglicanism @ 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.

**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 & 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.

## 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

## LEASED CAR PARK PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE

IF YOU WISH TO BE ALLOCATED A PARKING  
SLOT ON WEEKDAYS,

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH  
ADMINISTRATOR FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - February 2026
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.
18	Wednesday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Spiritual Disciplines for Lent
18	Wednesday	1.40pm	School Ash Wednesday Service.
18	Wednesday	7.00pm	Whole-of-Parish Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Worship. Please attend as we share together.
19 22	Thursday Sunday		Hawke’s Bay Art Deco Festival.
19	Thursday	5.30	St Matthew’s Primary School BoT
21	Saturday	4.00pm	Hawke’s Bay Interfaith.
22	Sunday		The Confession of St Peter
22	Sunday	8.00am	Art Deco Style Worship at St Matthew’s
22	Sunday	10.00am	Art Deco Style Worship at St Matthew’s. Join us for a service of Holy Communion that will follow the style, language, & music used when people gathered for worship at Saint Matthew’s Church in the early 1930’s. Come as you are or Dress Up in Art Deco for the occasion!
22	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist at St Peter’s
22	Sunday	12.00pm	Café Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120
23	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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