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 22nd February 2026

First Sunday Of Lent

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Thursday - 26th February
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 1st March - Lent 2 - Children's day
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Sunday - 8th March - Lent 3-Third Sunday of Lent
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
10.00am - Whole-of- Parish Worship

Thursday - 12th March
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday- 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday Service
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Sunday - 8th March -There will be no service at St Peter's this Sunday. Please join us at St Matthew's Church for the Whole-of-Parish Eucharist at 10:00am.

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.

For up to date details of what is coming up please read the newsletter or https:/ www.facebook.comParishOfGreaterHastings.

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.

We have 1 confirmed & 2 possible Baptisms on Easter Day, would you like to be Baptised with these people? All attending Easter Day will Reaffirm our Baptismal Vows.

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 are 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.

We have 1 person seeking Confirmation on Trinity Sunday, 31 May, when Bishop Andrew Hedge joins us. Would you like to be Confirmed or Renew your Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship?

If you would like to be Baptised or Confirmed, please talk with The Rev'd David.

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. being sorely tested in the wilderness & includes an invitation to us to pay attention to how he responds. **This Quiet Day will offer time to reflect on**

what we have paid attention to this Lent, &, using some of the story of St Francis ask what might we take into our remembering of the events of Holy Week, Good Friday & Easter, & beyond. We might also use some music from Taizé. The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF. Held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122. Please BYO Lunch.

Abundant Blessings

Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings will be held on Sunday 29th March. **Reports for the AGM from Parish groups are due by 8th March** - would those responsible for submitting reports, please ensure they are emailed to the Parish Office by 8th March 2026.

Today - 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

Diary Dates … or "What's on When?"

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - February / March 2026
23	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef
25	Wednesday	7.15pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY
26	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthews
26	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Spiritual Disciplines for Lent
26	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
27	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
27	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
28	Saturday	9.30am 2.30pm	Comprehensive Anglicanism at St Matthew's: Baptism; Welcoming Members from other Traditions; Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship. BYO Lunch
1	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
1	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthews & St Peters
2	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef
2	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
4	Wednesday		Holi
4	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
4	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
5	Thursday		Hato Hone St John Chaplains Online Professional Development Seminar
6	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at st Matthews
6	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Lenten Study – A Pre-Easter Focus
7	Friday	10.30pm 4.00pm	International Cultures Day @ Cornwall Park.

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