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 1st March 2026

Second Sunday Of Lent

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Thursday - 5th March
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

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)

Sunday - 15th March - Lent 4-Mothering / Refreshment / Laetare Sunday
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
10.00am - Whole-of- Parish Worship

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Next 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.

Lent is a 40-day season of reflection, fasting, and prayer that leads up to Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). The number 40 is intentional — it echoes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before His ministry began (Matthew 4:1 -11). It's a season designed to slow you down, strip things back, and get serious about what Easter actually means.

We have 1, potentially 3, 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 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.

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.

Hastings Music Society Concert 2026

Join us for an afternoon of enchanting music with the Hastings Music Society!

Sunday 8th March 2026 | 2.00pm at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 200 King Street South, Hastings

Kirsty McMinn Collard – Soprano
Flemming Kristensen – Piano
Ethan Xu – Violin
Mami Koizumi – Euphonium
Campbell Lovatt – Guitar
Dana Parkhill – Flute
Kieran Chisnall – Bagpipes

Amazing live music in a stunning setting don't miss it!

LENTEN APPEAL 2026

Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and is a chance for the Church to reflect Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

Our Lenten Appeal calls the church to give sacrificially both financially and through prayer. Each year, we partner with you to raise funds for projects that directly contribute to the health, wellbeing and development of the communities and people involved.

This Lent, we're supporting our four core work programmes which you can read https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/lent/

You can donate by credit card using the button below, or a direct deposit using the following details (simply put the name of your desired programme ie. "water", "food", "climate" or "disasters") as the reference/code:

Account: Anglican Missions Board

Number: 02-0585-0001796-00

Diary Dates … or "What's on When?"

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - March 2026
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	10.30am	International Cultures Day @ Cornwall Park.
8	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
8	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthews
8	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert at St Matthew's
9	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef
10	Tuesday		10 March 1995. St Matthew's Primary School officially opened & blessed by The Rt. The Rev'd Murray Mills, Bishop of Waiapu.
11	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
12	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at st Matthews
12	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering
13	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
13	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist.
14	Saturday	9.30am 2.30pm	Comprehensive Anglicanism @ St Matthew's: Baptism; Welcoming Members from other Traditions; Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship. BYO Lunch

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