



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 8th March 2026

Third Sunday Of Lent

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Thursday - 12th March

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 15th March - Lent 4-

Mothering / Refreshment / Laetare Sunday

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Thursday - 19th March

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 22nd March - Lent 5-

Passion Sunday

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday - 15th March - Lent 4 -

Sunday Service

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Sunday - 22nd March - Lent 5 -

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.

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

Lent is a 40-day season of reflection, fasting, & prayer that leads up to Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday & 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, & get serious about what Easter actually means.

We have 3 Baptisms on Easter Day. Would you like to be Baptised with these people? Everyone 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 now.

You are invited to be part of a conversation facilitated by John Heberton entitled '**Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church**'. A daytime or evening option are offered.

This is to be followed by a **Quiet Day** for the Lenten Season to prepare us for Holy Week to Easter Day & beyond.

Please share this information with those you think may wish to join us.

Thursday 19 March, 1 – 4pm. Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church 1 – a conversation facilitated by The Rev'd John Heberton TSSF using the work of Andrew Root's "Ministry in a Secular Age" series. Held at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122.

Thursday 19 March, 4.30 – 6.30pm. A community culture forming & social time at Clubs Hastings. John & I will be getting our dinner, come along & join us.

Thursday 19 March, 7 9.30pm. Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church 2 – a conversation facilitated by The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF using the work of Andrew Root's "Ministry in a Secular Age" series. Held at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122.

Saturday 21 March, 10am – 4pm. Lent begins with the story of Jesus' identity as Beloved Son of God 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 we might take into our remembering of the events of Holy Week, Good Friday & Easter, & beyond. We might also use some music from Taize. The Rev'd John Hebenton TSSF. Held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122. Please BYO Lunch.

Abundant Blessings

**HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT
2026**

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

**Today at 2.00pm
at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 200
King Street South, Hastings**

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

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M)
OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
GREATER HASTINGS**

The AGM will be held in St Matthew's Anglican Church 11.30am on Sunday 29th March 2026

Purpose of the meeting is to:

- † Receive reports on the life of our parish from the Vicar, the Church Wardens, Finance Sub-Committee, and other reports.
- † Election of Vestry members (not less than three nor more than ten baptised parishioners, clergy or lay, whose names are on the Electoral Roll).
- † Election of the People's Warden.
- † Announcement of the appointment of the Bishop's Warden.

Nominations for Vestry Members, People's Warden and Synod Representatives must be handed in by noon of Sunday 22 March 2026. Nomination forms are

available in the Reports Book due out Sunday 15 March 2026.

All parishioners are welcome to attend and speak but only parishioners on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote.

The Rev'd David van Oeveren – Vicar.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - March 2026
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
15	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
15	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthew’s & St Peter’s
15	Sunday	11.30am	Think Tank – Creative Cuppa
15	Sunday	7.00pm	Iftar Meal. A Pot-Luck Shared Meal. We have got the meat sorted – you bring the sides.
16	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef
17	Tuesday		St Patrick’s Day.
18	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting.
18	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
19	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at st Matthews
19	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Lenten Study – A Pre-Easter Focus
19		1.00pm 4.00pm	Leading Hopefully in a Struggling Church 1 – a conversation facilitated by The Rev’d John Heberton TSSF using the work of Andrew Root’s “Ministry in a Secular Age” series. Held at St Matthew’s Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122.

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