



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 15th March 2026

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

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

Thursday - 26th March

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 29th March - Lent 6 -
Palm Sunday

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Whole-of- Parish Worship

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday - 22nd March - Lent 5 -
Sunday Service

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Sunday - 29th 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.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings>.

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 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.

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 Heberton TSSF. Held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, 207 Lyndon Road West, Hastings 4122. Please BYO Lunch.

We are now at the Mid-Lent to Holy Week season which is a journey of Grace. As we progress through Lent, our liturgy shifts from penitence toward the profound mysteries of the Cross. On **Laetare Sunday** (also known as Mothering or Refreshment Sunday), we pause our fast to celebrate God's nurturing grace, which offers a "refreshing" glimpse of the joy to come

This is followed by **Passion Sunday**, marking the start of Passiontide. Here, the tone deepens as we focus intently on Christ's coming sacrifice. Finally, **Palm Sunday** draws us into Jerusalem. We

waive our branches in triumph, yet quickly pivot to the reading of the Passion, beginning the solemn walk of Holy Week.

We have 3 Baptisms on Easter Day! Would you like to be Baptised with these people? Please talk to Rev'd David now! Everyone attending Easter Day will Reaffirm our Baptismal Vows.

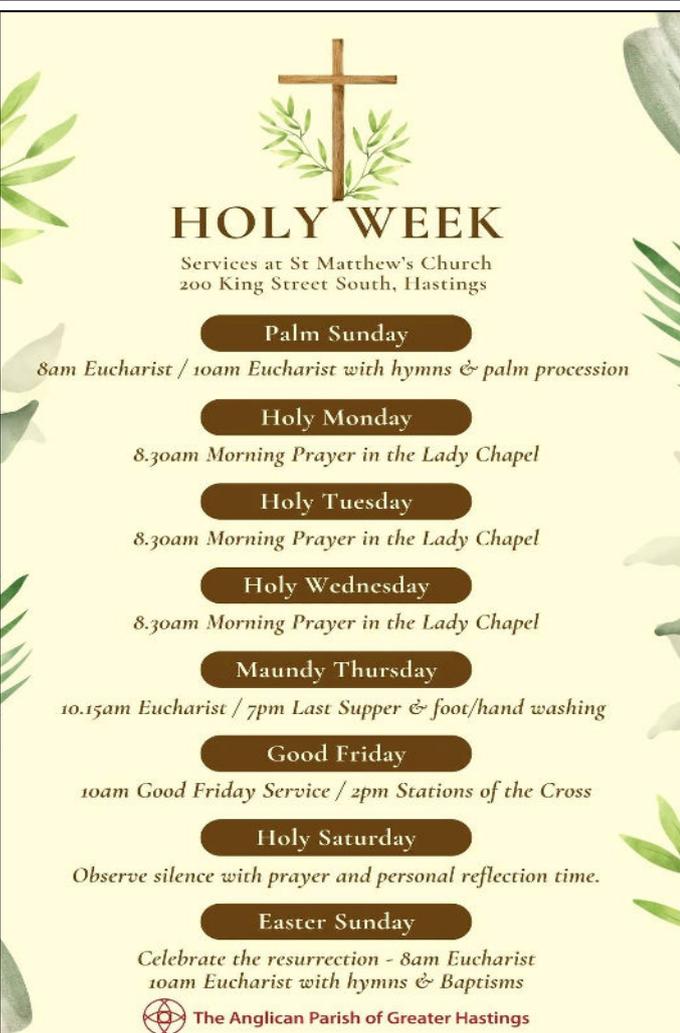
Our Parish Study Group meets at 11.15am after Thursday mid-week worship.

† 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.

Abundant Blessings



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

Palm Sunday
8am Eucharist / 10am Eucharist with hymns & palm procession

Holy Monday
8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Holy Tuesday
8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Holy Wednesday
8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Maundy Thursday
10.15am Eucharist / 7pm Last Supper & foot/hand washing

Good Friday
10am Good Friday Service / 2pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday
Observe silence with prayer and personal reflection time.

Easter Sunday
Celebrate the resurrection - 8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist with hymns & Baptisms

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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
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
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