



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*Easter Day*

*Baptism & Whole of Parish Worship*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

### Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Thursday - 8<sup>th</sup> April

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter 2 - Low  
Sunday & Harvest Festival

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns -  
Whole of Parish Worship

Thursday - 15<sup>th</sup> April

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> April - Ordinary  
Sunday Service

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

### Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

**Next Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup> April - There will  
be no service at St Peter's. Please join  
us at St Matthew's Church for the  
Whole-of- Parish Eucharist at 10:00  
am.**

Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> April - 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 our Clergy & join us for Morning Tea after worship.

It would be wonderful to get to know you – please fill in our Welcome Brochures.

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

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!**

Today, we stand in the glorious light of the empty tomb. As an Easter people with an Easter faith, we celebrate the ultimate victory of life over death. This joy isn't just a historical memory; it is a present reality as Christ rises anew in our lives & our community.

In the Anglican tradition, Easter is the supreme moment to celebrate Holy Baptism, the gateway to this new life. Today, we are overjoyed to welcome three new members into the family of God: Adam John, Anna, & Lazhon. Their journeys remind us that God's grace meets us at every stage of life.

As they are baptized, we will all stand to renew our own Baptismal Vows. This is more than a formality; it is a fresh

commitment to Christian service—to seeking & serving Christ in all persons & striving for justice & peace. We rejoice in the new life open to all through the Resurrection. May the light of the risen Christ guide us as we walk together in hope .

**Sunday 12: Easter 2 – a celebration of the harvest & the Harvesters.**

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. A Celebration of the Harvest & the Harvesters – Harvest Festival.

***Monday 13 April. SENIOR CHEF 2.  
We begin the 2nd Course for the year.  
Are you or anyone you know keen to start this culinary journey?***

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

† In April 'Learning About Other Faiths'.

Come to Thursday 10.15am & stay for the Parish Study Group, or come & join in at 11am.

***Abundant Blessings***

**HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT 2026**

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

**Sunday 12 April, 2.00pm  
at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 200**

**King Street South, Hastings**  
Amazing live music in a stunning setting don't miss it!

# Senior Chef 2

Cook, Connect & Create

We begin the 2nd Course for the year.  
Are you or anyone you know keen to start this  
culinary journey?

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2026  
9.30am - 12.30pm, 9 Weeks  
at St Matthews Church, Hastings

To enrol : [hastingsparish@waiapu.com](mailto:hastingsparish@waiapu.com)  
or call 06 878 9476



## LEARNING ABOUT OTHER

### FAITHS

Learning from the followers of  
other faiths what they believe  
and how they view Christians.

**9 April** - Principles of Interfaith  
Dialogue

**16 April** - Islam

**23 April** - Sikhism

**30 April** - Buddhism

All are welcome  
come and listen, learn, and be  
enriched.

### Parish Lunch

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish Lunch,**  
**12 noon**

at Serendipity Café 1412 Pakow-  
hai Road, Hastings .

Please feel free to join with us  
for lunch each 4th Sunday.  
Contact Paddy and Richard Bay-  
ley, 8767616 for more  
information

## ANZAC WEEKEND 2026

**Saturday 25 - 5.10 am for 5.30am**  
**Hastings Civic ANZAC Dawn Service**  
Hastings Cenotaph, Civic Square

**Saturday 25 - 9.00 am**  
Greater Hastings ANZAC Day Service at St  
Matthew's Memorial Cairn, Hastings

**Saturday 25 - 9.30 am**  
Clive War Memorial ANZAC Commemoration.

**Saturday 25 - 10.00 am**  
Summerset in the Orchard ANZAC Commemoration



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

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - April 2026
8	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
9	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
9	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering
9	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Learning about Other Faiths
12	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
12	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthew’s, Hastings : A Celebration of the Harvest & the Harvesters – Harvest Festival.
12	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert at St Matthew’s
13	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef 2
15	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
15	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee
16	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
16	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Learning about Other Faiths
19	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
19	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s, Riverslea
20	Monday		Term 2 Begins
20	Monday	9.30am	Senior Chef 2
20	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day.
22	Wednesday	7.15pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY
23	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
23	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Learning about Other Faiths
24	Friday	2.00pm	ANZAC Assembly
25	Saturday	5.10am 5.30am	Hastings Civic ANZAC Dawn Service. Hastings Cenotaph, Civic Square
25	Saturday	9.00am	Greater Hastings ANZAC Day Service at St Matthew’s Memorial Cairn, Hastings
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25	Saturday	10.00am	Summerset in the Orchard ANZAC Commemoration

### The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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