



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 19th April 2026

Harvest Thanksgiving - Third Sunday of Easter

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Thursday - 23rd April

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter - ANZAC Weekend

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday - 30th April

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Ordinary Sunday Service

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday - 19th April - Ordinary

Sunday Service

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Sunday - 26th April - Ordinary

Sunday Service

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Sunday - 3rd May - 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>.

As we move through the autumn leaves here in Aotearoa, our liturgical calendar draws us into a season of profound joy & spiritual depth.

The Great Fifty Days of Easter, or Eastertide, is a single, continuous festival celebrating Christ's victory over death. Spanning from Easter Day to Pentecost, this “week of weeks” reflects the biblical period between the Resurrection & the gift of the Spirit. It is time of “Alleluia” where we bask in the light of the risen Lord, recognizing that his triumph isn't just a past event, but our present, transformative reality.

Pentecost, or Whitsunday, marks the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles, fueling the “birth of the Church” with divine fire & diverse tongues. It concludes the Easter season

by empowering us for mission. We then immediately pivot to Trinity Sunday, where we reflect on the nature of the God who sends: Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker. Together, these feasts remind us that the Spirit draws us into the very life of the Godhead.

The “Laying on of Hands” is a biblical sign of blessing & the conferring of the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation & Renewal, the Bishop prays for the Spirit to strengthen the candidate's life in Christ. It is traditionally held at Pentecost or Trinity because these days celebrate the Spirit's arrival & the Church's commission. It connects our personal “Amen” to the cosmic outpouring of grace that began in that first Jerusalem upper room

Confirmation is more than a rite of passage; it is a public “Commitment to Christian Service.” Discipleship requires an active response to God's call, moving beyond belief into lived action. By renewing our vows, we acknowledge that the Spirit empowers us not for our own comfort, but to be Christ's hands & feet in our communities . True discipleship is the fruit of a life lived in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

**Monday Mornings - SENIOR CHEF 2.
Our 2nd Culinary Course for the year.
Are you or anyone you know keen to
start this gastronomic journey?**

Our Parish Study Group taken by Mark Hensman, meets at 11am after Thursday mid-week worship.

† In April 'Learning About Other Faiths'.

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

Abundant Blessings

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



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

LEARNING ABOUT OTHER FAITHS

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

23 April - Sikhism - Daman

30 April - Buddhism - Tan Toi

All are welcome

come and listen, learn, and be enriched.

PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER SUPPORT

As a church family, we are called to support and care for one another.

The Wardens and Clergy encourage you to let us know if you, or someone you know, is unwell, would value Home Communion, or would welcome a visit at home, in hospital, or in a residential care or rest-home setting, PLEASE pass the information direct (in confidence) to Prasadi in the Parish Office, or contact the Clergy, or a Warden.

If you are hospitalised, or know of a parishioner in hospital, your first point of contact for Pastoral Care is the Hospital Chaplain (you become their 'parishioner' whilst in hospital); but if you wish to have a visit from one of the Greater Hastings Parish Clergy, please let us know.

If you have a request for prayer support (no specific details required), please phone the Prayer Chain coordinators:

Jean 027 878 3601 / 06 8783601
or Ruth: 027 230 0327

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - April & May 2026
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
25	Saturday	9.30am	Clive War Memorial ANZAC Commemoration
25	Saturday	10.00am	Summerset in the Orchard ANZAC Commemoration
25	Saturday	4.00pm	Hawke’s Bay Interfaith
26	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
26	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s, Riverslea
26	Sunday	12.00pm	Café Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120.
28	Tuesday	1.00pm	Ordained Clergy Post- Easter / ANZAC Get-Together
28/30	Tuesday Thursday		TPMC Special Forum: Worship – Creative and Anglican in Christchurch.
29	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
30	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
30	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Learning about Other Faiths
1	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
1	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
3	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
3	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s, Riverslea

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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