



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 26th April 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

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

Thursday - 7th May
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
10.00am - Whole of Parish Worship

Services at St Peter's Church
1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday - 3rd May - Ordinary Sunday Service
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Sunday - 10th May - 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.



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.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Abundant Blessings

Parish Lunch - Today

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

Nakba in the Bay 2026

Palestinian Feast
an opportunity to enjoy the epicurean delights of Palestine and support the Palestinian Peoples right to their homeland

6.00pm to 9.00pm
Taradale Town Hall

Saturday May 16th

Please join us to mark Nakba 2026, the 77th anniversary of the ethnic cleansing of Palestine, and enjoy a celebration of Palestinian cuisine while raising funds for the People of Gaza and the West Bank.

Adults \$40.00
Kids (4-15yrs) \$10.00

More Information and TICKETS

Text: 021 900-254, 027 3800
or email psnhb@protonmail.me



PLEASE circulate this event's QR code on YOUR social media YOU are our advertising budget

LEARNING ABOUT OTHER FAITHS

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

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

HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT 2026

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

Sunday 10 May, 2.00pm
at St Matthew's Anglican Church, 200 King Street South, Hastings

Live music, stunning setting - don't miss it

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - April & May 2026
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
4	Monday	9.30am	SENIOR CHEF 2.
4	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
6	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
6	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
7	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
7	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Learning about Other Faiths
7	Thursday	5.30pm	St Matthew’s Primary School BoT
9	Saturday	4.00pm	Hawke’s Bay Interfaith
10	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
10	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Worship St Matthew’s, Hastings
10	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert @ St Matthew’s
11	Monday	9.30am	SENIOR CHEF 2.
13	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
14	Thursday		Ascension Day
14	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings - ASCENSION DAY
14	Thursday	11.15am	STUDY GROUP – Learning about Other Faiths
14	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering
15	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare

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