



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 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Ordinary Sunday Service

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

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

Thursday - 14th May

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 17th May - Seventh 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 - 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.**

Sunday - 17th 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.comParishOfGreaterHastings>.

I have been reflecting on our Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to Holy Saturday to Easter Day pilgrimage. As Vicar, I am so caught up in the moment, & the what comes next (which could mean in 30 seconds or later that day or the next service) that it takes a while to process these things.

Palm Sunday was the most magnificent procession of palms, next year we will increase the number of branches. The visual richness of the strewn pile of palms to focus on, & the palm cross to hold.

Maundy Thursday was much more intimate, for those who haven't been before or who didn't come this year, prioritize it for next year. The highlight this year was captured so gently on our Facebook page.

Good Friday, wow, what can I say. We did things differently & it worked, it was so deeply soul-touchingly spiritual. We will offer a similar day next year just tweaking the format a little. Many people participated for the whole day, some for parts of it.

Holy Saturday was The Peace Walk. I think six of us Anglicans did it, & for me it was my day. I did not need to think what was next, just put one foot in front of the other.

Easter Day, a true celebration of the resurrection. Baptisms & Renewal & people gathered to greet the risen Christ. Was there a highlight, many, but our seasonal worker brothers & sisters gifting us part of the worship & a baptism candidate dancing to the Kyrie & Gloria.

For those who were part of it – Thank You. For those who weren't, come next year.

Two special Thanks - to the Ministry & Administration Team - Thanks to the Music Group Thanks!

For everyone who made it happen – Thank You. It really was a team effort and it was fabulous!

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

ANZAC weekend was a busy weekend for the Parish, & next year it falls on a Sunday so some fine-tuning will need to occur to ensure we provide all we can

for the communities we serve. it is time of reflection remembrance and commemoration.

**“Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget - lest we forget!”**

We will remember them

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

I wonder if we can as communities of Easter faith, as Easter people, make Pentecost & Trinity Sundays as splendid as Palm Sunday to Easter Day. I invited & encourage you to be part of our Pentecost & Trinity Sunday celebrations! Together everyone achieves more, let us do this together.

Abundant Blessings

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

SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

Sunday 24 - The Day of Pentecost

8am - Eucharist at St Matthews

10am- Eucharist at St Matthews and St Peters

Sunday 31 - Trinity Sunday

8am - Eucharist at St Matthews

10am- Whole-of-Parish Worship at st Matthews. Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service and Discipleship with Bishop Andrew Hedge.



Hastings Choral
presents

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Sunday 31 May 2026 @ 3.00pm
St Matthew’s Church, King Street, Hastings

Tickets: Adult \$25.00 School student \$5.00
Available through choir members, hastingschoral@gmail.com or cash sales at the door
Tickets prepurchased directly from choir members \$22.00

WORKING BEE

Saturday 30 May, 2:00–4:00pm

Working Bee & Set-Up at St Matthew’s for Trinity Sunday Confirmation & Bishop’s Visitation.

Could you please help as we get ready for a Confirmation celebration service. If you’re able to come along, please bring any of the following:

Vacuum cleaner / Mop and bucket / Duster
Wood or brass polish and cloth

A winter clean so we sparkle.

Thank you in advance for your support- we look forward to seeing you there.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

| Date | Day | Time | Meeting / Event / Activity - May 2026 |
|------|-----------|---------|--|
| 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 | 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 at 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 | Ministry Team Gathering |
| 15 | Friday | 10.00am | Colwyn House Lifecare |
| 15 | Friday | 1.40pm | School Eucharist |
| 17 | Sunday | 8.00am | Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings |
| 17 | Sunday | 10.00am | Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s |
| 18 | Monday | 9.30am | Senior Chef 2 |
| 20 | Wednesday | 3.00pm | WARDENS Meeting |
| 20 | Wednesday | 4.30pm | Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee |
| 21 | Thursday | 10.15am | Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings |
| 22 | Friday | 5.00pm | LINDEN SINGERS Rehearsals |
| 23 | Saturday | 2.00pm | Ordination of Donna Cruickshank (Parish of Central Hawke's Bay) to the Vocational Diaconate. |
| 24 | Sunday | 8.00am | Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings |
| 24 | Sunday | 10.00am | Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s - The Day of PENTECOST |

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