



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day*

**Haere Mai - Welcome**

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

**Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> May - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ordinary Sunday Service**  
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)  
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

**Thursday - 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> May - The Day of Pentecost - Sunday Service**  
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)  
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

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

**Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> May - Ordinary Sunday Service**  
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

**Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> 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>.

**“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.**

In recent weeks we have farewelled two of our Parishioners whose earthly life has come to an end. Both were stalwarts of the Parish, both were people our Parish and wider community have much to Thank for. Bill Dent was a significant identity in Hawke's Bay with high community profile and Mona Evans within the Hastings and Parish communities.

I never tire of listening to the stories of people's lives, the richness and the variety of adventures, experiences, and generosity that they have had and

given. Some people have lives that are complex and it is often in their death that the complexity needs unravelling so that others can move on to a new heaven here on earth.

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 invite & encourage you to be part of our Pentecost & Trinity Sunday celebrations! Together everyone achieves more, let us do this together.

Our Pentecost celebrations will be at both St Matthew's and St Peter's. I encourage you to wear yellows and oranges and reds to brighten the Pentecost flame.

Let's continue this brightness and celebration into Trinity Sunday when we come together at St Matthew's with Bishop Andrew Hedge to celebrate Confirmation.

***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**

Let the music carry you away in a warm and welcoming atmosphere - perfect for a relaxing and inspiring afternoon.

Don't miss this special event !!

*The Linden Singers can't wait to present its first 2026 concert,*

directed by Jane Pierard, an icon of the musical and theatre arts in the Hawke's Bay.

Sacred motets by 16th Century composers Palestrina and di Lasso, and a later work by Maurice Durufle will express the theme of faith.

Songs about love are perennial favourites so we know you will enjoy the familiar melodies of My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose and we'll gather lilacs. Longing and loss sometimes go hand in hand with love, and this emotion is beautifully expressed in for all we know, this nearly was mine, and the poignant words of Jobim's meditation. But life can also be full of fun and the patter song Il Est Bel et Bon will bring a smile to your face; written by Pierre Passereau (c. 1509-1547) it depicts hens and roosters singing the praises of their partners!

These are just some of the songs you will hear, and we can't wait to bring them to you.

THE LINDEN SINGERS  
OF HAWKES BAY  
WITH CONDUCTOR,  
JANE PIERARD

ON FAITH,  
LONGING  
AND LOVE

SUNDAY 24 MAY | 2PM  
SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HASTINGS  
DOOR SALES/CASH ONLY \$25  
CONCESSION \$20



**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](mailto: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
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
24	Sunday	12.00pm	Café Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120.
24	Sunday	2.00pm	LINDEN SINGERS Concert.
25	Monday	9.30am	SENIOR CHEF 2.
27	Wednesday	6.00pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY
28	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
28	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
29	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
29	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
29/1	Fri/Mon		King’s Birthday Weekend

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