



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 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ordinary Sunday Service

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Thursday - 21st May
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

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

Thursday - 28th May
10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 31st May - Trinity Sunday - Pentecost 1 - Sunday Service
8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

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

Sunday - 24th May - Ordinary Sunday Service
10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Sunday - 31st May - Please join us for the Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthew's Church at 10.00am. This Special service will include Corporate communion Confirmation and the Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service and Discipleship, with Bishop Andrew Hedge. There will be no service at St Peter's.



**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>.

We are about to enter into two Festivals or Feast Days, two High or Holy Days. Pentecost or Whitsunday celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit & the birth of the Christian church followed by Trinity Sunday celebrating the dance of the Trinity, the dance of Peace.

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

Sunday 24: The Day of PENTECOST / Whitsunday – The coming of the Holy Spirit & the birth of the Church.

8 & 10am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea.

12pm. Café Lunch @ Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120.

2pm. LINDEN SINGERS Concert.

Let's continue this Brightness and celebration of whites yellows, oranges & reds into Trinity Sunday when we come together at St Matthew's with Bishop Andrew Hedge to celebrate Confirmation.

Sunday 31: Trinity Sunday – Pentecost 1 King's Birthday Weekend.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. St Matthew's, Hastings. Whole-of-Parish Worship: Corporate Communion Confirmation and Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship with Bishop Andrew Hedge. The Confirmation of Lazhon Maxwell .

3pm. Hastings Choral Society Concert.

May the fire of the Spirit & the peace of the Trinity bless you this season.

Abundant Blessings !

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.

**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 medi-

tation. 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!

'Music for the Soul', spans decades of inspirational music and invites the audience to experience the universal power of the human spirit.



The first half of the afternoon pays tribute to the grand traditions of The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square. Featuring the majestic Mack Wilberg arrangements of *Amazing Grace* and *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, the program opens with a cinematic sweep. From the intimate, tear-streaked history of *It Is Well with My Soul* to the quiet, modern wisdom of *Slow Down* and *Consider the Lilies*, these songs provide a steady anchor for the heart. The section culminates in the thunderous, triumphant energy of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

In the second half of the concert, the atmosphere shifts into the vibrant, high-energy world of Gospel. This section celebrates the raw, soulful expression of faith and perseverance. The audience will be moved by the delicate beauty of *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* and the poignant storytelling of *Alabaster Box*, before being swept up in the modern, infectious grooves of Kirk Franklin's *I Smile and Love Theory*. **Tickets are available at the door for \$25.00 adult and \$5.00 student/child**

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - May 2026
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
30	Saturday	2.00pm 4.00pm	Working Bee & Set-Up @ St Matthew’s for Trinity Sunday Confirmation & Bishop’s Visitation. Could you please help as we get ready for a Confirmation celebration service. Bring your Vacuum Cleaner, Mop & Bucket, Duster, or Wood or Brass Polish and Cloth. A winter clean so we sparkle.
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