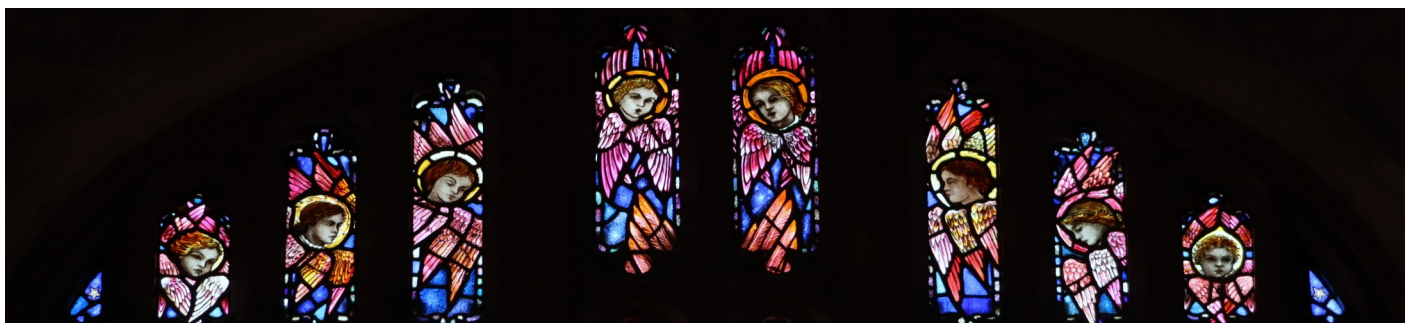




The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

An encompassing home for all, encouraging community connection, and nurturing faith in Hastings communities

Parish Newsletter

For the week commencing Sunday 24th May 2026

The Day of Pentecost

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

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

Thursday - 4th June

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 7th June - Ordinary Sunday
Service**

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Next 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.

**Sunday - 7th June - Ordinary
Sunday Service**

10.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)



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>.

Pentecost, or Whitsunday—is known as the “birthday” of the Christian Church. We remember the rush of a mighty wind & tongues of fire that emboldened the apostles to speak across every barrier of language and culture. In our Aotearoa context, this is a powerful reminder that the Holy Spirit continues to breathe life into our community, empowering us to be the hands & feet of Christ in the world today.

The following Sunday, we turn our hearts toward the mystery of Trinity Sunday. Rather than a dry theological puzzle, we celebrate the eternal, joyful “dance” of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. This is a dance of perfect peace & mutual love that invites us into its rhythm. As an

Anglican family, these high holy days remind us that we are not alone; we are sustained by the Spirit & caught up in the divine embrace of a God who is, in their very essence, a relationship of love.

For the Festival of Trinity Sunday which celebrates the dance of the Trinity, the dance of Peace, you are invited to continue the brightness & celebration of whites, yellows, oranges & reds as 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 !

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 Details

**TODAY!! Join Us for an Afternoon of
Music**

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*

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



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.

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

**MUSIC
FOR
THE
SOUL**

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

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 steadying 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 & June 2026
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.
31	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
31	Sunday	10.00am	Whole- of -Parish worship at St Matthew’s, Hastings: Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service & Discipleship with Bishop Andrew Hedge. The Confirmation of Lazhon Maxwell.
31	Sunday	3.00pm	Hastings Choral Society Concert
1	Monday		King’s Birthday Weekend
3	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
3	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee.
4	Thursday		Corpus Christi: Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion. Thursday after Trinity Sunday.
4	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
4	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering. Review School Liturgy & July, August & September R-Evolving Diary.
5	Friday		World Environment Day
7	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
7	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s, Riverslea

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