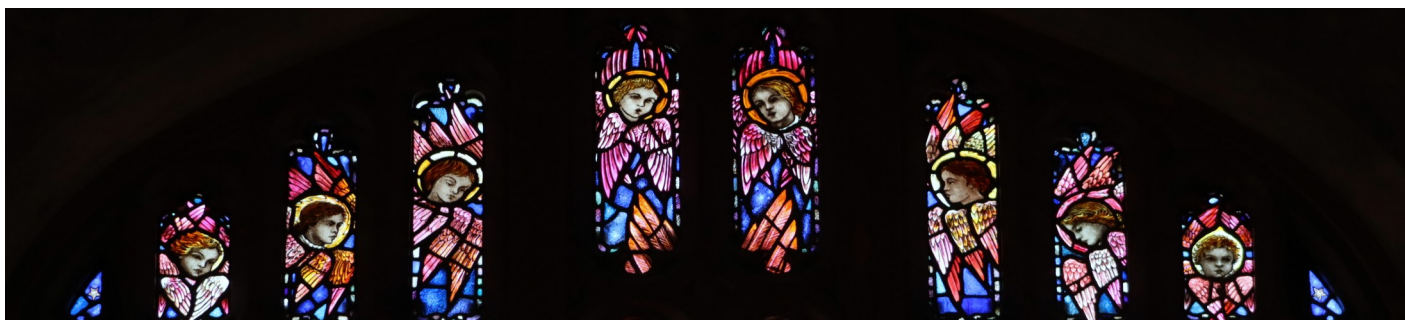


The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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

Parish Newsletter

For the week commencing Sunday 31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Thursday - 4th June

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 7th June - Second Sunday of Pentecost

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Thursday - 11th June

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 14th June - Third Sunday of Pentecost

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Whole -of- Parish Worship

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Riverslea, Hastings

Sunday - 7th June - Ordinary

Sunday Service

10.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 14th June - 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 transition from the high seasons of Easter, Pentecost & Trinity, we enter the long green season of **Ordinary Time**. Far from meaning “mundane,” “ordinary” comes from *ordinal*, counting the weeks as we walk together. This season focuses on our daily growth and discipleship, shifting from the mystery of Christ's birth and resurrection to how we actually live out His teachings. Ordinary Time tells the vital story of the People of God in the everyday trenches of faith—it is the narrative of a community learning, maturing, and bearing fruit in the world.

Here in Aotearoa ,June brings us to the winter solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year. As the southern hemisphere tilts away from

the sun, we experience the deep chill of mid-winter. It is a profound time to light candles, acknowledging Christ as our light in the darkness, and to pray for those finding winter difficult.

Sunday 21: Mid-Winter / Winter Solstice Day.

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

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea. .

11.30am – 1.30pm WORKING BEE! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Peter's Church!

On June 29th, we celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Peter, Apostle and Martyr. We observe this feast because Peter represents the very human journey of faith—full of fierce loyalty, tragic failure, and ultimate restoration. As a foundational pillar of the early Church who witnessed unto death, Peter's life reminds our parish that Christ uses ordinary, flawed people to build His Kingdom. Celebrating him inspires us to renew our own apostolic mission right here in Greater Hastings.

Sunday 28 June: Patronal Festival of St Peter.

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

10am. St Peter's, Riverslea. The Patronal Festival of St Peter, Apostle, Martyr.

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

Soon we will also gather to cry *Mānawatia a Matariki* - Hail Matariki! As the Pleiades star cluster rises, it signals the welcome of the Māori New Year. For us as a New Zealand church, observing Matariki is a beautiful way to honour our bicultural heritage. It provides a sacred space to remember those who have passed (te hunga mate), celebrate the present harvest with thanksgiving, and look forward with hope to the future. It perfectly aligns with our Christian call to stewardship and community.

Sunday 12 July: MATARIKI- Manawatia a Matariki.

8am. St Matthew's, Hastings.

10am. Whole-of-Parish Worship corporate Communion at St Matthew's, Hastings

2pm. Hastings Music Society Concert at St Matthew's

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

Abundant Blessings !

HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT 2026

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

Sunday 14 June, 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 !!

'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*



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

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 - June 2026
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
8	Monday		Advertise & Promote St Peter’s Patronal Worship
10	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village.
11	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
12	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
12	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
14	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
14	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthew’s, Hastings
14	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert @ St Matthew’s.
15	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
17	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
17	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
18/20	Thu/Sat		Compassionate Communities: Aotearoa Hui; Tai Timu Tai Pari (the ebb & flow of the tides).
18	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
19/20	Fri/Sat		The Open Table - National Gathering. Somervell Presbyterian Church, 497 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland 1050.
21	Sunday		Mid-Winter / Winter Solstice Day.
21	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings
21	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s, Hastings & St Peter’s, Riverslea

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