



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 14th June 2026

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church

200 King Street South, Hastings

Today:

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel),
with the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers

10.00am - Whole-of-Parish Eucharist
with hymns;

with the Rev'd Margaret Thompson
and the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers

Thursday - 18th June

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 21st June - The Twelfth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

Services at St Peter's Church

1202 Ada Street, Hastings

Today:

10.00am - Whole-of-Parish Eucharist
with hymns at St Matthew's Church

Sunday - 21st June - The Twelfth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 am - 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 is wonderful to have you with us! Please introduce yourself to one of our Clergy and join us for Morning Tea after worship.

It would be wonderful to get to know you – please fill in our Welcome Brochure.

For up-to-date details of what is coming up please read this Newsletter or check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings>

- **PIZZA & PRAYER BOOK, and Newcomers.**

Everyone welcome to share lunch as we explore **A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.**

12 – 2pm, Sundays 21 June, 5 & 19 July.

A terrific way to get to know each other and our Prayer Book.

- We are currently in search of a **Parish Treasurer** to join the Finance, Stewardship and Bequests Sub-Committee.

If accountancy is your gifting and talent, please talk with the Wardens or Vicar about how we can make this work for you.

- **Winter Solstice** - 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 June: Mid-Winter's Day.**

8am and 10am: St Matthew's, Hastings

10am: St Peter's, Riverslea

11.30am-1.30pm: WORKING BEE!

After the service, to tidy and clean inside and outside **St Peter's Church!**

- On 29th June, we celebrate the **Patronal Festival of St Peter**, Apostle & 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 and 10am: St Matthew's, Hastings

10am: St Peter's, Riverslea - the Patronal Festival of St Peter, Apostle, Martyr.

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

- Across the Parish we have many and varied Faith Communities. These congregations read and reflect on the Bible, pray together, and most share Communion.

You are encouraged to experience the depth and breadth of this diversity by attending a Faith Community other than your usual.

Most **Mondays** of Term Time at **10.30am** Waiapu Kids have 20 minutes of Bible story and conversation including prayers and songs in the Lady Chapel.

Thursday at 10.15am we gather for Eucharist in the Lady Chapel, a unique weekly Faith Community.

Every 2nd **Friday** of Term Time at 1.40pm the Primary School has School Chapel which includes Bible story and message, prayers and songs offered by the students, and Eucharist.

On **Sundays** at **St Matthew's**, we have Eucharist at 8am which is a said service with no music, and at 10am with a variety of music throughout the month.

At **St Peter's** we have 10am (except the 2nd & 5th Sundays when we combine at St Matthew's) which also has a variety of music.

Please give a Congregation other than your 'normal' a go!

We have a wide **Rest Home Ministry** attending weekly or monthly in several residential care facilities in Hastings. If you or your family and whanau member resides in one of these homes, please join with us.

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 - Mānawatia a Matariki - at St Matthew's Church ...**
8am: Said Eucharist / 10am: Whole-of-Parish Eucharist with hymns
2pm: Hastings Music Society Concert

Abundant Blessings

The Prayer Book

What is the Prayer Book and why do we have it? What is a rite, and what is the reason behind them? What is a rubric and how do I know what shall be done and what may be done? The Prayer Book can be an intimidating thing to approach. Through this short course you will grow in your confidence with it, understand how to use it well, and come to understand both the freedom and the responsibility that comes with leading worship.

This paper will be delivered as “Pizza and Prayer Book” for deeper conversation. It's designed for those with a lay ministry licence for leading worship – and those people should be enrolling – and also for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of and participation in worship. You may enrol to take the paper “for credit” – ie to do the assignments, which will contribute to the completion of the Waiapu Certificate – or for interest. Those doing the paper for interest may elect to be part of the fortnightly tutorials, or simply watch the recorded lectures. Please fill out the enrolment form for all of these options. You can also do the course as part of your home group – in which case, could the home group leader please enrol.

More details, and course outline, on the Diocesan web-site:

[Prayer Book | Diocese of Waiapu](#)

And an on-line version of the Prayer Book:

[A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa](#)

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - June 2026
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 and 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
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, and at St Peter’s, Riverslea
21	Sunday	11.30am - 1.30pm	Working Bee at St Peter’s Church, 1202 Ada Street, to tidy up and clean inside and outside the church and grounds
21	Sunday	12-2pm	Pizza & Prayer Book, and Newcomers - at St Matthew’s Church, share lunch and explore our New Zealand Prayer Book
24	Wednesday	6.00pm	Greater Hastings Parish Vestry meeting
25	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
25	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
26	Friday	10am	Colwyn House Lifecare
26	Friday	1.40pm	St Matthew’s School Eucharist
28	Sunday	8am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
28	Sunday	10am	Eucharist at St Matthew’s; and at St Peter’s (Patronal Festival)
28	Sunday	12noon	Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings
1	Wednesday		1 st July 2021 - the beginning of the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings - Happy 5 th Birthday !
1	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee meeting
2	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Mattheew’s Lady Chapel
3	Friday	2pm	End-of-Term School Assembly

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