



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 21st June 2026

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mid-Winter's Day

Haere Mai - Welcome

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

Today:

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel),
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns;
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

Thursday - 25th June:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 28th June:

The 13th 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 - Eucharist with hymns
with the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers

Sunday - 28th June:

The Patronal Festival of St Peter

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>

- **Our Vicar, the Rev'd David van Oeveren writes ...** I have just had a week on Retreat. Part 1 was a 5 day Silent Guided Retreat called "*Participating in the Trinity: Divine friendship with the Trinity*". Amongst other things we reflected on Andrei Rublev's 'The Trinity / The Hospitality of Abraham', and also Kelly Latimore's 'The Trinity'. Both of these icons allowed a sense of connection into the Trinity story. Part 2 was time with a colleague and attending The Court Theatre to see 'Let the Right One in' by Jack Thorne. The final part of the retreat, Part 3 was a couple of days at Mt Lyford. This week allowed a space to reflect and put into perspective a number of things that have shaped the year to date.

- **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, starting today, Sunday 21 June, and continuing on Sundays 5 & 19 July - at St Matthew's Church, Hastings.

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

- **Today: 21 June, Mid-Winter's Day.**

Following the 10am service at St Peter's, **11.30am-1.30pm: WORKING BEE** - to tidy and clean inside and outside **St Peter's Church, 1202 Ada Street, Riverslea.**

- 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: St Peter's Day**

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

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

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

- 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.

- 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.



Advance notice regarding the planning for the **National Interfaith Forum**
Seeds of Unity, Fruits of Hope:
 Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai -
 Nurture the seed and it will blossom.
13-14th March 2027 in Dunedin.

View on-going planning developments online: [National Interfaith Forum '27](#) - the latest addition being an informal 'meet and greet' 6-8pm on Friday 12th March.

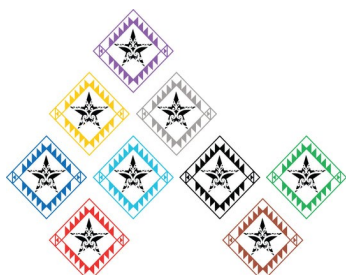
Those interested in attending are encouraged to consider possibilities for workshops, and to register their proposal by filling in the [National Interfaith Forum - Call for Presenters and/or Workshops](#) form. At this early stage, six people have already tentatively offered ...

- An address by the Race Relations Commissioner, Dr Melissa Derby
- Religious Studies in Aotearoa NZ Schools: What is happening / changing?
- The Climate of our Souls: Faith in an age of ecological despair
- We are all one family (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam)
- Building a framework of secular ethics to facilitate harmony within and between community groups
- How diverse are we, really? A historical look at religious diversity in Aotearoa NZ

To assist the organisers with planning, anyone interested in attending is encouraged to register their interest by completing the form [National Interfaith Forum - Aiming to Attend](#) - which is, of course, non-binding but helpful to gauge numbers. Early indications show that people will be coming from Auckland, Hamilton, Hastings, Palmerston North, Wellington and Timaru!

Formal registration forms will come later after costing is confirmed.

We will soon gather to cry
Mānawatia a Matariki - Hail Matariki!



**As the
 Pleiades star cluster
 rises,
 it signals the
 welcome
 of the
 Māori New Year.**

**Mānawatia
 a Matariki**

**At St Matthew's on Sunday 12 July:
 MATARIKI - Mānawatia a Matariki ...**

8am: Said Eucharist (in the Lady Chapel);
 10am: Whole-of-Parish Eucharist with hymns; guest preacher the Venerable Dr Deborah Broome, Archdeacon for Hawke's Bay Cities and Coast parishes.

Check out the Matariki.co.nz website ...
[Matariki | Meaning, Stars, Māori New Year & Cultural Guide](#)
 (an independent, non-commercial, information-only website sharing general education content and learning resources)

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - June 2026
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 - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
28	Sunday	10am	Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s
28	Sunday	10am	Eucharist - St Peter’s Church for the 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 !
2	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
3	Friday	2pm	End-of-Term School Assembly
5	Sunday	8am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
5	Sunday	10am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s, and St Peter’s
5	Sunday	12-2pm	Pizza & Prayer Book, and newcomers
6	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day, St Martin’s Hall
8	Wednesday	2pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
8	Wednesday	2pm	Eversley Restome & Village
9	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
9	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Meeting
10	Friday		Matariki - Public Holiday
12	Sunday	8am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
12	Sunday	10am	Whole-of-Parish Eucharist with hymns - <i>Mānawatia a Matariki</i>
12	Sunday	2pm	Hastings Music Society Concert

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