



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 28th June 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

and The Patronal Festival of St Peter

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 Oeverend
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns;
with the Rev'd Margaret Thompson

Thursday - 2nd July:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 5th July:

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns

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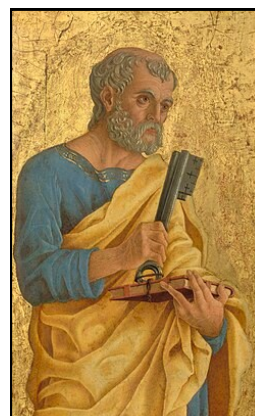
1202 Ada Street, Hastings

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10.00am - Eucharist with hymns for
the Patronal Festival of St Peter
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren
and the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers

Sunday - 5th July:

10.00 am - Eucharist with hymns



Saint Peter

painting (c 1468)
by Marco Zoppo,
depicting Peter holding
the Keys of Heaven
and a book representing
the Gospel.

wikipedia.org/Saint_Peter

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>

**Today at St Peter's Church, Riverslea,
we celebrate
the Patronal Festival of St Peter**

St Peter and St Paul- Apostles, Martyrs

Both St Peter and St Paul are commemorated individually on separate days, Peter on account of his confession of Jesus as the Messiah on 22 February, and Paul on account of his conversion on 25 January. They are commemorated together on 29 June because of their martyrdom in Rome during the Neronian persecution about 64 CE. The basilicas in Rome of St Peter's in the Vatican and St Paul's outside the Walls stand on the traditional sites of their respective burials.

 **Our Vicar, the Rev'd David van Oeveren writes ...**

In mid-June I attended “**The Open Table**”, a conference for people drawn to an open, inclusive, and progressive expression of Christian faith, and who are seeking connection rather than certainty.

There were close to 250 participants exploring a table with room for everyone. This dynamic space resonated for me as a place for people who:-

- ♦ are drawn to Jesus;
- ♦ value inclusion and justice in engagement with faith;
- ♦ hold questions, doubts, or evolving beliefs;
- ♦ are seeking connection rather than debate.

The shared commitments are:-

⚙ **Radical Welcome**

- * Everyone belongs. No one needs to earn their place or hold the “right” beliefs to take part.

⚙ **Faith With Humility**

- * We approach faith thoughtfully, knowing it grows through listening, lived experience, and change.

⚙ **Justice, Compassion, and Dignity**

- * We believe faith calls us toward love in action — care for the marginalised, respect for difference, and responsibility for our shared world.

⚙ **Curiosity Over Certainty**

- * Questions are not something to fear. They are often the doorway to deeper understanding.

⚙ **Community Over Conformity**

- * We value honest conversation, respectful disagreement, and shared humanity more than uniform answers.

I took part in three Workshops:

1. What's the point of church? Can we shape it differently?
2. Faith & Politics in an Election Year.
3. Viva le revolution.

All three provided insight, food for thought, robust discussion, and actions to implement.



The Most Reverend Dr Don Tamihere and the Right Reverend Andrew Hedge are pleased to jointly announce the appointment of **The Venerable Ruihana Paenga** (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu) as the **Dean-designate of Waiapu Cathedral**.

Dean-designate Ruihana Paenga will be installed at **11.00am on Saturday 1st August 2026, at Waiapu Cathedral, Napier.**

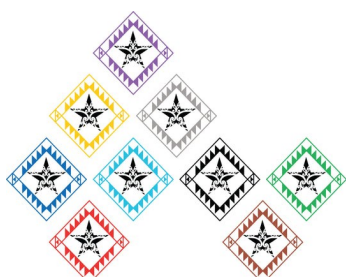
Upon her installation she will become The Very Reverend Ruihana Paenga, Dean of Waiapu Cathedral.

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

We started this group last Sunday, and will continue next **Sunday, 5th July, and Sunday 19th July**, at St Matthew's Church, at the slightly earlier time of **11.30am-1.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to share lunch as we explore **A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa**.

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

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



**Mānawatia
a Matariki**

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

**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](https://matariki.co.nz/)
(an independent, non-commercial, information-only website sharing general education content and learning resources)

Archbishop Don said: "Archdeacon Ruihana represents the very best of leadership within Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa. She is an astute governor and leader in both hāhi and iwi spaces, a gifted minister, and more importantly, has deep aroha and compassion for whānau and community."

This appointment reflects a partnership between the Diocese of Waiapu, and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, founded upon our shared whakapapa and a common commitment to Te Oranga Ake, the flourishing of all peoples.

Bishop Andrew Hedge said, "We're looking forward to welcoming Ruihana to the new role. The blend of our two Tikanga in working with the parish community makes for an exciting awakening across the Church, with female leadership, a renewed embrace of our Māori whakapapa, and a commitment to working together into the fullness of our three Tikanga and Te Tiriti, as the Gospel envisioned."

The Diocese of Waiapu was formed in 1858 and is named for the region within which the Gospel was first preached by Māori evangelists in 1834. Waiapu later became the host and supporting diocese for the first Bishop of Aotearoa in 1928, and then for the Bishopric of Aotearoa in 1978. Following the adoption of the 1992 Constitution, Te Pouhere, which rearranged the Anglican Church into three Tikanga or cultural streams, the name Waiapu was gifted by the Māori Anglican Church to remain with the Diocese as a reminder of the shared whakapapa between Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa and the Diocese of Waiapu.

The Cathedral itself is unique in housing two cathedrae, one for the Bishop of Waiapu and one for Te Pihopa o Aotearoa. A single cathedral that serves as a spiritual home for both Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa and the Diocese of Waiapu.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - June 2026
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 Committee
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	11.30am -1.30pm	Pizza & Prayer Book, and newcomers, meet at St Matthew’s
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
15	Wednesday	3pm	Wardens Meeting
15	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Committee
16	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
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