



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 5th July 2026

The Fourteenth 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 David van Oeverend
10.00am - Eucharist with hymns;
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

Thursday - 9th July:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 12th July:

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Manawatia a Matariki

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

COME TO ME, ALL
WHO ARE
HEAVILY
BURDENED

Matthew 11:25-30



Sunday - 12th July:

No service at St Peter's today -
10.00 am - Whole-of-Parish
Eucharist with hymns at
St Matthew's Church

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 ...

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.

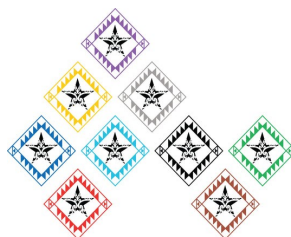
I took part in three Workshops:

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.



Next Sunday, 12th July, we 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.**

And we'll welcome our new Archdeacon for Hawke's Bay Cities and Coast Parishes, the Venerable Dr Deborah Broome, as guest preacher at both services.

Check out the Matariki.co.nz website ...

[Matariki | Meaning, Stars, Māori New Year & Cultural Guide](https://www.matariki.co.nz/)
(an independent, non-commercial, information-only website sharing general education content and learning resources)

PIZZA & PRAYER BOOK, and Newcomers

This group continues today **Sunday 5th July**, and again on **Sunday 19th July**, at St Matthew's Church, **11.30am-1.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to share lunch as we explore **A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa**.

We are currently in search of a **Parish Treasurer** to join the Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee ... please talk with the Wardens or Vicar.



ANGLICAN MISSIONS

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Venezuela has been devastated by two major earthquakes. Support the Anglican response to deliver food, shelter, and medical aid to those in need.

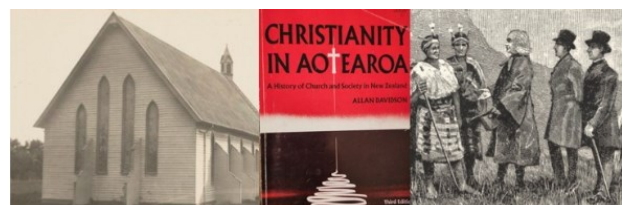
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Education for Ministry

The Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

EFM are offering an 11 week exploration of the history of Christianity and the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. This fascination course will be offered by Zoom on Monday evenings commencing on **3 August 2026**. Each session will be about 90 minutes. The cost is \$90 which includes a copy of "Christianity in Aotearoa" and the 70 page study guide.

For more information contact Michael Crawford-Butler by email: educationforministrynz@outlook.com



A conversation about history, identity and our shared future.

The Good Settler
Essays from other people's lands
Richard Shaw

HOW TO BE A GOOD ANCESTOR

AUTHOR RICHARD SHAW
in conversation with
HEATHER TE AU-SKIPWORTH

Wednesday
August 5

Doors open 6.30pm
Talk starts 7pm

St Matthew's church
200 King Street Sth
Hastings

Free event – Koha welcome

TANGATA
TIRITI
AOTEAROA

MORE INFO:
TTAOTEAROA@GMAIL.COM

WARDEN
BOOKS

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - June 2026
6	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day, St Martin’s Hall
8	Wednesday	2pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
8	Wednesday	2pm	Eversley Resthome & 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
14	Tuesday		The anniversary of the Rev’d Lynette Gordon’s Ordination to the Diaconate, 2002 - congratulations!
15	Wednesday	3pm	Wardens Meeting
15	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Committee
16	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
17-19	Fri-Sun		HB Winter Art Deco Festival
19	Sunday	8am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
19	Sunday	10am	Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew’s, and St Peter’s
20	Monday		School Term 3 begins
22	Wednesday	6pm	Greater Hastings Parish Vestry meeting
23	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
24	Friday	10am	Colwyn House Lifecare
24	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist - St Matthew’s Church
25	Saturday	4pm	HB Inter-faith - an Arts Event - Interfaith Music Festival
26	Sunday	8am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
26	Sunday	10am	Social Services Sunday - Eucharist - St Matthew’s & St Peter’s
26	Sunday	11.30am	Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings

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