



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 12th July 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Mānawatia a Matariki

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 &
the Venerable Dr Deborah Broome
10.00am - Whole-of-Parish Eucharist
with hymns;
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren &
the Venerable Dr Deborah Broome

Thursday - 16th July:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 19th July:

The 16th 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:

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



Sunday - 19th July:

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00am - 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 ...

Archbishop William Temple famously noted that the Church is the only society that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members. This profound statement challenges our natural tendency to turn inward. It means the Church's core identity is outward-facing and missionary. We do not gather simply to comfort ourselves or preserve a private holy club; rather, our main purpose, mandated by Christ, is to love, reach, and serve the wider community. Our structures, resources, and very existence are meant to be a gift to those who have not yet walked through our doors. Similarly, Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing from the depths of Nazi Germany, insisted that the church is only the church when it exists for others, not dominating but helping and serving. True faith is not about grasping for social power, moral superiority, or political dominance. Instead, a genuine church mirrors Jesus by washing feet, lifting the fallen, and standing with the vulnerable. When we pour ourselves out in humble service to our neighbours here in Greater Hastings, we move from being a mere

institution to becoming the living, breathing body of Christ.

Because of this outward focus, the Church can never operate like a private club. Clubs exist for the mutual benefit of their members, often defining themselves by who they exclude through fees, status, or shared subcultures. The Church, however, is an open, inclusive family. We are bound together not by matching preferences, but by God's unconditional grace. This means our doors are wide open to everyone, without exception, reflecting a kingdom where all belong. Therefore, we deliberately publicise our worship times, meetings, and community gatherings. We don't hold secret meetings or operate behind closed doors. By ensuring our events are transparent and well-known, we actively dismantle barriers to entry. Advertising our life together is an extension of our hospitality; it is our way of saying that no matter who you are, where you come from, or what your journey looks like, you are expected, you are wanted, and you are welcome.

I am delighted that we have a new Op Shop Team Leader, Lazhon Maxwell. We have been seeking to fill this vacancy, and I am very excited this has now come together. It happened simultaneously with Anglican Care Waiapu seeking to extend their Heretaunga Seniors Ministry. From Term 3, Heretaunga Seniors will offer ministry from St Martin's Community Hall on a Tuesday and the Opportunity Shop will open its doors for ministry to our communities on a Friday. Watch this space for further developments and please keep both ministries in your prayers as they move forward into this new phase of serving our communities.

Abundant Blessings

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

Hastings Music Society
'A VERY BERRY' CONCERT
2.00pm this afternoon
Sunday 12th July,
in St Matthew's Church
\$5 entry at the door

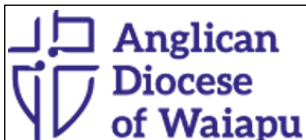


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Survivor Experiences Service

For people who experienced abuse in care

A message from Penny Hales, the Diocesan Safe-guarding & Risk Manager ...

I would like to introduce everyone within the Diocese of Waiapu to the Survivor Experiences Service. This service is available to any person who was abused in state or faith-based care and is there to support survivors of abuse, as a number of survivors through the Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry expressed their need for a service to share their experiences, between the closure of the Royal Commission and the time when a new, independent redress system is established. The Survivor Experiences Service has been designed to meet this need. If you, or someone you know, feel you may benefit from this service, the contact details are as follows:

Phone (NZ): 0800 456 090 (8:30am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday)

Email: contact@survivorexperiences.govt.nz

Text: 8328

Website: [Survivor Experiences Service](https://www.survivor-experiences.govt.nz) www.survivor-experiences.govt.nz

The aims of the service are to provide a safe, supportive, confidential place for people and their whanau to share their experiences. They can meet with any person 18+ and their whanau who experienced abuse in state, faith based or other forms of care. This includes historical and current abuse (1950 to yesterday).

If you choose to journey through this process, the Survivor Experience Service offers wellbeing support at any stage of the process.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - June 2026
12	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert
14	Tuesday		The anniversary of the Rev'd Lynette Gordon's Ordination to the Diaconate, 2002 - congratulations!
16	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel
17-19	Fri-Sun		HB Winter Art Deco Festival
19	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel
19	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns - St Matthew's, and St Peter's
19	Sunday	11.30am - 1.30pm	Pizza & Prayer Book, and newcomers, at St Matthew's
20	Monday		School Term 3 begins
22	Wednesday	6.00pm	Greater Hastings Parish Vestry meeting
23	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel
24	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
24	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist - St Matthew's Church
25	Saturday	9.00am - 3.30pm	Safe-guarding training - Levels 1 & 2, at All Saints', Taradale
26	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel
26	Sunday	10.00am	Social Services Sunday - Eucharist - St Matthew's & St Peter's
26	Sunday	11.30am	Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings
30	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel
30	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
30	Thursday	5.00pm	HB Clergy mid-winter get-together and dinner
1	Saturday	11.00am	Installation of the Ven. Ruihana Paenga as Dean of Waiapu at the Waiapu Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Napier
2	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist - St Matthew's Lady Chapel
2	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with hymns - at St Matthew's and St Peter's
3-5	Mon-Wed.		NZ Assn of Religious Teachers & School Chaplains

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