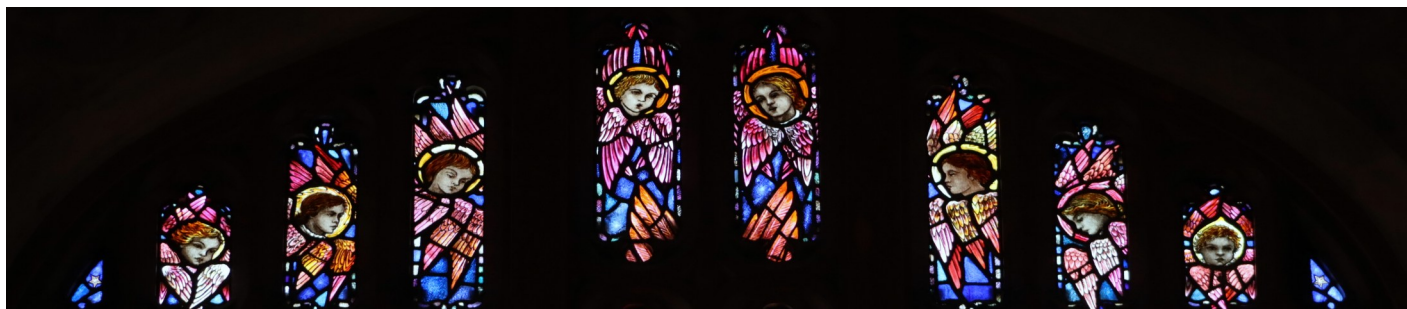


The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

An encompassing home for all, encouraging community connection, and nurturing faith in Hastings communities

Parish Newsletter

For the week commencing Sunday 19th July 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Bible Sunday

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 - 23rd July:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 26th July:

Social Services Sunday - The 17th
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:

10.00 am - Eucharist with hymns,
with the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers

Sunday - 26th July:

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00am - Eucharist with hymns



*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." -
Psalm 119:105*

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.



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.

Donate now | [ANGLICANMISSIONS.ORG.NZ/VENEZUELA](https://anglicanmissions.org.nz/venezuela)



Enrolments Now Open - St Matthew's Waiapu Kids

If you are looking for a warm, safe, and nurturing environment where your child can learn, play and grow, we would love to welcome your whānau.

Our experienced Kaiako provide meaningful, culturally responsive experiences that support each child's development and wellbeing.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or would like to arrange a tour to our centre, please contact us on 06 8786924 or alternatively 021751940.

We would be happy to answer any questions and discuss your childcare needs.

**Opening hours are 7.30 am – 5.00 pm
Monday to Friday.**

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming your whānau to our centre.

A conversation about history, identity and our shared future.

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

Parish Lunch - Next Week

4th Sunday Parish Lunch, 12 noon

at Serendipity Café 1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings .

Please feel free to join us for lunch each 4th Sunday of the month. We would love to see you there!

For more information, please contact Paddy and Richard Bayley on 876 7616.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - July & August 2026
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
3	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
5	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
5	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
5	Wednesday	7.00pm 9.00pm	How To Be A Good Ancestor: A conversation about history, identity, and our shared future with Richard Shaw and Heather Te Au-Skipworth at St Matthew’s.
6	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel

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