



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 30th August 2026

The twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anglican Communion & Anglican Missions 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 & The
Rev'd Michael Hartfield

10.00am - Whole of Parish Worship
with the Rev'd David van Oeveren &
The Rev'd Michael Hartfield

Thursday - 3rd September:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 6th September - - The 23rd
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: There will be no service at St
Peter's. Please join us at St Matthew's
Church for the Whole-of- Parish
Eucharist at 10:00am.

**Sunday - 6th September - Ordinary
Sunday Service**

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>

A Word from Our Vicar, the Rev'd David van Oeveren ..

On Thursday 13 August following the mid-week worship, I headed to Auckland for Tikanga Pakeha Conference, then on Sat 15 Aug onto Tonga for General Synod Te Hinota Whanui. More than a week of intense meetings, not experienced without sickness & drama, but also experienced with the most incredible generosity & hospitality.

It is hard to explain the way in which we were hosted, because the story behind it is so powerful. A year before our arrival, people were planning & preparing. Pigs were being bred & reared for GSTHW & as family from NZ or other parts of the globe were going to visit their relatives they were being given shopping lists to provide for us.

The worship was rich, the banquet table heavenly, the decision making thorough. Then when I thought it was over, as GSTHW had officially finished, those of us who were staying on in Tonga were

arranged into groups for sightseeing the highlights of the island, to visit the four local parishes & once again feast at their tables.

This experience has changed me, has reinforced the direction we have been heading, and confirmed the need for affirmative action towards more radical reckless Generosity and Outrageous unreasonable hospitality.

Thriving in this Land: a three-part series on Treaty, economic and climate justice

'Thriving in this Land' is a workshop series created by Common Grace Aotearoa designed to help us join the dots between following Jesus and some of the big issues New Zealand is facing.

Right now we have an opportunity to explore some of the big issues of our time and consider how God is calling us to respond.

Across three 90-minute open and collaborative sessions, we'll explore how as a nation we can address poverty and the cost of living, respond to our unstable climate, and honour the Treaty. We'll engage with theology, and hear from experts and people on the ground. We'll discuss how to work towards a nation where everyone has enough, our earth is protected, and our promises are kept.

Watch a short video that introduces - *Thriving In This Land: a 3-part series on climate, economic and Treaty justice.* [Thriving in this Land here.](#)

Session 1 : The Treaty

Thursday 3 September, 5.45 – 7.45pm.
THRIVING IN THIS LAND: Imagining the flourishing of Aotearoa. Bring-A-Plate of Finger-Food for a Shared Pot-Luck Dinner. An opportunity for Faith Communities to follow Jesus in the big questions facing New Zealand right now. The Treaty. A Koha of \$10 per person per session is suggested.

Session 2 : The Climate

Thursday 10 September, 5.45 – 7.45pm
THRIVING IN THIS LAND: Imagining the flourishing of Aotearoa. Bring - A - Plate of Finger-Food for a Shared Pot-Luck Dinner. An opportunity for Faith Communities to follow Jesus in the big questions facing New Zealand right now. The Climate . A Koha of \$10 per person per session is suggested.

Session 3 : The Cost of Living

Thursday 24 September, 5.45 – 7.45pm
THRIVING IN THIS LAND: Imagining the flourishing of Aotearoa. Bring-A-Plate of Finger-Food for a Shared Pot-Luck Dinner. An opportunity for Faith Communities to follow Jesus in the big questions facing New Zealand right now. The Cost of Living. A Koha of \$10 per person per session is suggested.

- * To be held in St Matthew's Anglican Church, Corner of King Street South and Lyndon Road West.

RSVP to :

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to ensure we prepare adequately.

Abundant Blessings



WORKING BEE!

SATURDAY 5 APRIL | 9:00AM - 12:00PM

St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair

Come along and help us tidy and clean **St Martin's Community Hall**, with a special focus on the outside areas and grounds.

ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED to give the hall and grounds a good makeover!

Everyone is welcome!
Bring your helping hands and **let's** get it looking great!



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings
(Incorporating St Matthews Hastings and St Peters Parkvale)
is having it's

SPRING FAIR
on the **17th October 2026**
9 am - 1 pm (approx.)

The fair is being held on the grounds of St Matthews church and St Matthews School grounds 200 King St South and as a stallholder who could support this venture, we are inviting you along to be a part of it!

Cost will be \$50.00 per stall and the fair will run from 9.00 am through to 1.00 pm (approx..)

To register your interest please contact the Parish office on **(06) 878 9476.**

We look forward to your support!

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - September 2026
2	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
2	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee.
3	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
3	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering
3	Thursday	5.45pm 7.45pm	THRIVING IN THIS LAND: Imagining the flourishing of Aotearoa. Bring-A-Plate of Finger-Food for a Shared Pot-Luck Dinner. An opportunity for Faith Communities to follow Jesus in the big questions facing New Zealand right now. The Treaty. A Koha of \$10 per person per session is suggested.
4	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
4	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
5	Saturday	9.00am 12.00pm	WORKING BEE! Tidy & Clean St Martin’s Community Hall focussing on the outside & grounds! All hands needed to give it a good makeover!
6	Sunday		6 September 1997 , The Rev’d Margaret Thompson Ordination to the Priesthood at St Paul’s, Wairoa. 29 Years.
6	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
6	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews & St Peters
7	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
9	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village
9	Wednesday		International Buy a Priest a Beer Day
10	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
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