



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 27th September 2026

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Sunday Service - Daylight Saving Begins

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 - 30th September:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday - 4th October - The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of St Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals

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.

Sunday - 4th October

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



(Spring forward & enjoy longer days)

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>

It has been rewarding this year to experience The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings grow into our vision & expressed way of being. Much of the work around our vision was done in 2025 as part of the process of looking at our buildings & property & working towards an approach to fundraising for the huge projects ahead.

We are a Sanctuary Anglican Parish, where there is a Place for Everyone. During January in our combined worship this was the focus on preaching. What does it mean to be a Sanctuary Parish through the lenses of diversity, equity & inclusion. We really lived into that during Lent.

We are creating Strong Foundations for Future Generation. This is always a work in progress, but in ever increasing small ways we are doing just that.

Our Vision: **An encompassing home for all, encouraging community connection, & nurturing faith in Hastings communities**
We need to keep striving to live out our Vision so that everyone has a home in The

Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings. We are a parish of many communities & faith communities which encompasses St Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings & St Peter's Anglican Church, Riverslea & St Martin's Community Hall, Mayfair & Parkvale, Mahora & Flaxmere.

Alongside our Vision & expressed way of being, I find it helpful to hold these before us to cheer us on.

**This is the year of Radical Reckless
Generosity & Outrageous Unreasonable
Hospitality**

*Giving people far more than they could
possibly expect!*

**Church should be a place of 'Prayer &
Parties'!**

*We are committed to a Christian life of
'Prayer & Parties'!*

The 'Prayer & Parties' is attributed to Archbishop John Sentamu. What would it be like to increase our focus on Prayer & spirituality, as well as be a place of Parties & welcome, where we are radically reckless with our generosity & outrageously unreasonable with our hospitality?

Abundant Blessings

Donations Needed!

We are collecting grocery items for our
Grocery Raffle at the Church Fair on
17 October.

If you would like to contribute, please
place your donated grocery items in the
paper grocery bags marked **"RAFFLE."**

Thank you for your generous support!





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

9am to 12pm

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 9am to 12pm.



To register please contact Parish Office
(06) 878 9476
hastingsparish@waiapu.com

We look forward to your support! ♥

Up Coming Services & Events at St Matthew's Church !!

Sunday 1st October: All Saints' & All Souls' Day Join us at 8.00 am & 10:00am at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 8th October: Remembrance Sunday at 10.00am in St Matthew's Church, Whole of Parish worship this day, no service at St Peter's.

Saturday 21st November: 9.30am – 3pm Brother Bernard OHC will lead a QUIET DAY for both Lay & Ordained. Introducing CENTERING PRAYER: A Way To Enable Our Christian Journey. Br Bernard OHC is a Benedictine monk of the Anglican Communion & Director of Associates at the Order of the Holy Cross Monastery in New York.

Sunday 29th November: Advent 1 Blessings of the Advent Wreathes: 10.00am Whole of Parish worship this day, no service at St Peter's. Bring your Wreath for a blessing.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to these special services and events.

HASTINGS MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

Join us for an afternoon of enchanting music with the Hastings Music Society!

Sunday 11th October, 2.00pm
at St Matthew's Anglican Church,
200 King Street South, Hastings

\$5 entry at the door

Let the music carry you away in a warm and welcoming atmosphere ,Don't miss this special event !!

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - October 2026
1	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
4	Sunday		Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226.
4	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
4	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthews & St Peters
5	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
7	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
7	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
8/18	Thursday		Hawke's Bay Arts Festival.
8	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
8	Thursday	11.45am	Ministry Team Gathering. Review November, December & January R-Evolving Diary.
9	Friday		DIOCESAN SYNOD. Hawke’s Bay.
11/18	Sunday		The Week of Prayer for World Peace.
11	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews .
11	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthews
11	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert
12	Monday		Term 4 Begins
14	Wednesday	2.00pm	Eversley Resthome & Village.
15	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
16	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
16	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
17	Saturday	9.00am	Spring Fair
17	Saturday	4.30pm	Hawke’s Bay Interfaith An Arts Event – Interfaith Music Festival.
18	Sunday		18 October 1994 (St Luke’s Day). The Rev’d Jenny Chalmers Ordination to the Priesthood at St David’s, Naenae. 32 Years.
18	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
18	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthews & St Peters

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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