



The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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Parish Newsletter

For the week commencing Sunday 18th October 2026

The Twenty Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tikanga Youth 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 - 22nd October:

10.15am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday - 25th October - The 30th
Sunday in Ordinary Time - Hawke's
Bay Anniversary & labour Weekend**

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 - 25th October

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns with
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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.comParishOfGreaterHastings>

Waiapu Diocesan Synod this year was held at Woodford House. Whilst I had many reflections, one of them was on the place of Waiapu Kids St Matthew's and St Matthew's Primary School. We are very lucky in this Parish to have these two significant educational institutions as part of us.

Recently I read 2 older Special Character Reviews of the School. It reminded me that our perspective is important.

"Some changes are more implicit, & not so easily measured. I wonder, for example, if the parish understands & owns their own magnificent achievement. The present understanding of some in the Parish is that very few children and families from the school are attending worship at St Matthews, whereas in reality over 100 children celebrate Eucharist there fortnightly, on a Friday morning.

Those services are open to parishioners,

but it is rare for any to come. This suggests there is perhaps, a need for the parish to rethink what it means to be a community of faith, whereby the school is recognized as a mission field enabling the church to offer loving service to their community, rather than a recruitment centre for Sunday worship. And the wonderful thing is, it is all already happening. Not many, if any, other parish in the country can match the comprehensive & excellent mission which is currently being run out of St. Matthew's, Hastings in the form of Waiapu Kids, St. Matthew's School & Hard Hats youth group. In this mission, the parish is to be congratulated for its achievements & encouraged & supported in all ways possible."

Whilst times change & some ministries come to an end, others begin. On the horizon for 2027 we are looking to establish a Wednesday morning Mainly Music (perhaps in conjunction with Waiapu Kids), and of course we have Kowhai Specialist School: Kowhai Tec at St Peter's, Riverslea that whilst not part of us, are very welcoming of the interaction of Jenny and I with them.

We might not look like Woodford House, but we sure do amazing ministry.

Abundant Blessings

COMBINED SUMMER WORSHIP

At St Matthew's, Hastings

9am, Sundays 27 December,

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 January

Sunday at 9am is an experimental
Summer trial

Please come and join with us!

INTRODUCING... CENTERING PRAYER

A WAY TO ENHANCE OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

BROTHER BERNARD OHC WILL LEAD A QUIET DAY FOR BOTH LAY AND ORDAINED.

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

9.30AM - 3.00PM

AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH,
200 KING STREET SOUTH
HASTINGS



ABOUT THE EVENT

Brother Bernard will teach Centering Prayer, a silent Christian method of contemplative prayer, designed to foster a deeper inner union with God. Centering Prayer aims at resting in God's presence rather than using traditional spoken words or thoughts.

- Come at 9.30am for coffee
- Programme begins 10.00am
- Shared lunch: bring a plate to share
- Simple Eucharist follows lunch

**Please commit to staying for the whole
of the programme.**

COST

Free Admission : Please bring a plate for a shared pot luck finger food lunch. Morning and Afternoon tea will be provided.

LIMITED PLACES

RSVP - jenny.chalmers@waiapu.com

MEET BROTHER BERNARD



Brother Bernard Delcourt OHC is a member of the Order of the Holy Cross, an Anglican Benedictine community based at the Holy Cross Monastery in New York. Brother Bernard spent more than a decade as an investment banker before his deepening spiritual journey led him to the monastery, where he has lived as an Anglican Benedictine monk for more than 22 years.

Brother Bernard has served in several leadership roles within the order and leads Centering Prayer retreats and serves as a spiritual director at Yale Divinity School. Drawing on more than two decades of monastic experience, he is passionate about sharing the riches of centering prayer, spirituality and exploring how the Rule of St Benedict continues to speak in contemporary Christian life.

HYMNS FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY – 1

NOVEMBER

As we prepare for our All Saints' Day service on Sunday, 1 November, we will be singing two hymns recommended by our musician, Kevin Bishop.

We invite everyone to listen to the hymns beforehand so that we can become familiar with the tunes and join in singing together on the day.

You can find the hymns on **YouTube** by searching for the following titles:

Hymn 1: [How Shall I Sing That Majesty | Songs of Praise](#)

Hymn 2: [Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning \(Guiting Power\)](#)

Both videos include the lyrics on screen.
Thank you, and we look forward to singing together!

OP SHOP

Looking for a great bargain? Come along to our Op Shop, browse items, find a bargain, and enjoy a friendly chat!

Fridays 8am - 12pm

St Martins Community Hall , 1120
Willowpark Road North, Mayfair

**For more information please contact
Lazhon Maxwell 02074166213**

PARISH LUNCH - NEXT WEEK

4th Sunday Parish Lunch, 11.30am
at Serendipity

Café 1412 Pakowhai Road, Hastings .
Please feel free to join with us for lunch
each 4th Sunday.

Contact Paddy and Richard Bayley,
8767616 for more Details

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity - October & November 2026
21	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting
21	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
22	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
23	Friday		Hawke’s Bay Anniversary.
25	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
25	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthews & St Peters
25	Sunday	11.30am	Café Lunch @ Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120.
26	Monday		Labour Day
28	Wednesday		Greater Hastings VESTRY.
29	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
29	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
29	Thursday	5.30pm	St Matthew’s Primary School BoT.
30	Friday	1.40pm	Diwali Assembly.
1	Sunday		All Saints’ Day.
1	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews
1	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthews & St Peters
2	Monday		All Souls’ Day: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
2	Monday	11.45am	Heretaunga Seniors Community Day
4	Wednesday	2.00pm	Gracelands Resthome & Village
4	Wednesday	4.30pm	Building & Property Maintenance Sub-Committee
5	Thursday		Parihaka Peaceful Resistance, 1881
5	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist - St Matthew’s Lady Chapel
5	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering. Review December & January R-Evolving Diary & Pages 1 & 2.
6	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
6	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist.

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