



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 25th October 2026

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hawke's Bay Anniversary & Labour Weekend

Haere Mai - Welcome

Services at St Matthew's Church
200 King Street South, Hastings

Today:

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel), with the Rev'd Jenny Chalmers.

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns, with the Rev'd Margaret Thompson.

Thursday – 29th October:

10.15am - Eucharist & (Lady Chapel)

**Sunday – 1st November - The 31st
Sunday in Ordinary Time – All
Saints' & Souls' Days**

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 – 1st November

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

JESUS REPLIED:
"LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF."
MATTHEW
22:37-39

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:<https://www.facebook.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings>

Your vote is a Prayer in Action: Vote with Aroha

If you were to peek at the lectern Bible in St Matthew's on any given weekday, you would most likely find it open to the powerful verse from the prophet Micah:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, & what does the Lord require of you but to do justice & to love kindness & to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

This verse is more than just beautiful scripture - it is a compass for Christian living. It calls us beyond passive faith & urges us into active discipleship. But as we approach the upcoming New Zealand General Election, a vital question confronts us: How do we put this mandate into action in our national life?

We have a powerful opportunity to answer that question when we head to the polling booth.

In faith tradition, we often separate the spiritual from the civic, but they are deeply intertwined. A frame of mind I encountered

at a conference earlier this year has stayed with me ever since: **a vote is a prayer in action.** When we cast our ballot, we are putting our hopes, our values, & our vision for creation into concrete movement.

The question then becomes: *for whom are we praying & voting?*

The key lies in Jesus' great Commandment :to love our neighbour. But who is our neighbour in Aotearoa New Zealand today?

Our neighbours are rarely found among the mega-wealthy or the owners of superyachts like Zen & Koru moored in Auckland harbour. Rather, our neighbours are the families across our towns & cities struggling under the heavy weight of the cost-of-living crisis. Our neighbours are the migrant communities & refugees who have chosen to make Aotearoa their home, seeking safety & belonging. Our neighbours are our Pasifika sisters and brothers whose islands, livelihoods, and futures are directly threatened by climate change.

As Anglicans rooted in the gospel, we are called to look beyond our own immediate comfort & balance sheets. This election, let your Christian faith shape your civic duty. Let us stand alongside the vulnerable, protect the thriving of God's creation, & seek the common good.

When you step into the voting booth, let us **Vote for our Neighbour.** Let us **Vote for Love** & cast our ballots with *aroha*.

Abundant Blessings

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

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!

CAR PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE

Need a reliable parking spot during working hours? Car parking spaces are available for purchase.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact the Parish Office.

Email: hastingsparish@waiapu.com

Phone: 06 878 9476

Know someone who might be interested?
Please pass this information on to them.

Diary Dates ... or “What’s on When?”

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity – October & November 2026
25	Sunday	11.30am	Café Lunch at Serendipity café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120
26	Monday		Labour Day
28	Wednesday	6.00pm	Greater Hastings VESTRYs
29	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthews 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 Lady Chapel
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 at St Matthews Lady Chapel
5	Thursday	11.15am	Ministry Team Gathering. Review December, January & February R-Evolving Diary & Pages 1 & 2.
6	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
6	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
8	Sunday		Diwali
8	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel
8	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish Worship at St Matthews
8	Sunday	12.00pm 3.00pm	A Vision for Thriving Workshop. The Ven Dr Deborah Broome & Graeme Brock.
8	Sunday	2.00pm	Hastings Music Society Concert at St Matthew’s.
11	Wednesday		Armistice / Remembrance Day.

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