

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 8th November 2026

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance 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 Ven Dr Deborah Broome.

10.00am – Whole-of-Parish Worship with the Rev'd David van Oeveren & The Ven Dr Deborah Broome.

Thursday – 12th November

10.15am – Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday – 15th November - The 33rd 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 Church, please join us at St Matthew's Church for the Whole-of-Parish Worship at 10.00am

Sunday – 15th November

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**:https://www.facebook.com/ParishOfGreaterHastings

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As the calendar turns from late October to early November, our worship & reflections draw us naturally into a profound season of remembrance & commemoration. Beginning with All Hallow's Eve, our focus shifts toward those who have walked the path of faith before us, as well as those who laid down their lives in conflict & peace. In our Anglican tradition, this season invites us to pause, look back, & honour the rich tapestry of memory, sacrifice, & holiness that shapes who we are today as the body of Christ living here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We begin this journey on All Hallow's Eve, the vigil that ushers in the great feast of All Saints' Day. On All Saints', we give thanks for the cloud of witnesses-both famous martyrs and quiet heroes of faith-whose lives reflect the radiant light of Christ. Immediately following, All Souls' Day offers a quiet space to remember our own beloved departed, offering prayers of gratitude for their lives and commending them into God's eternal care . Together, these days remind us that the bonds of love & faith cross even the boundary of death, uniting us in God's eternal love.

As November unfolds, our gaze expands to encompass Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. On these days, we gather to honour those who served, suffered, & died in wars & peacekeeping missions across the globe. We hold in our hearts the profound sacrifices made by servicemen and servicewomen, as well as the families who endured agonizing loss. In our prayers of remembrance, we do not glorify conflict but rather recommit ourselves to being instrument of God's peace. We pray earnestly for a world where justice and reconciliation triumph over hostility, honouring memory by striving for lasting peace.

In our own land of Aotearoa, we also remember the historic non-violent resistance at Parihaka on November 5, 1881, & honour Te Whiti o Rongomai, Prophet of Peace. When government forces marched upon Parihaka, Te Whiti & Tohu Kākahi led their people in peaceful defiance, meeting soldiers not with weapons, but with bread, songs, & children playing. Te Whiti's gospel -centered commitment to non-violence & peaceful land defence remains a vital witness for our nation. Remembering Parihaka calls our church to continuous repentance, justice, & the ongoing work of genuine reconciliation and bicultural partnership.

As we weave together these distinct strands of memory - from the triumphant witness of the saints to the solemn quiet of war memorials & the prophetic peace of Parihaka- we see a unified call to faithful

living. Remembrance is not merely an act of looking backward; it is a sacred practice that transforms our present and shapes our future. Held in the light of the Resurrection, every life honoured this season urges us to live courageously, seek justice, & walk humbly with God. May this season of commemoration renew our hope & inspire us to be light in our community.

Abundant Blessings

Have you noticed the Blue Plaque on St Matthew's ?

Please take time to have a read, as this marks a significant place and time in history.

The Blue Plaque was blessed and this occasion acknowledged after the 10.15am worship on Thursday 29 October



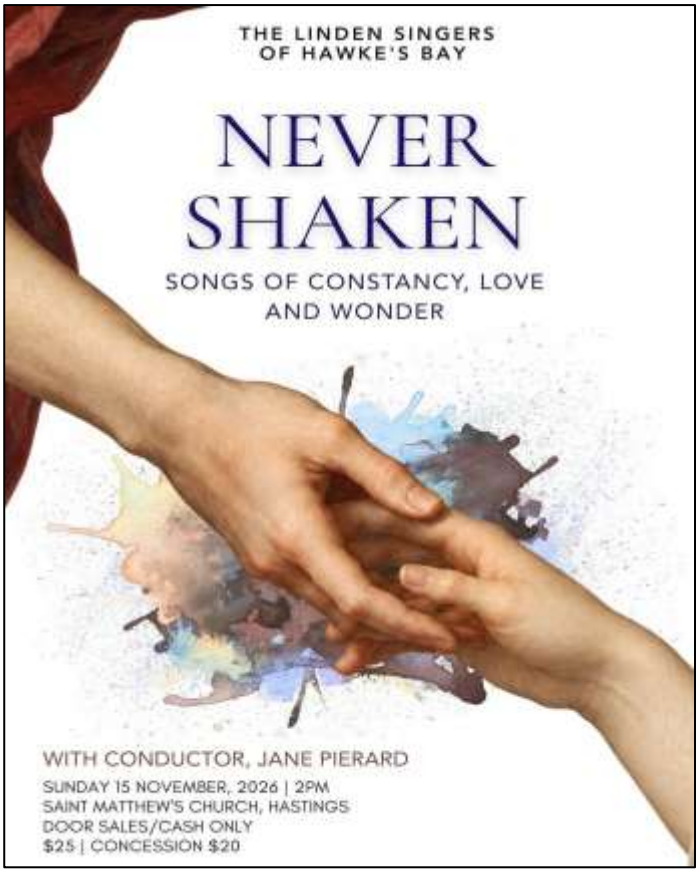
COMBINED SUMMER WORSHIP

At St Matthew's Church , Hastings
9:00 am on Sundays
Join us for our experimental summer worship trial on the following dates:

- Sunday 27 December
- Sundays 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 January

During the summer period, we will gather for combined worship at St Matthew's.

Please come and join us



Introducing Centering Prayer

A Way to Enhance Our Christian Journey

Brother Bernard OHC will lead a quiet day introducing Centring Prayer, a silent Christian method of contemplative prayer that encourages a deeper connection with God.

Saturday 21 November| 9.30am-3.00pm
St Matthew's Church, 200 King Street South, Hastings

- 9.30am – Arrive for morning coffee
- 10.00am – Programme begins
- Shared lunch – Please bring a plate of food to share
- Simple Eucharist following lunch

Please commit to staying for the whole programme, as places are limited.

Free admission. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

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Diary Dates … or "What's on When?"

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity – November 2026
11	Wednesday		Armistice / Remembrance Day.
12	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel
13	Friday	5.30pm	LINDEN SINGERS Rehearsals.
15	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel
15	Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist with Hymns at St Matthews & St Peters
15	Sunday	11.30am 1.30pm	WORKING BEE! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Peter's Church!
15	Sunday	2.00pm	Linden Singers Concert
16	Monday		St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist. (Eastern Church).
18	Wednesday	3.00pm	WARDENS Meeting.
18	Wednesday	4.30pm	Finance, Stewardship & Bequests Sub-Committee.
19	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel
20	Friday	10.00am	Colwyn House Lifecare
20	Friday	1.40pm	School Eucharist
21	Saturday		December – February / Advent – Christmas – Epiphany – Incarnation Parish Newsletter available.
21	Saturday	9.30am 3.00pm	Introducing CENTERING PRAYER: A Way To Enhance 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.
22	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel
22	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish-Worship at St Matthews
22	Sunday	11.30am	Café Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley, Hastings 4120.
25	Wednesday	6.00pm	Greater Hastings VESTRY.
26	Thursday	10.15am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel
26	Thursday	1.45pm	Summerset in the Orchard
28	Saturday		28 November 1998. The Rev'd David van Oeveren Ordination to the Priesthood at St Mary's, Levin. 28 Years.

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