

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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Parish Newsletter

For the week commencing Sunday 15th November 2026

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Margaret Thompson

Thursday – 19th November

10.15am – Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

Sunday – 22nd November - The 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Stir up Sunday

8.00am - Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10.00am- Whole-of-Parish Worship

Services at St Peter's Church
1202 Ada Street, Hastings

Today:

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns with the Rev'd David van Oeveren

Sunday – 22nd November

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



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

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A Word from Rev'd Margaret Thompson.....

Remembrance Sunday was observed at the whole-of-Parish Eucharist held in St Matthew's Church on Sunday 8th November. The second Sunday in November is noted for this service as being the Sunday nearest the 11th November, to commemorate the ending of the First World War at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

Our Liturgy included lighting three candles – the first, after the opening hymn, as an act to 'Remember' and to honour "the Past" before the "Ode for the Fallen" was recited and a time of silence kept.

The second candle was lit after the Sermon (delivered by the Venerable Dr Deborah Broome, Archdeacon for Hawke's Bay Cities and Coast) to acknowledge and 'Reflect' on "*the Present*"; then the third candle was lit after Communion as a commitment to 'Respond' in hope for peace in "*the Future*".



The red cloth in the centrepiece is reminiscent of the cascades of red poppies spilling over the Tower of London and filling the surround 'moat' area in the 2018 Centennial of the Armistice Remembrance commemorations; the top is scattered with glass "tear-drops" and fresh poppy flowers and petals

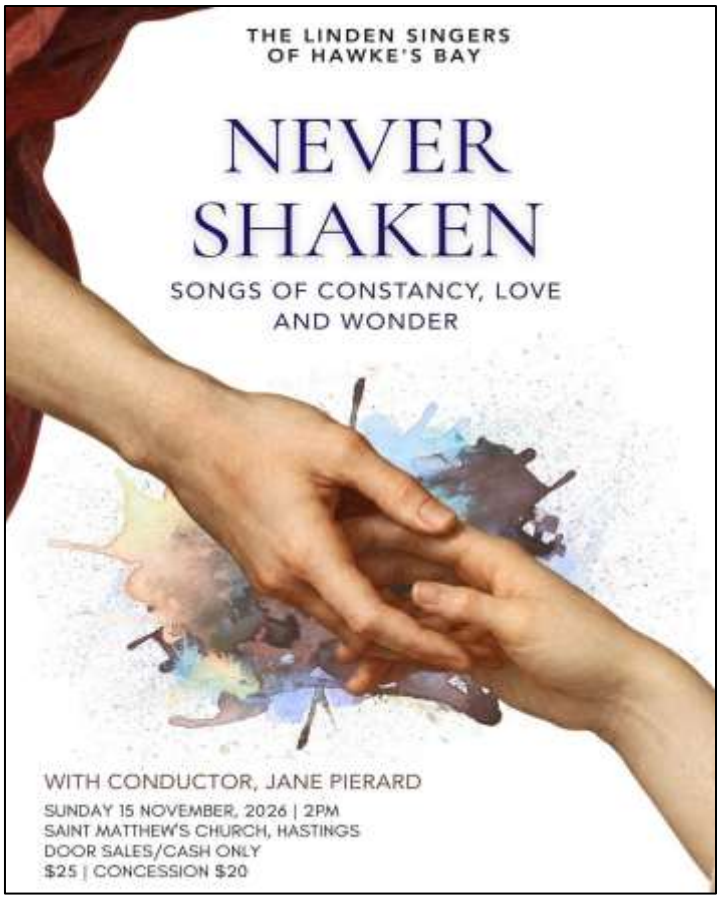
The "past" (left) and the "present" (centre) candles have poppy petals fixed to them – an acknowledgement of the tragic loss of lives in wars and conflicts, past and present – whilst the "future" (right) candle is clear but surrounded by poppy flowers grown in the garden, a sign of our hope and commitment to seek peace and justice when "all nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks" [Isaiah 2:4]

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this Liturgy such a beautiful yet solemn and respectful service of Remembrance.





Abundant Blessings



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 together for combined worship at St Matthew's Church.

We look forward to seeing you. Please come and join us as we worship together as one parish community.

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

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.

RSVP:jenny.chalmers@waiapu.com



Let's Get to Know Each Other - If you don't yet have a name badge, write your name on the paper provided at the church, so everyone can get to know you.

Diary Dates … or "What's on When?"

Date	Day	Time	Meeting / Event / Activity – November 2026
15	Sunday	11.30am	WORKING BEE! Tidy & Clean inside & outside St Peter's
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 -Stir-Up Sunday
22	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish-Worship at St Matthews - Stir-Up Sunday
22	Sunday	11.30am	Café Lunch at Serendipity Café, 1412 Pakowhai Road, Frimley
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.
29	Sunday	8.00am	Eucharist at St Matthews Lady Chapel - Advent 1
29	Sunday	10.00am	Whole-of-Parish-Worship at St Matthews - Advent 1
29	Sunday	7.00pm	Advent Carols at Waiapu Anglican Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.
30	Monday		30 November 1993 (St Andrew's Day).The Rev'd Jenny Chalmers Ordination to the Diaconate at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul. 33 Years.

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

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