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The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings
Incorporating St Matthew's, Hastings & St Peter's, Riverslea
March—April 2022—Lent to Easter



Come 'BACK TO CHURCH'

Shrove Tuesday: In some places, people have a carnival on party Tuesday. They call it the Mardi Gras festival. Mardi Gras means 'fat Tuesday' and people often eat fattening foods such as pancakes to use up certain rich foods as they plan to live more simply in the 7 weeks till Easter. Shrove is an old word which means 'forgiven'.

The 7 weeks between Shrove Tuesday and Easter is the season called Lent. The Christian tradition of Lent is to spend time looking beyond everyday things—to think about God and the things that are really good, lovely and valuable. Lent allows us to appreciate Easter, the highpoint of the Christian Year. Lent is often a time of preparation for Baptism.

Ash Wednesday is when we use ashes as a symbol of being sorry for wrongdoing and wanting to get rid of it for ever. Ash Wednesday is a call to return to God with all our hearts. This day has become the day when we hear God's call to repentance and reconciliation. It is a day when we are brought face to face with our own mortality, upon which we reflect in the light of the redeeming love of Christ.

Mothering Sunday holds a number of traditions including going to the 'Mother Church' of the area, the Church in which one had grown up, or attending the Cathedral, and often involved families and mothers as they tended to be close to these churches.

Lent is a time of preparation for **Holy Week & Easter**. Throughout Lent you should keep the culmination of Holy Week in mind. On Palm Sunday we ride into Jerusalem with Jesus, visit the temple with him, share the Last Supper in the Upper Room, and watch the ugliness and tragedy of his trial and death. Only then do you understand the glory of Easter.

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish his saving work by dying and rising again.

On the night of **Maundy Thursday** we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. The footwashing dramatizes vividly the humility and servanthood of Jesus, and calls us to give witness to our own role in loving service and to make our response to love one another as he has loved us. From Maundy Thursday on, our worship is a continuum through to Easter morning.

The central theme of any **Good Friday** service must be the cross. It is the day on which we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. All four Gospels tell these events in great detail: Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23, John 18-19.

The high point of Holy Week celebrations is known as the **Great Vigil of Easter**. The **Christian Pasch** (the term used for the great three days of Easter) is Christ's passing over from death to life, which is ultimately celebrated during the Great Vigil and on Easter Day.

The Venerable David van Oeveren
—Priest-In-Charge

We Are Open - Come Worship With Us



Regular Services

Come Worship With Us At:

	St Matthew's	St Peter's, Riverslea
Thursdays	10.15am	
Sundays	8.00am 10.00am	10.00am



PARISH CALENDAR

During the Season of Lent, a time for preparation for Holy Week & Easter, we will intentionally focus on Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Come 'BACK TO CHURCH Sundays & Thursdays

Wednesday 2 March ASH WEDNESDAY

The First Day of Lent

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings.
Ash Wednesday

Celebration Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

7pm St Matthew's, Hastings
Ecumenical Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes

Saturday 5, 7pm St Matthew's, Hastings

Evening Worship / Night Prayer.

Sunday 6: Lent 1

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

Thursday 10, 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 12, 7pm St Matthew's, Hastings

Evening Worship / Night Prayer

Sunday 13: Lent 2

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

Thursday 17, 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 19, 7pm. St Matthew's, Hastings

Evening Worship/Night Prayer

Sunday 20: Lent 3

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings

COMBINED WORSHIP

11.30am **The Anglican Parish of
Greater Hastings Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 23,

11.45am Men's Fellowship Lunch
7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Saturday 26, 7pm St Matthew's, Hastings

Evening Worship/Night Prayer

Sunday 27: Lent 4

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

Thursday 31, 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

April

Sunday 3: Lent 5

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Peter's, Riverslea

Celebrating Holy Week & Easter



Holy Week

Sunday 10: Lent 6 Palm Sunday

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
St Peter's, Riverslea

Thursday 14: Maundy Thursday

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings
7pm Eucharist of the Last Supper
& foot washing

Friday 15: Good Friday

10am Ecumenical procession with
the cross
2pm Liturgy of the Passion

Sunday 17 : EASTER DAY

Renewal of Baptismal Promises
10am St Matthew's, Hastings
St Peter's Riverslea

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals:

Maureen LAMBERT

Patricia Margaret (Trish) BECKETT



PARISH AGM 2022

The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held at St Matthew's on Sunday 20 March following a combined 10am service.

The last date for receiving nominations is midday Sunday 13 March.

Nomination forms are available at St Matthew's and St Peter's churches. Please give prayerful consideration to nominations for the following positions:

- People's Church Warden
- Synod Representative
- Alternative Synod Representative
- Regional Conference Representative
- Alternative Conference Representative
- Vestry members (up to 10)

Nominees must be baptised parishioners who are on the parish electoral roll.

Reports from various groups will be available to read, in a folder at the back of church, as will the end of year accounts and draft budget when available.

The parish electoral roll will be on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Please check you are listed and notify the Parish Office of any changes.

FOOD BANK

Food Banks have become a necessary part of life. The parish continues to make monthly cash donations from the Benevolent Fund to the Hastings Food Bank. The Flaxmere Baptist Church also provides food parcels to the community, supported by St Matthew's and other local churches.

Please bring your donations of non perishable food items to church. Thank you for your kindness.

Living out of our Stories



The foundational stories of our faith and our lived experience

Lent 2022

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WAIAPU

LENTEN REFLECTION

During the season of Lent, we share with you the opportunity to take part in a Lenten study produced by the Reverend Deborah Broome, the Waiapu Diocesan Ministry Educator.

There are six studies, which correspond to the six weeks of Lent. Each of them sets the foundational stories of our faith against our own lived experience. We can use the biblical stories to shed light on our own lives – and we can also use our lives to ask questions of the biblical text. At the end, we are invited to bring together our reflections, and make them concrete in actions.

Deborah has developed this material to be used in a range of contexts; so whether you're a group meeting in a parish, in a classroom at school, on your own at home or as a family, the study is designed for you.

Copies of the study are available in church or by contacting the Parish Office 878 9476, email us hastingsparish@waiapu.com or by visiting our website, using this link to read or print your own copy.



The Major Projects Update

There are several major projects which are and will continue to be part of our lives and my role as Parish Priest in Greater Hastings for 5 years. Obviously some of these will be completed much sooner, but others are on a completion schedule of 2027!

Buildings and Property

- **St Matthew's Hall Revisioning Project.** Our needs clearly indicate that the current Hall will be demolished and may be replaced by 2 or 3 buildings that are fit for purpose.
- **St Matthew's Church Earthquake Strengthening.** Mid-February all disciplines involved in the Church project were onsite costing up this significant project. The solution is more simple than first thought, hopefully this bodes well for price.
- **St Matthew's Whenua Tapu.** Despite Covid-19 delays we are very hopeful to see this project come to fruition over 2022.
- **St Peter's Church Bathrooms.** This has been done and is just going through a final phase of ensuring that everything is complete before signoff. These bathrooms will make a significant difference to the usability of St Peter's.
- **St Peter's Vicarage.** The Vicarage is predominantly original and needs substantial modernisation work, this is important if we wish it to be considered in future years as suitable

housing for a Priest Associate. This provides us with some complex challenges to work through as a Vestry in 2022.

- **Website Design & Signage.** A Working Group is making great progress on this. The Website is our 24/7 shop window or salesperson who never sleeps. The Website will inform people what is happening and for potential funders to get clarity on who we are. As part of this we will explore new Signage, and I am hopeful this is easier than first thought.

- **Fundraising.**

This is a significant piece of ongoing work. We will be working with Jenni Giblin Funding HQ. If you, or anyone you know, has a passion for raising funds, is not afraid to engage in the task, and will follow through – please let Peter Drew or I know now. (Scale is important: \$6 million over 5 years.)

We need your help with?

Fundraising. Communication. Information & Communications Technology.

There are some gaps in our skill base, so if you or someone you know has some expertise in these areas then we would be very interested to talk.

Other Projects? Over the next few years there will be other projects which we will require your assistance with. But for now much is dictated by Earthquake mitigation and deferred maintenance.

Communion for those who are unable to get to church at Easter...

If you are sick or housebound and unable, for whatever reason, to attend Eucharist on Easter Day and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion *please do not hesitate to contact us and the sacrament will be brought to you.* Easter is the most important day in the Christian Year, and we don't want those who are unable to attend Eucharist to miss out. Please Contact one of the clergy if you would like us to visit you.





We Are Open - Come Worship With Us

Lent is often a period of preparation for Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the Great Easter Eve Vigil or Easter Day.

Baptism is a Sacrament. 'A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace'. A sacrament is a sign in that it points to something other than itself, but it is more than a sign in that it gives an inward and spiritual grace to the person who receives it.

We baptise because Jesus commanded us to baptise. Jesus' teaching about baptism is clearly stated in his discussion with Nicodemus (John 3:1-8). This is not an easy concept to understand, but it is a vital part of our Christian experience.

When someone is baptised, that person is brought to Jesus Christ, and made a member of Christ's Church. It is a new start to life in which the baptised person is accepted and sealed by God with the Holy Spirit to represent Christ to the world.

As a response to the baptism which God gives us, we declare our faith and intention to serve Christ, and ask for God's continuing grace to support us in the task to which we are called.

Through prayer and fellowship within the body of Christ God strengthens and nourishes us.

In summary, Baptism is the sacrament by which we are made children of God, members of Christ's body the Church and heirs to the realm of God.

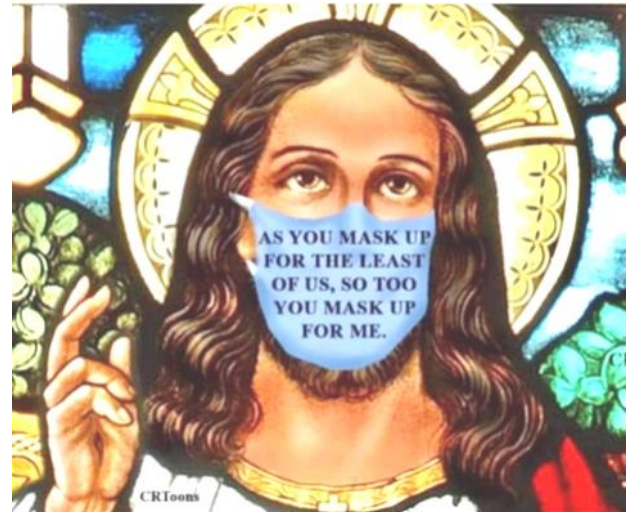
Water is the outward and visible sign by which a person is baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Those seeking baptism need to renounce evil and turn from sin to Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Most importantly is the spiritual truth that our faith begins not with what we do for God, but what God does for us.

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- Priest-In-Charge

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Waiapu Kids @ St Matthew's

2022 is off to a busy start for our early childhood centre,

with seven children going off to school at the start of this term, including four who are beginning the

next stage of their journey as students at St Matthew's Diocesan Primary School. This coming week the Education Review Office (ERO) audit visit takes place and we eagerly await their report. Meantime children are relishing exploring the garden; its plants and insects proving very popular, and enjoying time spent in the church with David, as shown in this recent photograph.



What's Happening at

Heretaunga Seniors?

We continue to welcome back a calendar full of activities – Keepfit, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Digital Seniors and more. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Sue Matthews who has joined us on a permanent basis as a Programme Assistant at Heretaunga Seniors. We give thanks for our wonderful volunteers and for friendship, fellowship and being together.

Ngā mihi me te aroha nui - Love and best wishes

Kirsteen

Please call 870 7025 or email:
hseniors@acw.org.nz for more information.



Messy Church

During COVID restrictions, since Sept 2021, our monthly St Matthew's Messy Church has been a bag of stories, treasure and activities delivered to our families. If any child would like 'Messy Church in a Bag' delivered, please contact the parish office, 06 878 9476 giving the name and address, and we will gladly add them to our list of children. We are delivering to 30 children at present.

We look forward to the time when it is safe for us to have Messy Church again in the hall. Meanwhile St Matthew's and St Peters are still holding church services on Sundays, and you are so welcome to come along. Your Messy Church teams would be delighted to catch up with you and hear your news. (Vaccine pass and wear a mask.) - Barbara Person .

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The Parish Office is now The Parish Support Hub

Due to the COVID-19 Protection Framework and 'My Vaccine Pass' requirements the Parish Administrator role is now a 'Work-From-Home' position. Tracey's working pattern will be Tuesday to Thursday, so please try to direct your enquiries to her on Tuesday and Wednesday. The answerphone will continue to be responded too, emails will be answered, and there will be little noticeable difference.

If you do notice something starting to fall through the cracks, something you would expect to have happened, please let Ven. David van Oeveren know, and he will add it to his 'Opportunities To Be Addressed' list.

With the Parish Administrator position being a Work-From-Home role, The Parish Office has become the Parish Support Hub for the ministry team, especially the Priest-in-Charge / Vicar, Priest Associate, Clergy, Wardens and Vestry.

The key question we are seeking to address is what is going to suit the purpose of the Parish going into the future? So far we are looking at Fundraising; Communication; Information and Communications Technology.

Access Changes to St Matthew's Hall

If you are calling into the Parish Support Hub, ***please use the carpark off Eastbourne St West, and the doorway on the eastern side of the hall building.***

In order for us to assist the school community comply with protocols, we request that parishioners **DO NOT** cross the school grounds between the Church and Hall during school hours.

We have also had a re-allocation of car parking - *except for Sunday services* - the parking accessed from King St and exiting to Lyndon Rd by Waiapu Kids is now for the School and ECE staff only; car-parks on the southern side of St Matthew's Church (Lyndon Road West), and the parks at the back of the Hall (Eastbourne St West) are for Parish staff and parishioners or visitors whilst at the church or office on parish business. All parking is available for parishioners attending services on Sunday. Thank you for complying with these changes in the interest of all who use the site.

Protection Framework – Requirements for gathering

Our primary concern is the call to love our neighbours as ourselves - caring for everyone, especially vulnerable people. The procedures we follow are those adopted by all Pakeha Anglican Dioceses and which adhere to government mandates and guidelines.

- ◆ **Vaccine Pass is required for entry to all services.**
- ◆ Please wear a face mask.
- ◆ Please scan in or record your presence with us.
- ◆ Please be considerate of other's space by socially distancing.
- ◆ If you aren't well, stay at home.

Remember: Mask...Scan...Pass...Space...



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