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The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings
Incorporating St Matthew's, Hastings & St Peter's, Riverslea
May - August 2022



Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service

In the Baptism liturgy the priest says to the child:

"You are now a pilgrim with us. As a member of Christ's body, the Church, you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God and receive the Laying on of Hands in Confirmation. May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfil your ministry and follow Christ your whole life long."

The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings is challenging you, and offering you the opportunity, to affirm your faith in God and receive The Laying on of Hands for Confirmation, or Renewal of your commitment to Christ's service.

Bishop Andrew Hedge is to be with us at St Matthew's, Hastings on Sunday 25 September 2022 and at St Peter's, Riverslea on Sunday 2 July 2023 to share in Patronal Festivities including Confirmation & Renewal of Commitment to Christian Service.

Confirmation is one of the sacramental actions that the Church provides. At Baptism we become members of Christ and therefore members of his Church. In Confirmation we 'confirm' our baptismal vows – usually made in infancy by parents and godparents on our behalf – and claim the promises and responsibilities of Baptism as our own.

In the early Church, Baptism and Confirmation were part of the one rite, but as the custom of infant baptism became more general, the Church

deemed it wise to delay Confirmation until the baptised person was old enough to understand the privileges and responsibilities of Christian faith. Nowadays, in Confirmation we 'come of age' in the Church.

Confirmation is performed by the Bishop who, by the outward and visible sign of the laying on of hands with prayer, calls down upon the candidates the gift of the Holy Spirit. In this action the candidates receive the inward and spiritual grace of the Spirit to strengthen and confirm them in their act of adult Christian commitment.

If you would like to know more about Confirmation and Renewal please join with Ven. David van Oeveren in a 'No Commitment' Conversation on the **2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11.15am(ish)-12.30pm(ish)**. We will begin Sunday 22 May, 11.15am and Sunday 12 June, 11.15am by meeting in the Sanctuary of St Matthew's Anglican Church.

The Venerable David van Oeveren
Priest-In-Charge

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

MAY

Sunday 22:

- 8am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
- 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

Wednesday 25

- 11.45am Men's Lunch
See Pg 6 for more information
- 7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 26

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 7pm St Matthew's, Hastings**
Feast of the Ascension
Archdeaconry Commissioning of Wardens
& Vestries with Eucharist.

Saturday 28

- 4pm Messy Church @ St Martin's

Sunday 29:

- 8am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
5th Sunday COMBINED WORSHIP
followed by Shared Pot Luck Finger Food Lunch
- 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

JUNE

Thursday 2

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 5: The Day of Pentecost / Whitsunday

- 8am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
- 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

Monday 6

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thursday 9

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 11

- 10am-2pm St Matthew's, Hastings
Contemplative Prayer With Teenagers
- 4pm Messy Church @ St Matthew's

Sunday 12: Trinity Sunday – Pentecost 1

- 8am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
- 11.15am Waiapu House Lifecare & Village Morning Worship

Thursday 16

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 18 Vestry Retreat

Sunday 19: Te Pouhere Sunday

- 8am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
St John Church Parade 2022
- 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
followed by 'Soup & Roll Lunch'.
- 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

Wednesday 22

- 11.45am Men's Lunch
- 7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 23

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 25

- 4pm Messy Church @ St Martin's.

Sunday 26:

- 8am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
- 10am St Peter's, Riverslea**
Patronal Festival of St Peter, Apostle & Martyr
- 11.15am Waiapu House Lifecare & Village Morning Worship
- 11.30am Patronal Feast Lunch
@ Riverstone Café, Mary Doyle
- 2pm Linden Singers Concert

Thursday 30

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

JULY

Sunday 3:

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

Thursday 7

- 10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

**Saturday 9:**

4pm Messy Church @ St Matthew's

Sunday 10:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

Sunday 17:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

Thursday 21

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 24:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea, followed by
 'Soup & Roll Lunch'
 11.15am Waiapu House Lifecare & Village
 Morning Worship

Wednesday 27

11.45am Men's Lunch
 7.15pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 28

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 30

4pm Messy Church @ St Martin's.

Sunday 31:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
*5th Sunday COMBINED WORSHIP
 Followed by Shared Pot Luck Finger Food
 Lunch*
 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship

AUGUST**Thursday 4**

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 7:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
 11.15am Waiapu House Lifecare & Village
 Morning Worship

Thursday 11

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Saturday 13

4.00pm Messy Church @ St Matthew's

Sunday 14:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
 11.15am Waiapu House Morning Worship
 2.00pm Hastings Music Society Concert
 at St Matthew's

Thursday 18

10.15am St Matthew's, Hastings

Sunday 21:

8am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Matthew's, Hastings
 10am St Peter's, Riverslea
 11.15am Waiapu House Lifecare & Village
 Morning Worship

Loving our Neighbours as Ourselves

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.*

Protection Framework – Requirements for gathering at Orange alert level.

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.

- ◆ We encourage you to wear a face mask.
- ◆ Please be considerate of other's space by distancing.
- ◆ If you aren't well, stay at home.



PARISH AGM 2022/23

The priority of Vestry this year will be:

1) **Ministry for Mission**; 2) Maintenance & Repairs; and 3) Management & Administration. By focussing on these priorities in this way, we will also be able to focus our budget and decision making process with a strong priority focus on Ministry for Mission.

We have a great Vestry going forward into this important year of the Parishes formation. Let me introduce the Vestry.

Chairperson: Ven. David van Oeveren.

Priest Associate: Rev'd. Alister Hendery.

Secretary: currently vacant, but to be filled by one of the following wonderful members of Vestry.

Bishop's Warden: Ruth Cunliffe. The Bishop's Warden represents Bishop Andrew and the Diocese and also the Priest-In-Charge

People's Warden: Juliette Swensson.

Treasurer: Sheryl Hilton.

Members of Vestry: Richard Bayley, Peter Drew, David Hodder, Barbara Morris, Mark Sutton, Michelle Thornton, Jan Tonkin, Kevin Watkins.

These are the people you have given authority to govern the parish.

We give thanks for and appreciation to those who have given their time and talents to serving on Vestry and are now standing down; Tim Anderson, Bevan Cottrell, Warwick Dingle, Glenis Libby, & Bruce Tregonning.

On Saturday 18 June, 9.30am – 4.30pm, the Wardens, Vestry and Clergy Team will be having a Time of Retreat & Planning. Our initial focus will be on What do Wardens do? What does Vestry do? We will then look at our priorities for this year and how we will live them out.

A **Special General Meeting** of the Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings was held in Saint Matthew's Church, 7.15pm on Thursday 5th May 2022.

The draft Financial Statements for the Parishes of St Peter's Riverslea and St Matthew's Hastings for 1 Jan to 30 June 2021 were received.

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The draft Financial Statement for the Parish of Greater Hastings for 30 June to 31st Dec 2021 were received.

The Greater Hastings Parish Budget for the year ending 31 Dec 2022, having been approved by Vestry, was adopted.

No nominations for Lay Synod Representative or Lay Regional Conference Representative were received, so this will be discussed by Vestry.

Copies of the accounts and budget are available at St Peter's & St Matthew's.

OFFERTORY RECEIPTS

Receipts for Offertory made to the parish during 2021/22 will be available at the back of church.

Thank you for your generous support.

Messy Church



We are delighted to announce that face to face Messy Church is back on!

We look forward to seeing the young and young at heart for fun, fellowship and a shared meal at:

- ◆ **St Martin's Hall, 1120 Willowpark Rd Nth on 28 May 4-6pm**
- ◆ **St Matthew's Hall, King St South, Hastings on 11 June 4-6pm**

Children under 14 accompanied by an adult please.

Our School

Last term the House Leader organised a school-wide Mufti Day to support those people affected by the on-going conflict in the Ukraine.

Christian World Service National Director, Murray Overton had this message for the school. "We would like to say a huge thank you to Erin Van der Peet, along with St Matthew's Staff and especially the students (and their parents!) who supported our work through your fundraiser. Thank you." The school raised \$352.00.





A bit more about Confirmation & Renewal

Confirmation is the Laying on of Hands by means of which we receive the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit.

If you are Baptised, you are already a member of the Church. In Confirmation you affirm your faith and place in the life of the Church. The Bishop places hands upon your head and asks God to strengthen you for the job which is yours as a member of the Church. That job is Christian service.

The word *confirm* is used in two ways. First it means to ratify or say 'yes' to what someone else has said for us. We *confirm* the promises made for us in Baptism. Secondly, it means 'to strengthen' as in the Holy Communion where the priest says "Almighty God ... confirm and strengthen you in all goodness". We are confirmed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit through this service.

There are two parts to the Order of Confirmation. In the first, the person to be confirmed is presented to the Bishop, who represents the whole Church. The Candidate hears the lesson, which tells how the early Christian Church used this same ceremony that has come down to us through the ages. The Candidate promises the Bishop (and so therefore promises the whole Church) that they will try to live up to the promises made on their behalf when they were baptised. The Candidate is now going to stand on their own feet! They *confirm*, or say 'yes' to, those baptismal promises. In this first part of the service the person being confirmed is the main actor.

In the second part, God the Holy Spirit is the main actor. The Holy Spirit *confirms* – that is, strengthens – the person. The Bishop lays hands on the person's head. This action is the 'means whereby we receive this grace, and a pledge to assure us thereof.' Thus we follow the ancient practice of the Church. The closing prayers and blessing in this service are not only for the newly confirmed, but for all the people present that they may live according to God's laws.

As Baptism makes us a member of the Church, so Confirmation strengthens us in this fellowship and helps us fulfil our new responsibilities in the ministry of all the baptised.

Just as a new Deacon or Priest is ordained to that order of ministry in the Church, so by Confirmation you are commissioned to the lay order, and have your part to play in the worship and work of the Church in the world.

Would you like to reflect on what things were promised for you in Baptism are we confirming? What are some of the responsibilities of lay people and what is the ministry of all the baptised?

If you would like to reflect and explore Confirmation and Renewal please join with Ven, David van Oeveren in 'No Commitment' Conversations on the **2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11.15am(ish)-12.30pm(ish)**.

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Photo: School House Leaders

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals: *Bette HAWKES*

Baptisms: *Johannes SANDERS*





Sunday 3 July – One year of being The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings

Whilst we have not yet formally been formed by act of Synod, we are almost 1 year into working together creatively to form this amalgamated Parish.

My priority this year is what we are calling – Ministry 4 Mission! All that we do in our Ministry, which must always be our focus, is for continuing the Mission of the Anglican church in Hastings, Riverslea, Mayfair, Parkvale, Mahora and Flaxmere.

I would like to give you the opportunity to ask me any question, Theological, Biblical, Liturgical, Practical, Seasonal, anything that you would like to know, so that I can respond to as many of them as possible in my Sermon on Sunday 3 July. Have you ever wanted to know something about the Trinity, the Church, our Parish but never had the opportunity to ask – well now is that opportunity.

Please email david.vanoveren@waiapu.com or write on the paper and place in the box provided at St Matthew's, Hastings. Why not hear a sermon about what you want to know...ask away...



Photo: Men's Lunch October 2021.

Heretaunga Seniors

Winter is on its way but as always Heretaunga Seniors continue to offer a packed weekly programme, such as the Digital Hub and Internet help, games - Housie, Rummikub, Scrabble and bowls. Also entertainment and speakers, which this month includes the Tessa Lord Line Dancers and Historian, Michael Fowler. There really is something for everyone.

They would love to hear from you so don't be shy! You can email hseiors@acw.org.nz or send a text message to their cellphone number: 021 754 437 or phone 870 7025.

You can ask to be added to their email list for the monthly programmes of events & activities.

Men's Fellowship Lunches

2021 was our fourth year catering for the Men's Fellowship lunch at St Matthew's church hall.

Lunches are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from February to October. We serve a two course meal for \$10, including tea and coffee. Numbers attending range from mid to high 20s. Those attending include men, not only from this parish, but also within our community, and men who may be on their own. All are very welcome to join our group. John Harding, with assistance from Richard, co-ordinates the men, telephoning them each month to remind them, also checking on their attendance. Following lunch there is a guest speaker or a general knowledge quiz.

217 meals were served during the 8 months, total monthly average was 27 meals for the year. Our lunches are a fund raiser for Waiapu Anglican Missions. We are delighted to report this year our donation to this Mission of \$1,055. It is very rewarding to see the men enjoying the lunch and fellowship each month. If you would like to support this work, we need one lady helper each month from 11.30am until approximately 2.30pm helping usually twice a year. If you are interested in either attending the lunch or helping serve the meals, please contact us.

Paddy & Richard Bayley 876 7616



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Regional Conference Rep - vacant

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Heretaunga Seniors

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St Peter's Op Shop - Open Tues 9am-12pm
1120 Willowpark Road North




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