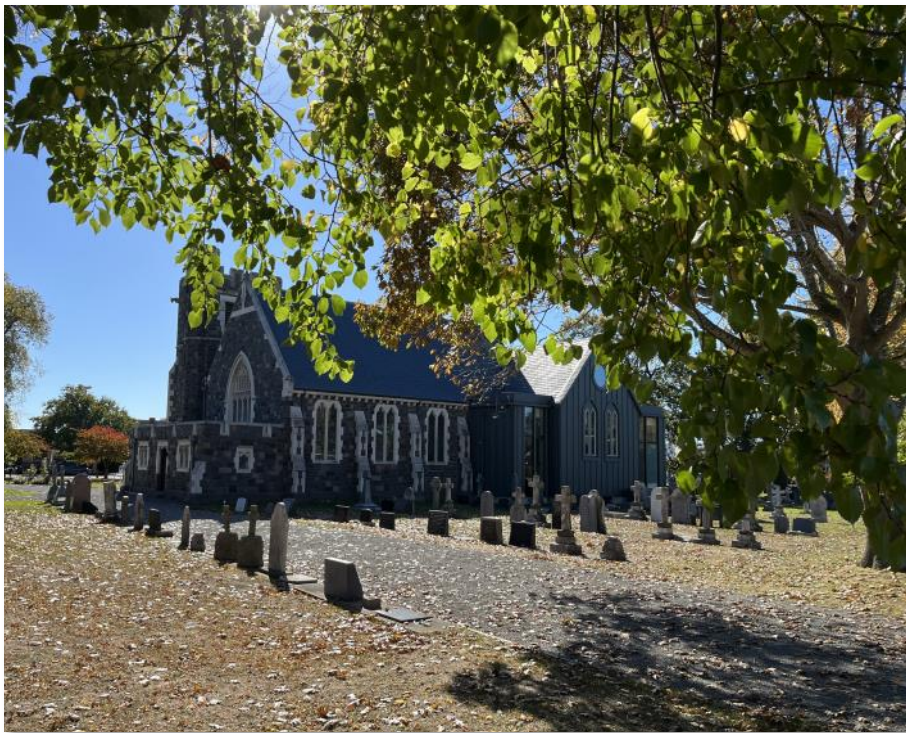


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Usual Sunday services

St Peter's...

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.15 am Holy Communion

10:45am Good News service

St Luke's...

9.30 am Holy Communion every 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month



Cover—View of St Peter's church from the Main South Road

Our Christian whakapapa.



Dad told a story that his music teacher had been taught by someone who had been taught by someone, who had been taught by someone who had been taught by Mozart. I am not sure if I believed him or how many “taught-bys” you would need to get back to Mozart.

In the Church we have something similar. It is called apostolic succession. The idea is that our bishop had hands laid on him by a bishop, who had hands laid on by a bishop, and so on, right back to the Apostles. This means that all the ordinations and confirmations our Bishop does have a physical link right back to the very first Apostles who knew Jesus.

Certainly, there are lots of passages in the Bible that testify to the laying on of hands. Acts 8:19, 13:3, 1 Timothy 4:14, Mark 6:5 16:18 etc. Alongside the Bible, there are other sources of history that testify to the laying on of hands; for example the Tertullian's treatise AD198.

At our patronal festival on the 30th of June the Bishop laid hands on our thirteen confirmation candidates. Not only did this provide a link with the Apostles but, more importantly, exhibited a public affirmation of faith, and an invitation to the Holy Spirit to be present here and now.

We join with the church throughout the ages and pray:
*Creator Spirit strengthen those being confirmed
with your gifts of grace to love and serve as a
disciple of Christ.*

May we all know gifts of grace.

~Nick 

The value of friendship

Heather Cox

Some forty years ago there was a knock on our front door. The young woman who was standing there had just arrived in New Zealand from South Africa with her family, and they were renting one of our neighbour's houses for the year. After introducing herself, her first question was "What do I do with the milk bottles, and where do I leave them for the milkman?" That was the start of a wonderful friendship, which is still strong today.



Life is full of chance meetings and events, some which fleetingly touch our lives and others which have an enduring effect. Our friendship with Barbara and David meant we enjoyed several wonderful holidays with them in South Africa, as well as hosting them, and sharing New Zealand experiences. Over the years these opportunities have become less frequent, and sadly David died a few years ago, but we have just had the pleasure of Barbara's company for a week. From the moment we picked her up from the airport, it was as though we had never been away from spending time together. We shared memories, laughed a lot, and, despite the bleak weather, managed to show her some of the many changes to Christchurch city.

During her stay with us, we were coping with regular visits to the hospital, where my mother was slowly recovering after suffering a severe fall resulting in a broken hip and many skin tears. Barbara's presence was a blessing, with her practical nature taking things in her stride, and in her companionship providing light relief.

In many ways, Jesus is like having a great friend. He is always there, sometimes in the back of our minds, but is instantly available when we desperately need comfort, reassurance and love. Fortunately, we do not need to make a long-distance phone call to talk, and it does not matter whether it is 2.00^{am} or 2.00^{pm} when we need to air our worries and fears. And what is more important—we do not need to rely on technology, with all its pitfalls, to keep in touch!

Living with different religions

Ravil Atlas

When asked about my religious history, I often see bemused looks. It is quite a tapestry: my mother was Roman Catholic, my father Muslim, my sister is agnostic, and I was baptized in a Southern Baptist church at fourteen. I eventually parted ways with that church, but my spiritual journey was far from over. I spent many years serving as a cantor in the Roman Catholic Church and, in a twist of fate, I am legally Jewish (long story). My personal beliefs now align more closely with the philosophy of Star Wars and the Force than with any formal doctrine.



The story does not end there. I am now married to the daughter of an Anglican priest, adding another layer to my religious mosaic. Interestingly, this brings me full circle—my parents had me baptized as a baby in an Episcopal church (the Anglican equivalent in America).

My diverse background has given me a unique perspective on spirituality. I have prayed with people from every faith and those without any religious affiliation, finding a shared sense of spirituality and connection to our humanity in these moments. I believe in something greater than ourselves, a feeling that does not need to be explained, understood, codified, or labelled. It just is.

This belief likely drew me to music and theatre. At acting school, I was taught that all art is a study of the human condition. Over my thirty-year career around the world, and now in my fifteenth year in New Zealand, this idea has been a guiding principle.

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One memorable acting teacher passionately explained that in our art form (whether a play, musical, or opera), the art itself is like God. The audience is the congregation, and we, the actors, are the priests. Our calling is to make the art meaningful to the audience. If we could not embrace this calling, he dramatically instructed us to leave his class. This was one of the first times religion made profound sense to me.

As I have spent the last fifteen years associated with St. Peter's, I have also found a sense of home. In the end, our spiritual journey is personal but our shared experience of it, our shared humanity, is something best celebrated with others.



Maintenance at St Luke's



Greetings from St Luke's

Carol Carryer

At our recent AGM, both James Cliff and I were reelected to the vestry. We are both happy to serve not only St Luke's but the whole parish.

Our services are going well. Once again, our congregation would like to thank Gerard for filling in for clergy when needed, and for his inspirational words. I do feel we need to be more visible from the main road, so if anyone has any ideas on how to do this, to let people know we are open for business, please let me know.

Maintenance—James is working tirelessly to ensure we have a sound and leak-proof church. Unfortunately, although we have had our new roof completed, we still seem to need more weather proofing, I guess when a building gets to be over one hundred years old it is to be expected. James is working to this end. We ask if anyone would like to contribute to this maintenance – time or money, it would be appreciated. Any monetary donation needs to be earmarked for “St Luke's maintenance”.

Grounds—We held a working bee on Saturday morning the 22nd June. As we are having a wedding at the church – the first for a long time, - we wanted the church and grounds looking its best. Thank you to all who turned up.

Our **Coffee and Chat** is going from strength to strength It is wonderful to see regulars attending each month as well as new faces. It is absolutely awesome that we have a number of men come and join us each month. I would like to make a personal thank you to all the volunteers that bake every month and come along and host the morning: Colleen, Racheal, Sue and Liz. Thank you guys I could not do it without you.



Coffee & Chat
3rd Monday of the month
9:30am - 11:00am

19 February	17 June	21 October
18 March	15 July	18 November
15 April	19 August	16 December
20 May	16 September	

Join us while you catch up with friends over your morning coffee

 St Luke's
Anglican Community Church
45 School Road, Mātāhura
Contact: Carol 027 484 2505



Head teacher's update

Liz Orr

Greetings from the management, staff and children of St Peter's Anglican Preschool to the clergy, vestry, and parishioners of St Peter's and St Luke's. Namaste, kumusta, ni hao, selamat, hi, bula, kia ora, asalamo alaikum, talofa and enlé o - that is "hello" in ten languages that represent our cultures at preschool.

Preschool life has been more settled in term two. We have farewelled two children who graduated for primary school, and another three who have gone to visit extended families overseas for an extended time. We are fully expecting these children to come back to preschool when they return to New Zealand.

The end of the term is fast approaching and, as I write this, we are ending week seven (out of eleven). We have welcomed three children and their families this term.

Sadly we farewelled Ethan at the end of last term as he moves into new ventures.

He has made a huge contribution in the four and a half years he was with us, and we certainly miss him. It is still nice to see him popping in from time to time in his roles for the parish. By the time you read this we will have farewelled Cindy, who is moving into a more specialist role working with children with additional learning needs. We will miss her, but wish her God's richest blessings in the next step of her career.



Your faithful prayers for our ongoing roll growth are definitely appreciated. We have not filled all the spaces yet left from the seventeen children who graduated at the beginning of the year, but have filled eight of these places. This preschool is God's and I know He is faithful and will provide children for us—we just need to pray them into preschool.

One of the highlights for this term has been joining all the other preschools in the Manukau Christian Charitable Trust to celebrate our many cultures. We held a Trust-wide multi cultural celebration at the week of May 24th-30th. We started the week with a visit from a group of children and two teachers from Aidanfield Christian Preschool coming to join in our Mandarin programme. We also celebrated our cultures by having a dress up day where we dressed in the national costumes of our countries. The preschool looked brighter than usual, as staff and children came dressed in many different costumes.



Views of the tea-party

Following on from the multi-cultural week we held our annual royal tea party to celebrate the king's birthday. We all came dressed in our very best clothes, and children ate off china plates at lunch time and drank fruit tea from china cups. They really enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and act very grown up.

Our partnership with the Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst continues to deepen as we find new ways to add to the relationship. The parish and preschool staff regularly discuss ways we can do this.

Taking part in professional learning opportunities is one way teachers can keep up with the latest developments in best practice in early childhood. The teachers are on a steep learning curve this year as they learn and implement our new assessment of learning system. It will cut down teachers' full workload as they become more familiar with the new system. Individually, there are many webinars for us to attend on a range of topics to help keep us up to date with 'best practice' in our roles.

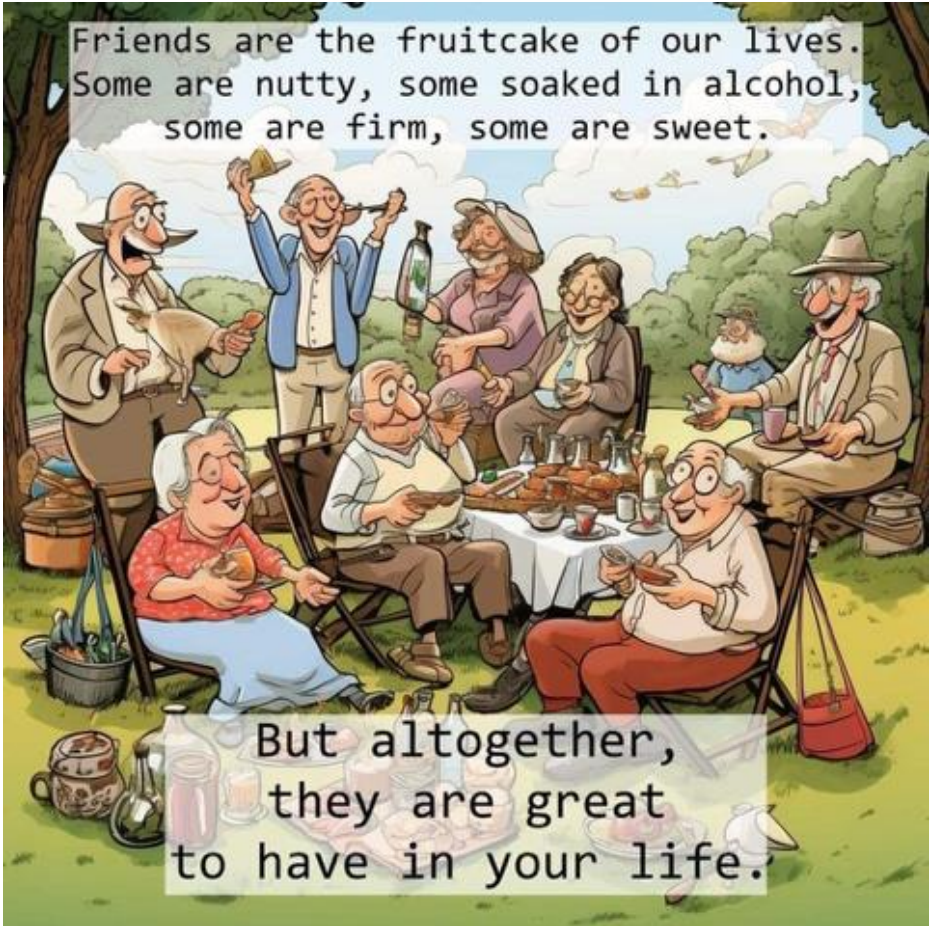
Thank you to the clergy and parishioners of St Peter's and St Luke's for your ongoing prayers and support of the preschool. It is valued far more than you realise. Prayer is one of the foundations of our preschool and our hearts are eager to do the Lord's work in this special place. We are excited to see what the Lord has for us in the months and years ahead.

The Lord blesses us with the wonders of each season. We are nearly at the shortest day for the year and can soon look forward to the daylight hours starting to lengthen. There are spiritual seasons in our lives, just like there are physical seasons. I have been reminded over the past few weeks, that no matter how hard or challenging it is for me right now, light is coming (it is going to get better). BUT most important of all, our heavenly Father, who loves us so much, is ALWAYS with us.

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Friends are the fruitcake of our lives.
Some are nutty, some soaked in alcohol,
some are firm, some are sweet.



But altogether,
they are great
to have in your life.

Never argue with children !

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to Heaven, I will ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him!"

St Peter's rose beds

Dennys Guild

We are indebted to rose aficionado Peter Troon, who took one look at our miserable efforts and offered to help. Gwen and I have been trying to look after the roses ever since the Rose Society gave up, due to old age (of them, and maybe the roses too, as some were very old). Well, umpteen years of neglect after the earthquakes, and on-again off-again tending during Covid did not help, and we were delighted when Peter offered to give us a hand.

Peter did an inventory and calmly announced that we would need twelve roses to replace those that were past their best for various reasons. This was a bit of a blow, especially as Gwen and I had raised enough to replace four roses a few years back (thank you again to those donors). I have to admit that, having been a forester, I am of the "tough love" breed, that says: *if I plant 'em, it's up to 'em to get on with life and do the living* But roses are not pine trees, being of a more prissy form of plant life. Some might say they are better bred than pine trees, but I might say they are just in-bred softies.

Enough of the abuse, and get on with this story! Peter spent time pouring over rose books and came up with a unique combination of colourful standard roses, all noted for their scent and their health. Peter has advised me: *the colours cover the full yellow palette from bright yellow to orange, reds from pink to burgundy, blues to violet to deep blue, cream to white, and a couple whose colour I do not know, not having seen them blooming last summer.*" Wow, something for everyone there!

At this stage the roses have been planted by the A—Team, together with sturdy stakes and designer ties. Peter is going to follow up with fertiliser, spray, and good all round loving care that only a rose-whisperer can give. I am hoping that we might be able to get the irrigation system (that Brian, Chris and others helped repair) aligned correctly with the roses so that they are kept well watered during the drier months.

We are so thankful for the donations that seemed to come so freely, so that we now have a rose garden that everyone can enjoy.



Peter Troon at work with pruning cutters



As the rose garden looked in 2015 (photos from Dennys Guild)



Jo Winfield (retiring People's Warden)

David Winfield



Jo Winfield recently stepped down from her position as People's Warden in the parish, having served with distinction in that role for nine years. But, as those who know her would expect, it is but a small 'step' as she continues her many other duties with customary enthusiasm. Jo is a red and black supporter from way back, being born, educated (Christchurch Girls' High School) and first employed in Christchurch. It was in that initial job in the Commercial Bank

of Australia that she met David, leading to their marriage in St. Matthew's Church (now part of All Souls in Merivale) fifty-three years ago. Her career as an administrator has spanned a number of places of employment including a fashion house, two banks, an accountant's office, secondary and tertiary education, and (unsurprisingly) several parishes. In addition she trained as a psychiatric nurse and has been a greatly valued support to David in all of his ministry appointments, as well as being a worship leader in her own right. In paying tribute to Jo at the time of her retirement, her fellow warden, Corin Murfitt, expressed appreciation succinctly when he said:-

"I have worked with many wardens and they have all been great; however Jo seems to shine out as being exceptional. She was ideal to work with, and was always graceful, humble, friendly, and never said no to anything she was asked to do. What is more she says yes with a smile and gets into it. She accompanied her warden's duties with organising the garage and book sales, being involved in the plant sales, singing in the choir, being a care bear, and a fundraising secretary, to name just a few of her activities. During her term, she has been heavily involved in the rebuild of St. Peter's and the development of the pre-school and Mandarin church."

Should you wish to meet up with Jo, she will regularly be found on a Friday morning at St. Peter's, preparing items for the garage sale. While wishing to hand over the overall organising after this October, (any takers please!), she will nevertheless continue to be part of the operation and provide the sausage rolls for morning tea. But life is not solely church-based, with a son and two daughters living close by and providing five grandchildren who enjoy nan's care and babysitting service, not to mention her legendary chicken pie. Also U3A provides a wider community interest. So sincere thanks Jo for all that you do, you are a wonder!



Jo thanks the AGM attendees for their support over her years of warden-ship.



Jo, Pastor Albert and the Ven Nick Mountfort with the memorandum signed when the Mandarin congregation joined the parish.



A look at Vestry

Gin McKenzie

What is Vestry?

In our parish of Upper Riccarton—Yaldhurst, which comprises St Peter's and St Luke's churches, we have a vestry comprised of volunteers from both church congregations, and pastors from the Mandarin congregation. We see in our bulletin that monthly meetings are held; minutes of these meetings are available to parishioners, and may be found at the back of the church. There are reports from vestry and all the groups using our buildings in our Annual General Meeting reports booklet, and people are elected to serve on vestry at our AGM. If you have looked on our parish website you will have seen photos of our vestry team, and since our AGM in April there have been introductions of both seasoned and brand new vestry team personnel.



What does Vestry do?

To quote from a *Guidelines for Church Wardens & Vestry Members* booklet, provided by the Diocese of Christchurch, there are some key points to note—listed below:

- Vestry is responsible for the good governance and efficient running of the parish.
- The vicar, vestry and church wardens are responsible for promoting and participating in the mission of the church, and generally to seek the coming of Christ's Kingdom.
- Our vicar, Nick, is chair of vestry—he sets the agenda for meetings.
- Vestry's purpose can be simplified by glancing at the following list: prayer, planning, focus, finances, growth, maintenance, education, communication.

What do the wardens do?

We have two church wardens—Edwin and Etelle. The wardens' list comprises fourteen responsibilities. Not all things are required all the time. Some tasks are listed below.

- Basically, wardens support our clergy (Nick and Peg).
- Take responsibility for meeting the health and safety obligations of the parish.
- Are signatories for all contracts and deeds executed on behalf of the parish.
- Report to vestry on state of buildings, furniture, equipment and need for repair, replacement, improvement or insurance.
- Are spokespersons for vestry to parishioners.
- Ensure vestry is properly informed about matters in the parish and that decisions made by vestry are carried out.
- Ensure correct records are kept and returns forwarded in keeping with relevant clauses.
- Give notice of Annual General Meeting.
- With Treasurer, ensure that a proper accounting system for monies received is maintained, and monies paid to and through Diocese duly recorded and made as required.

Who are the members of Vestry?

Vicar, clergy, pastors, vicar's warden, people's warden, treasurer, between two and seven ordinary vestry members, and two synod members.

When elected to vestry, all lay members take a declaration required of such office bearers, as prescribed from time to time by the constitution of the church.

Term of office is one year. Nominations for vestry are called for prior to the AGM and voting takes place at the AGM.

Nominees can serve for up to five years, provided they are re-elected each year.

What about the Vestry meetings?

- Meetings must be held at least every three months.
- Quorum is one third of the members including one of the wardens.
- Vicar will chair unless unavailable.
- Decisions must be agreed by majority.
- Minutes must be kept.

Annual General Meetings—what happens?

- To be held by 30th April each year.
- Notice of meeting at least ten business days before date of meeting.
- Confirm minutes of any prior meetings.
- Receive and adopt accounts of previous financial year.
- Present budget for current financial year.
- Receive report on life of the parish from vicar and church wardens.
- Elect office holders as required.
- To speak or vote at meeting you must be a member of the parish and over sixteen.

Special meetings

Called by church wardens as requested by resolution of vestry, or by written request signed by at least one quarter of those on the parish roll. Only the matter specified in a special meeting request can be discussed at the special meeting.

Quoted material came from: <https://anglicanlife.org.nz/publications/diocesan-handbook/> end

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Spectacle drop-off—Leigh Craythorne (03)342 9110

Wow! We have reached 754! Thank you! Do you have any unwanted spectacles that could be passed on to those more needy of them? There is a (marked) drop off bag at the back of the church for any that can be spared. We are able to pass them on for delivery to the Islands to folk who will have more use for them than your drawers have!!

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Spring plant sale (5th October)

Fiona Gilmore

In preparation for our highly anticipated and very popular plant sale, people have been busily potting up plants ready for sale in October. It has been so exciting listening to what people have been planting, and this year guarantees to include a great variety. In fact, many people tell us that they look forward to the variety of plants we offer. This is why we emphasise the point that if everyone potted up just three to four plants, we would have an extensive array to choose from.

It is still not too late to pot up plants from the garden. More recently people have been dividing tuberous plants, including peonies, dahlias, irises and lily of the valley. Also popular are winter roses (hellebores), geraniums, delphiniums, roses and fuchsias. Anything that is different or more difficult to get (such as trilliums) are also sought after. New Zealand natives are popular, as well as climbers and smaller plants suitable for rock gardens or planters.

Fruit trees have sold out in the past. These include blueberries, gooseberries, raspberry canes, apples, and rhubarb. Strawberry plants are very successful and herb plants usually go first. Last year we could have sold more mint, parsley, and basil.

If dividing plants directly from the garden, use a spade to split. Rinse and insert in a bucket of water before planting. Place pot in semi-shade and remember to water. Do take note of the colour of the plants as they sell better.

Indoor plants

If you are not an avid outside gardener, fear not, as indoor plants are very popular. These may be cultivated using cuttings, or bulbs can be used. I got some very cheap bulbs two weeks ago and put two to three in each pot. Once grown, pop a ribbon round the pot, and they can be sold as fabulous gifts. In addition, last year some people arranged pots using pansies, bulbs, and other flowering plants. They looked spectacular and sold quickly.



Gardening tools, decorative pots, features and furniture

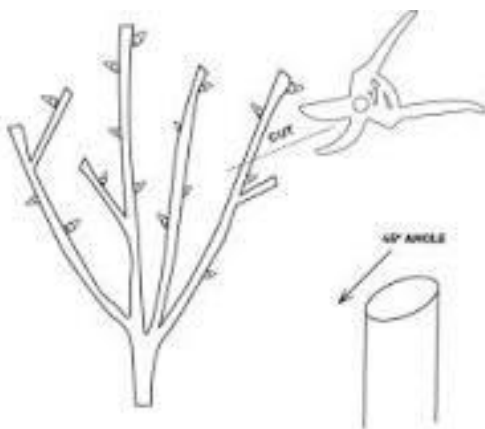
Now is the time to start looking in sheds and garages for any unwanted gardening equipment. This may include large pots, tools (spades, forks, rakes and so on), hoses and reels, stakes, hanging baskets, outdoor garden art and features, pavers, and furniture.

Last year we sold two push mowers (could have sold more) and three sets of outdoor furniture. Vases and decorative pots are also popular. If possible, please hold onto them for now as we have limited space.

Winter gardening tips

- Prune roses (prune to an outward-facing bud and remove congested and old wood)
- Still time to plant deciduous and fruit trees
- Mulch around plants (including rhubarb crowns)
- Prepare flower beds with compost
- Build up the vegetable beds with compost
- Plant new rhubarb crowns

When pruning roses (best done about August), make all cuts on a 45° angle, just above an outward facing bud. When pruning remove all dead and diseased stems. Generally aim to cut the main branches back by half and clear the centre of the plant to allow good air movement, leaving at least three to four main canes in an open vase shape.



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Celebrating Matariki in your garden

In the Māori calendar, Matariki signals the end of harvest and the beginning of the new planting year. The appearance of the Matariki stars indicates that we need to start planning and preparing our gardens for spring planting. If the stars are bright, it means we can plant early and if hazy we might have to wait till October. A possible way to celebrate Matariki is by planting a New Zealand native to encourage native birds, bees, and insects.



Potting mix and pots are still available from the potting shed alongside the main hall. If you need potting mix delivered or have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. We have also begun selling plants, pavers and other items online so please get in contact if you need help.

We will be distributing vegetable seeds in late August and will let you know. We will need more tomato growers as well so spread the word. In the last few years, we have had community members offer plants for sale. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to get in touch.

Fiona, Ann, Diane and Angela (Plant Sale Team)



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The Thomas Scott window

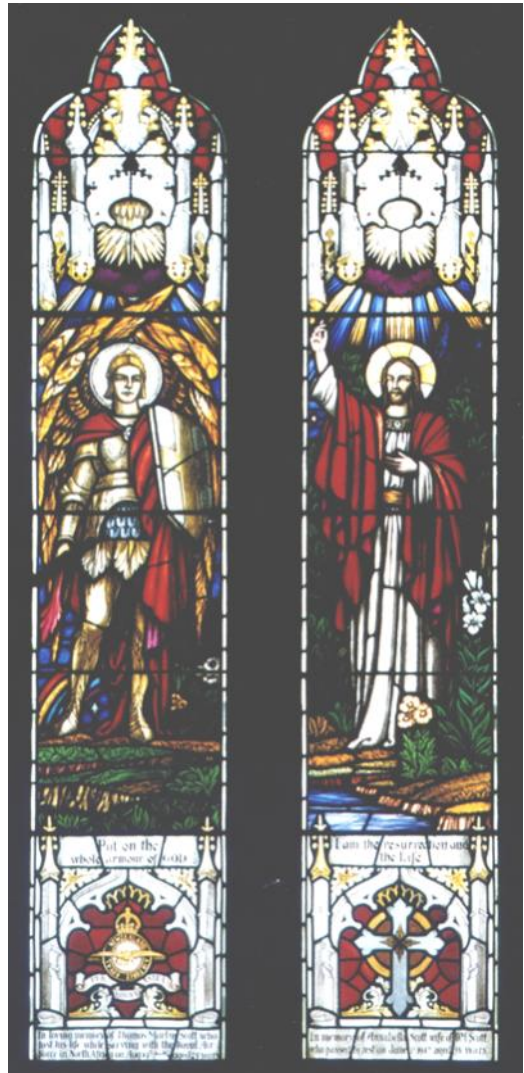
Graeme Cox

This window is a memorial to Thomas Scott and his mother Annabell. The left window depicts a Christian warrior wearing a helmet, the symbol of salvation, a belt of truth, a breastplate of righteousness, a shield of faith, and carrying a flaming sword symbolizing the Holy Spirit. Below is the coat of arms of the RNZAF, which Thomas joined in World War II. While serving in the RAF, he fell ill and died in North Africa.

In the right-hand window, we see Jesus in a red cloak over a white gown, his hand raised in blessing.

The two windows contain specific details of New Zealand. We see a flowing river, and the foliage in the background represent new life in Christ while the lilies in the foreground are the symbol of purity.

The cross, central to the Christian faith, is at the base.



*Information included here is from Audrey Storer's book, **Light and Life**, available for purchase from the parish office for \$25.*

Anglican Centre signage

Author: Anglican Centre Staff and photos, by Mandy Caldwell



The Anglican Centre has a new signage outside Cardale House on 95 Tuam Street.

Due to recent vandalism, we brought forward and introduced the new logo, as seen under the Diocesan Crest on the new signage. It is replacing the old Anglican Life logo.

You may have seen some of our clergy and Anglican Centre staff business cards with this new logo. Importantly, the Diocesan Crest remains the official crest/identity of our Diocese of Christchurch.

This new logo was designed by Tim Hewitt from *Digital Journey* in Christchurch.

Tim Hewitt writes:

“Having attended some churches within this Diocese, it was a unique challenge to approach designing a new identity for the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch with fresh eyes. This journey allowed me to uncover the rich stories and vibrant connections that define us. As a process of engagement and exploration with members of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch community, I aimed to capture this essence in the logo for the Diocese. The logo embodies renewal and reflects the diverse tapestry of the community, illustrating the seamless interplay between the church and the broader society.

To me, it evokes the braided rivers of the Canterbury plains and the grandeur of the Southern Alps. It symbolises the dynamic relationship between spirituality and action, capturing the unity and varied expressions of this community. This design is a reflection of the profound connections and vibrant life I discovered here and shows a willingness and openness to connect with people who are just beginning their spiritual journey.”

This new logo shows the bishop's mitre; a church arch; the light shining through stained glass windows; the three-pointed shapes representing the Southern Alps; from the Westland regions across the Canterbury and to the Chatham Islands; the three braided rivers of Canterbury: Ashley River/Rakahuri, Selwyn/Waikirikiri and the Ashburton River/Hakaterere; and the interweaving of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch with ideas, people, and diverse communities; from the inside to the wider community and to the world.



Anglican Diocese of Christchurch Logo Elements



History

Bishop's Mitre, church arch, stained glass windows



Region

Our Diocese extends from the Chatham Islands, across the Canterbury to the Westland regions



Whenua

The three-pointed shapes represent the Southern Alps



Faith

The three star shapes represent the Trinity & the Southern Cross



Weaving

An interplay and weaving of people, ideas and diverse communities



The braided rivers of the Canterbury plains, interlinked circles of regeneration, mission and Anglican life

Anglican Diocese of Christchurch new Anglican Life logo elements

Image by Tim Hewitt



St Peter's patronal festival

Heather Cox

St Peter's patronal service is always something special, but this year's one was particularly so. Unfortunately we were unable to attend in person but had the joy of watching the service online, which does provide some wonderful overhead views.

Being joined by many of the congregation from the Victory Church added another dimension, but what was really wonderful about the service was seeing the large number of people pledging their lives to God. It is quite some time since St Peter's has had so many people being confirmed, and for all of St Peter's congregations to have the opportunity to come together at this time was uplifting.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this lovely service.



Eric Wang



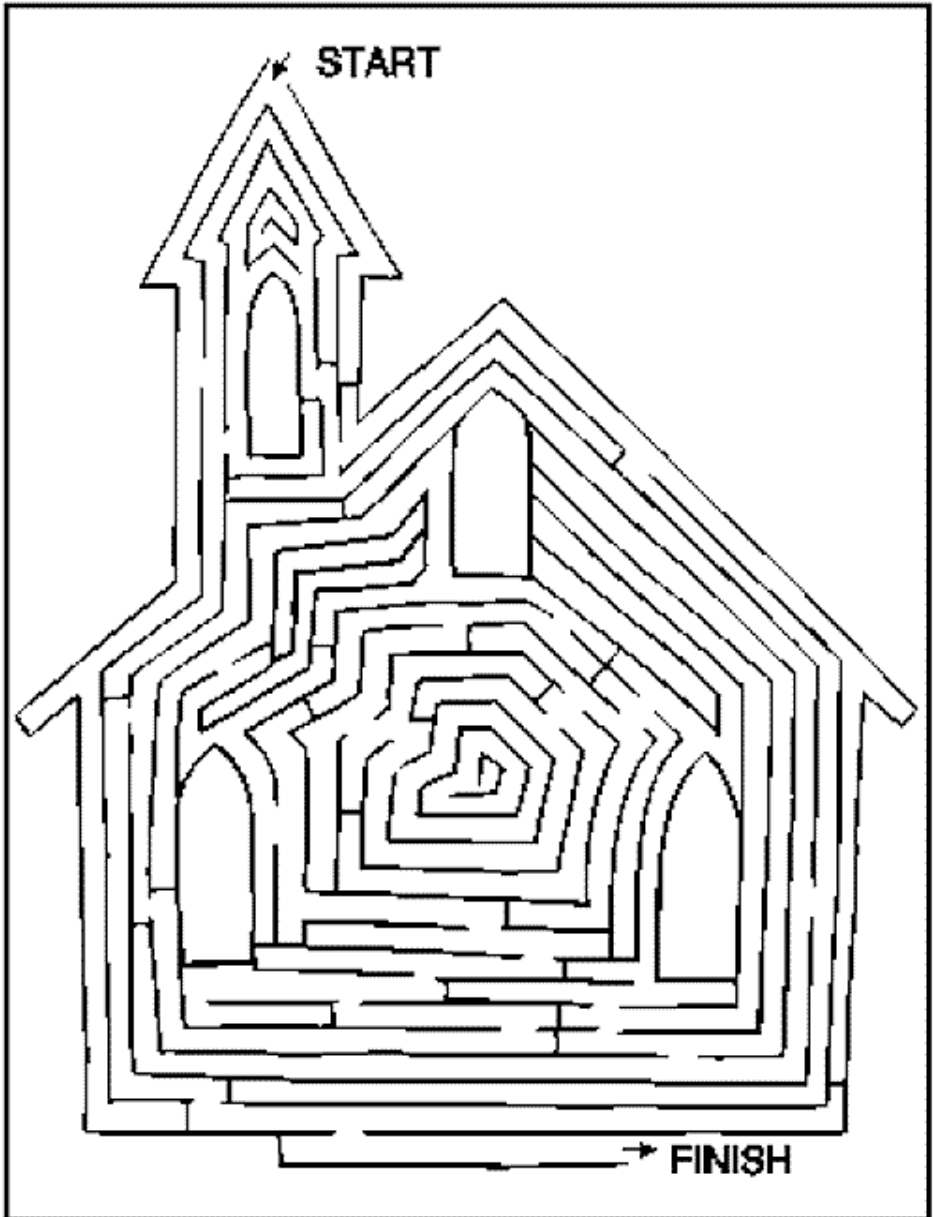
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Baptisms

- Grayson James Gregory—baptised 2nd June 2024

Weddings

- Reuben Harrison Maddock and Miriam Rose McFie
12th April 2024
- Nelson Edmund Chant and Kirsten Michele Richardson
3rd May 2024

Funerals/interments

- Pamela Johnston 10th April 2024
- Maureen Allison Schumacher 17th April 2024
- Rosa Mary Nelson 24th April 2024
- Alexander Wallace Nelson 24th April 2024
- Audrey Isobel Potter 2nd May 2024
- Richard Studholme 26th May 2024
- Joan Brough 30th May 2024
- Barbara Marie Vincent 14th June 2024
- Elizabeth Anne Chappell 19th June 2024

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From the calendar

- 7th July—Nurse Maude service
- 4th August—Racing service
- 1st September—Spring service
- 8th September—Preschool service 5th birthday
- 5th October—Plant & garden sale
- 6th October—Pet service / St Francis day
- 12th October—Garage sale
- 20th October—St Luke's patronal service
- 27th-30th October—Parish retreat
- 3rd November—All Saints Sunday
- 1st December—Advent Sunday
- 8th December—Remembering the departed
- 8th December—Preschool Advent service (11:15am)

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