

## Worship Details

### St. Peter's Church

8.00 & 9.30 am Holy Communion

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Luke 16.19-31



#### Sentence:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High: and passes the night under the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust. (Psalm 91.1-2)

#### Collect:

Almighty God,  
you alone are our true judge,  
for you know what we are,  
and you know what we should be,  
and with you there is mercy.  
Give us feeling for what is right  
and set us on fire to see that right is done.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

Morning  
tea will  
be  
served  
after all  
services.

#### Post Communion Sentence:

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. (1 Timothy 6.11b-12a)

### Prayer Focus - please pray .....

- \*Giving thanks for the work of the City Mission.
- \* For the family and friends of Alida Althius whose funeral was held on Friday at Glenmark.
- \* For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Ryan Holley, Stanley Woods, Barbara Clarke, Fred Chung, Craig Anthony, Ashley Legat, June Woods, Keith Spragg, Michael Hawke, Elizabeth Goodwin, Helen Easterbrook, Phyllis Hay, Alec Nelson.
- \*For support for all fundraising towards the restoration of St. Peter's Church.
- \* For all school pupils, teachers and parents as they have their holiday break.
- \* For the Parishes of Marchwiell, and Mayfield-Mt Somers; Diocesan Board of Nomination.

### Mission News

Our Mission Table on 4 September raised \$323.10 for the St. Christopher's Home in Fiji. Thank you all for your support. The funds raised will be well used by the Home which is run by our Sisters from the Community of the Sacred Name.

The Mission Table next week is for the Leprosy Mission and Richard Starling's "Stay Real" Programme which helps at risk youth. ....Irene

### Coming Up....

Animal Service - 9 October  
Plant Sale - 15 October  
Race Day - 22 October  
Heritage Tour of graveyard  
- 22 October

Sermons are on  
the web



is available  
in the porch.

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

## St. Peter's & St. Luke's Churches

25 September 2016, Ordinary Sunday XXVI  
THE YEAR OF GROWING

### From The Rev. Marcia Hardy



This week I was asked 'What is your favourite passage of Scripture? Immediately I thought of Psalm 139, particularly as Nigel Eastgate writes in his beautiful hymn:

*"If I take the wings of the morning to fly with them over the sea, no matter how far or how fast I've flown, I'll not be alone, my God is forever with me".*

Although we don't often hear the psalms in our services these days we do read them at our daily Morning Prayers. Lately I've been noticing how often they speak to me in a very deep way.

Today's psalm, 91, is another favourite. There again we find that beautiful image of God's sheltering wings. Jim Cotter's version reads *"You overshadow me with your wings, I am safe under your feathers. As a mother protects her brood, you are strong and tender towards me. With your faithfulness as shield and defence, I have courage to face any danger"*.

The safety that we find in God isn't to be taken literally. Christians can still get sick and die, or be killed on the roads or in a war. So how can we see the promises of these psalms in the context of the greater crises and uncertainty of life?

The psalmist speaks of a deeper safety promised by God to the faithful; a promise that offers more security and safety than the world is able to give. It is a promise that even in the midst of tragedy and death, ultimately, the final word is hope.

...Marcia

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## News in the Parish

### **Animal Service here- 9 Oct, 9.30 am**

Bring your pets along for a blessing on this day. See poster on noticeboard.



### **Race day at Riccarton Park - Saturday 22 October.**

For \$25 we have been offered an all inclusive package with admission, Private Box with balcony, Race Book, and sumptuous meal in the Balmerino Room. You all know the reputation of their buffet food.

An attended cash bar is provided in the Private Box and the Balmerino Room. Totalisator facilities are right outside the Box for those who wish to indulge in a bet or two.

Why not bring a friend to this day's excellent fellowship. The time of the first race will not be declared until nearer the day.

Please place your name on the list on the table by the door. Ticket orders taken until 14 October.

Any questions please ask Corin Murfitt, 021 345804 or 3488625 or corin@murfitt.co.nz

### **Heritage Tour of the Graveyard**

Richard Greenaway will again take a tour through our graveyard this year on **Saturday 22 October from 2 - 5 pm.** More details later.

### **Church Restoration Fundraiser**

Coming up – another theatre visit. This time to the Repertory production of Michael Frayn's hilarious and ever-popular on-stage/back-stage comedy *'Noises Off'*. Director Ravi Atlas and his cast of talented local actors are promising a fun-filled evening of quality entertainment. Called the funniest farce ever written, *Noises Off* presents a manic menagerie as a cast of itinerant actors rehearse and stage a flop called *Nothing's On*. Doors slamming, on and offstage intrigue, and some errant sardines all figure in the plot of this hilarious and classically comic play. You might even catch a glimpse of a familiar face amongst the cast. Booking details to follow shortly but mark in your diary the date – **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm.** ....David Winfield (Convenor)

### **Also our Church Restoration Fundraising Table**

Keep an eye on our table by the church door where we have pens, cards and prints for sale. If you would like a "Case for Support" booklet, please call at the office.

### **Exciting Trip to Akaroa - Service, Picnic etc - Sunday 20th November, leaving here 11.30 am ish**

We will hire a bus if enough people would like this. Please consider this form of transport and we will have a show of hands in a week or two to see if it is warranted. We need to know very soon so we can book a bus. It would be fun in a bus but you can take your car if you wish.

There will be a picnic lunch on the way, walking, shopping, resting, service, maybe fish 'n chip tea - you choose. Think about it - if you are in please put your name on the list on the table. ....Nick.

**Shoe Boxes** - these are being collected from now on. 42 have been sent in already!! Thank you very much for your generous support of this project.



### **Plant Sale – 15 October, 9 am**



Is there anyone with a trailer who would be able to collect boxes for our plant sale? Day and time to be arranged to suit. Thanks. ....Janet Noonan

## News Beyond the Parish

**Winter's over**, so maybe it's a good time to take a little time out to lift your spirits and refresh the soul. **Te Waiora House** in Hororata is an ideal Christian centre for that to happen. Costs are reasonable (less than a motel!). You will have all meals provided, and time to be alone if that is your preference. You can see more details on the website : [tewaiorahouse.org.nz](http://tewaiorahouse.org.nz). Or phone direct for a booking: 03 3180789.

### **Petersgate Counselling Centre - Volunteer Office Assistants Needed**

Full training and ongoing support will be provided for Assistants. The rosters are either weekly or fortnightly in four hour shifts.

Having Volunteer Office Assistants contributes significantly to the Centre's ability to provide affordable, professional counselling through subsidised fees.

For more details see.... [www.petersgate.org.nz](http://www.petersgate.org.nz).

If you are interested please contact Jenni on 343.3391 or email.... [office.supervisor@petersgate.org.nz](mailto:office.supervisor@petersgate.org.nz).

## This Week's Diary

### **Monday 26 September**

Walking Group - 1.30 pm. Fendalton Park

### **Tuesday 27 September**

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.

Staff Meeting - 9 am, York Room.

Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

### **Wednesday 28 September**

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10 am, Parish Hall.

Vestry Meeting - 7.30 pm.

### **Thursday 29 September**

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Mona Vale Railway.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.

No Choir Practice this week.

### **Friday 30 September**

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.

Create With Fibre - 12.30 pm, York Room.

English Conversation Class - 4 - 6 pm.

Youth Orchestra - 6 pm, Parish Hall.

### **Saturday 1 October**

Card Making Group - 9 am - 4 pm, Parish Hall

**Please save your stamps for missions.**

### **Next Week's Readings:**

Lamentations 1: 1-6

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10



**Plant Sale**  
**Saturday**  
**15 Oct**  
**9 am**  
**Parish Hall**

There will be a wonderful array of plants for you to purchase. Bring your friends along too.



**October Gateway - will be in church for delivery next Sunday 2 October.**

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. *Henry Van Dyke*