

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 & 9.30 am Holy Communion

Readings:

Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Luke 14.1, 7-14



Sentence:

Sing out with joy to God our strength: shout in triumph to the God of Jacob. (*Psalms 81.1*)

Collect:

Caring God, help us to see:
to see what is eternally good and true,
and having seen, to go on searching
until we come to the joys of heaven;
for the glory of your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning
tea will
be
served
after all
services.

Post Communion Sentence:

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (*Hebrews 13.16*)

Good News Club Theme: *In Your Place: What Place?*

Prayer Focus - please pray

- * Giving thanks for the beginning of spring.
- * For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Ryan Holley, Stanley Woods, Barbara Clarke, Fred Chung, Matt Melchert, Craig Anthony, Ashley Legat, Iris Vallender.
- * For support for all fundraising towards the restoration of St. Peter's Church.
- * For rest home residents.
- * For Religious Orders of the province.
- * For Anglican Care Trust Board; Family & Community; Anglican Care, South Canterbury; Diocesan Synod.

Mission News

Our Mission Table next week will be for St. Christopher's Home in Fiji. Also remember to fill the shoeboxes as these are for Fijian children as well.

....Irene

Garden of Remembrance - St. Peter's Graveyard

Plots are available for purchase - \$900 for plot and plaque. Please phone the office - 348.5653.

Coming Up

Spring Service -
11 September
Garage Sale - 24 September
Animal Service - 9 October
Race Day - 22 October
Plant Sale - 15 October



is available
in the porch.

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

28 August 2016, Ordinary Sunday XXII
THE YEAR OF GROWING

From our Vicar....



One of the games that we have all played and that we teach our children is musical chairs. In case you haven't played it, or it's been a long time, the idea is simple. There is a circle of chairs usually back to back and the players walk around it. There is one chair too few. When the music stops one person misses out. A chair is removed. The music starts and off you go. Finally only one chair remains and that person is the winner. I used to like playing this as a kid because I was always tall, so it was easy to push another child out of the way!

But what if Jesus was playing this? I'm going to suggest that Jesus' musical chairs would go in reverse. Starting with one chair, a new chair would be added each time, until everyone has a seat, everyone belongs.

Biblical scholars call this radical inclusion of Jesus the 'Messianic Inversion'. It's what he is on about in today's Gospel. "Take the least seat at a banquet, and when you hold a dinner, invite the poor and lame and blind, those who can't pay you back." A community living the Jesus way is very different. Even the children's games start to mess with your head.

...Nick

Sermons are on the web

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Nothing is so beautiful as spring Gerard Manley Hopkins

News in the Parish

Thanks

Seed Raising for Plant Sale - Thank you to all who took seeds etc to raise for the plant sale. They should be planted by the end of August. Please take care to use the seed raising mix outdoors, in a well ventilated space, or wear a mask. Happy growing! ...*Janet Noonan*

Garage Sale 24 September 9.00 am

There is plenty of room in the garage for more saleable goods. We are down there most Friday mornings if you wish to drop goods off. Larger items can be collected - just give us a call. Please remember that we can't sell TVs, video players (and videos), computers, printers, electric blankets (unless brand new), or items that are chipped or broken. Really good stuff we sell on Trade Me at better prices. If you are able to help set up on Thursday 22nd or Friday 23rd and on the Saturday I would like to hear from you. If you ring 357.4204 and get the answer phone, please leave a message. After the notice in the last Gateway I have had just two offers of help. Plenty of room for more offers.*Gwen Guild*.

Kid's Colouring Competition

Kids - did you see the picture to colour in the 'Kids' Corner' in the latest Gateway magazine? Hand your pictures into the office or leave at church and who knows you may get a prize. Extended closing date - - 4 September.



Sunday School

The Methodist Church has invited our Good News Club children to their Sunday School class on Sunday 11 September when we will be celebrating Spring together at their church.

Church Restoration Fundraiser

Our specially engraved pens are proving very popular and supplies are running low. One very good suggestion for anyone wanting to give a small present is to purchase a set of cards and a pen - \$15. They are available from Church, Heather, Fay, David, Jo or Pamela. Do remember the John Brasell prints of the Church (two sizes) are still available for purchase. Now that we have our Case for Support booklet to give to prospective donors it becomes most important to record the names of anyone you think we should approach on one of the slips on our table at the door. *David Winfield (Convenor)*

Keeping Good Company

We were delighted with the turn-out to see our one-act play 'Awaiting Mr. Shaw' last Sunday. The comments to follow were most complimentary and the Church Restoration fund benefited from donations at the door to the tune of \$270. Thank you. This weekend we are at the Regional Finals of Theatrefest in Timaru.

Home Communion is available for the sick or house bound. Please phone the office and we will arrange this.

News Beyond the Parish

Volunteer Gardener - Petersgate is seeking a volunteer to take over the upkeep of their garden. *Please phone Michael on 343.3391 if you are interested in helping.*

Cashmere Conference - What Does the Future Hold 9-11 September (Sent from Theology House)

This conference provides a forum to stimulate discussion about the critical issues for the 21st century. It raises changing dynamics for our culture and how kiwis connect with their faith. At Cashmere Presbyterian Church, Dyers Pass Road. For registration and more information - www.cashmereconference.weebly.com. *Details on the noticeboard.*

Christchurch Transitional Cathedral bring

The Oxfords, Elbows off the Table please - Jo Seagar, A Ceilidh, etc... *See the noticeboard for details.*

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This Week's Diary

Monday 29 August

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

Tuesday 30 August

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 31 August

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10 am, Parish Hall.

Thursday 1 September

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, St. James' Park.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.

Care Bears - 7 pm, York Room.

Friday 2 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.

A Special Outing to Akaroa - 20 November
We are planning a trip to Akaroa by bus and a service in St. Peter's Church there. Please put this date in your diary. There will be details later.

Facebook

Are you viewing our Facebook page? - lots of great photos. As mentioned before, if you don't want your photo or your child's photo to be published, please phone the office.

Next issue of Gateway - please begin to prepare articles.

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 18.1-11

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33



Readers please note - there are two readings each week. If you are rostered to read, please check the Bulletin for these or phone the office

Spring Service

A combined service with the Methodist parishioners at the Upper Riccarton Methodist Church will be held on Sunday 11 September, 10 am to celebrate Spring together.



No 9.30 am service at St. Peter's this day.