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Weekly Services



St Peter's Church

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Good News Club

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

1st & 3rd Sundays

9.30 am Holy
Communion

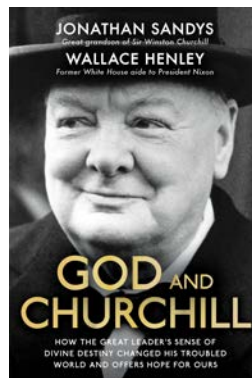


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Book Review



**"GOD AND
CHURCHILL:
How the great
leader's sense of
Divine destiny
changed his
troubled world
and offers hope
for ours"**, by
Jonathan Sandys
(Great-grandson of
Sir Winston
Churchill) and
Wallace Henley
(former White
House aide to
President Nixon);
published 2015.

Emotionally abandoned by both parents despite him trying to tell them how lonely he was as a school boy at Harrow, his nanny, Elizabeth Everest, played a much bigger role in forming his vital foundational beliefs and her perspectives were decidedly Christian. She was the one person to whom he poured out his troubles. They remained friends and confidants until her death. She was a passionate woman of prayer and she taught young Winston well, instilling in him a love for the Bible, which he quoted many times in speeches in later life. He felt a calling to strive for great things, having dreams about where he would be; dreams that were blurred, but the main objective was clear – that the high position he would occupy would fall on him to save the Empire.

This thoroughly interesting and easy to read biography gives insight into how Churchill felt God's presence in many difficult situations as he was guided to safe havens that saved his life. As some of the reviewers write: "What a wonderfully enthusiastic book, written with the insights of a great grandson who ... grasps the spiritual dimensions of Churchill's life and the struggle against the pure evil of Nazi tyranny." "He emerges as anything but ardently religious, but he was more personally aware of his destiny and more biblically literate and attuned to the Christian worldview and civilization than many Christians today." "[They] have artfully woven together the best-known and most obscure pieces of history to present the beautiful and compelling tapestry that is 'God and Churchill'". An absolute must-read.

There is no doubt as prime minister in 1940, Churchill not only saved Britain from defeat but he also saved civilization itself, shaped by the Christian faith. This is a book for Christians as well as for Churchill enthusiasts. It gives hope for the world as we are experiencing it.

Margarat Mahan

Kids Corner

This picture depicts Jesus welcoming the little children according to Matthew 19:14. Add some colours to the picture to make it beautiful.

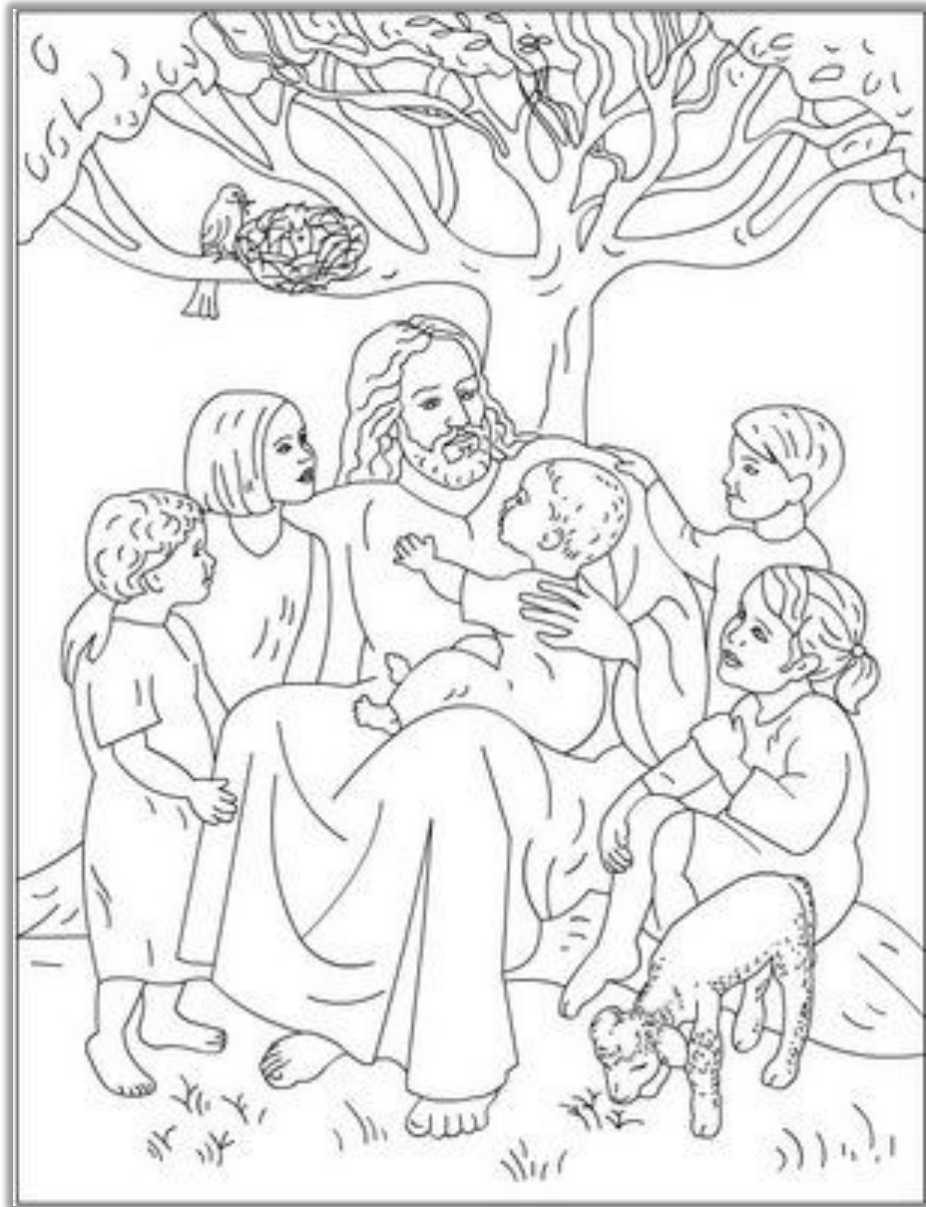


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From the Vicar Rev Nick Mountfort

More often than I want to I go to the testing station in Hornby to get a warrant of fitness for my car. The station has been getting busier and busier. What really impressed me last time was really nothing to do with my warrant at all. It was the attitude of a young woman. It would have been easy to judge her – she had a number of piercings in her face and tattoos on her arms – but what impressed me was the way she cared for a little old lady who had come to renew her licence. Standing in the queue with the old lady, the young woman offered to get a chair for her, allowed her to go in front of her, chatted with her and then held the door for her once she left. There is something very special about people caring for each other, especially when those people don't know each other and when the caring is inter-generation.

One of the really lovely things about our Parish is the intergenerational caring. The older folk take a real interest in what the younger people are up to. Our wonderful young people are so gentle and helpful towards each other and others. I once went to a course where it was stated that "the youth worker in your Parish is the oldest person who takes the young people seriously." Using that measure we have about 43 youth workers!

Jesus always took the young people seriously, or perhaps, respectfully, is a better word. Even though the Disciples tried to stop him, he took the children in his arms, (his culture forbade touching in this way) and he blessed them. And he condemned anyone who denied young ones their full dignity.

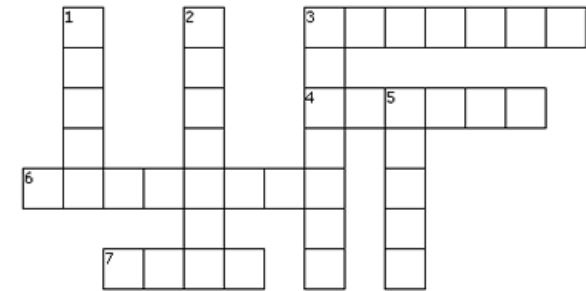
This issue of "gateway" celebrates our work with young people and there's a lot to celebrate.

Family fun

Try to solve this word puzzle with your family. It's a great way to spend a lazy afternoon together.

Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

Notices

Create with Fibre

This group meets most Fridays at 12.30 pm in the York room. Bring along your current creation to work on; any fibre (animal, vegetable or mineral; organic or inorganic) and any way of creating (art, crochet, draw, knit, paint, sew, sketch, spin, stitch, weave or whittle) are welcome. Create for yourself, your loved ones or charity. Cost is \$1 and includes a cuppa.

For more information, please phone **Margaret on 342.7098 or 027 256 8202.**

From the Parish Register

Interments

Margaret Williamson 26/06/16

Peter Williamson 26/06/16

Funeral

Phyllis Giles 07/06/16

Garage Sales

Our next garage sale is Saturday **24th September**. We still have room in the garage for a lot more items, so please start your spring-cleaning early and take advantage of our space to clear your clutter.

If you have goods that you can drop off, we are at the garage most Friday mornings 9.00 am – 12.00 noon. Otherwise, we can collect larger items or items which you are unable to deliver. If you need a hand to get them in to us just give me a call on 357 4204.

Please remember that we can't sell TV's, videos, computers, printers, electric blankets or items that are chipped or broken. It costs us money to dump these items, so please save us the cost and use your own red bin.

Nearer the date, I will ring around asking for help, but if you would like to ring me, that would be even better.

Gwen Guild

The good news club, the youth orchestra, and mainly music. I'm working on a cunning plan to have a youth choir too as we speak. But more important than any one group is that we are all in this together. When one of us grows and learns of their vital part in the family of Christ, each of us grows with them. I think people in this Parish get that. We are in this together, young and old and those a little bit in between.

Holding a baby and baptising them, or seeing a smile on a young one's face as they receive communion, or hearing the trumpet from the youth orchestra, this brings me joy and I know it does you too.

Vicar, Nick



Mainly Music

by Judith Bylett

Mainly Music is a weekly programme for mothers, babies and toddlers to engage in and learn music lessons. We have an average of 20 children. The session runs from 11 am to 12 noon on Tuesdays at the Parish Hall. We have a selection of toys for the children to play with before the session begins, then we sing a variety of songs with actions, rhymes and story, instruments, bean bags, and teddy bears. The children learn motor skills, develop co-ordination and co-operation, interact with other children and adults, and enjoy a variety of music styles. Mothers enjoy the company of others and we finish the sessions with morning tea. We will celebrate our fifth birthday at St. Peter's in August.



News from the AAW Groups



Daytime Fellowship

Our June meeting quest was the Venerable Anne Russell-Brighty from Anglican Elder Care. We heard about the work of the Selwyn Centres, which arose as a result of loneliness and isolation caused by the earthquakes.

In July, we had our annual "soup and rolls" lunch with the added bonus of the Rev David Winfield giving us an update on the fundraising for our rebuild.

August will be an informal meeting and in September Day Dream the Diocesan Overseas and Outreach convenor will be our guest. She is very enthusiastic and well-informed, and will be a very interesting speaker.

Barbara Fleming
Ph 342 8982

Evening Fellowship

On **Wednesday 17th August at 7.30pm in the York Room** we welcome Margaret Lewthwaite who will be speaking about "The Joys and Trials of Being Hostel Parents in Papua-New Guinea." There will be a raffle and supper to finish.

Please remember our dinner out at a local restaurant on 21st September. If you haven't already put your name down, we need you to do this. Let's make this a happy occasion with everyone coming.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 17th. New members are very welcome.

Margaret Mahan
Ph 942 2114
Janice Newnham
Ph 358 6242

The AAWNZ was asked by the NZ Army to make 110 Laundry Bags for NZ soldiers based overseas. Our soldiers were a little jealous of the green and yellow bags the Australian soldiers had, whereas theirs were plain canvas material. The AAW Diocese of Christchurch took up the task.

President Judith Mackenzie sourced suitable material with a Kiwiana theme that was eventually purchased at wholesale cost. The Papanui RSA, responding to former president Raewyn Dawson's appeal for help, generously donated \$1500 to cover the cost of material and haberdashery supplies.



NZ ARMY LAUNDRY BAGS PROJECT

AAW Evening Fellowship News

The material was cut to size, and cord and toggles for the drawstrings, as well as a piece of white fabric for the soldier's name. A note of acknowledgement to the Papanui RSA is included inside the plastic bags used for packing. The Diocesan Committee paid for the woven name tags sewn into the side of each bag to identify the Association of Anglican Women Christchurch who did all the work! People were needed to sew the bags – three of our members, Jean Anthony, Colleen Kidd and Janice Newnham sewed the bags together with members from Belfast/Redwood and Fendalton In-Betweens. Everyone approved of the bright Kiwiana material and we're sure the NZ Army soldiers will appreciate the laundry bags when they receive them.

You can see by this that things go on behind the scenes that most parishioners are unaware of. Thank you Jean, Colleen and Janice.

Margaret Mahan

We have been coming to Mainly Music for nearly 5 years! The children really enjoy the songs and getting involved and dancing. Morning tea is also a big hit! I also appreciate the extra surprises on birthdays, Easter and Christmas.

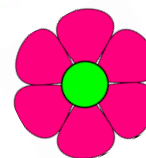


Catherine

WORDS FROM Mums

I have brought my two girls for almost 3 years. They love the different music in each term and the ladies who run it are fabulous and very welcoming. I have really enjoyed getting to know the other mums as well.

Nicky W.




Thank you Mainly Music for giving us a special bonding time outside the house.

Michelle

My little girl grows with a bunch of happy children from Mainly Music and shows up her independence through this special music session.

Maris



Mainly Music has meant so much to me over the years I have been coming. It is a place where you can always be assured of a warm welcome. The lovely MM ladies provide much-needed intergenerational support and are always willing to hold a baby, bring a cup of tea and offer a word of encouragement. There is an attitude of service and love about the place and for young mums, often struggling with just getting out the door, MM is a place where it's okay to sit and take a breather for an hour or so. The parish hall itself has provided a much-needed race track for many a little boy (and girl) and we are especially grateful for the space on a rainy day. It is a programme that has targeted a very real need for mums - the need to get out of the house, the desire to be doing something fun and interactive with your child, and the need to relax with a cuppa and a piece of home-baking. Thank you so very much. The MM ladies may never know how many of us they have deeply touched just by their act of service. Thanks for letting your light shine.

Nicky

We're always gutted if we can't make Mainly Music. We only miss it if one of the kids is sick. The lovely ladies know all the children so well and make us all feel so welcome.



Christy Greenall

Mainly Music not only give children a place to play together, it is also for us "mums" a warm place to have a chat and nice morning tea.

Zoe

have had an association with St. Peter's or who may have a heart for its restoration.

Other projects include:

- a very successful theatre visit, with another one planned for later in the year
- the sale of prints of St. Peter's (in its former glory) by noted local artist John Brasell along with sets of greeting cards (still plenty of all these available).
- specially engraved pens now on sale
- proceeds from the annual book sale and a trivia quiz night

We are grateful for the suggestions from parishioners as to other avenues to follow up (please keep the ideas coming).

It is exciting to anticipate the day we will once again walk into St. Peter's for worship but between now and then we must all make a concerted effort to raise the funds required. I hope we can count on your fullest support.

David Winfield

News from Anglican Missions

Shoebox Gifts

Help build the church overseas by filling a shoebox with gifts. Fill each box with simple gifts for a girl or boy age between 2 - 4, 5 - 9 or 10 - 14. Boxes are available at church and have to be filled by September. The boxes will be given to the children in Fiji on Shoebox Sunday, 30 October.

Papermaking Machine

Anne McCormick (an NZCMS Mission Partner) works in a trauma hospital in Cambodia. She uses a papermaking machine to recycle unwanted materials into useful resources. Many patients get involved in this project and Anne has made a difference in their lives through it. God can do amazing thing with very little and a willing heart.

Church Restoration Fund Raising



Our committee is well underway in responding to the challenge of raising approximately \$2million (in addition to our insurance payout) for the restoration of St. Peter's. We have employed the services of professionals in this field, Barrer and Co, and their advice and involvement is proving significant. Our own team has been fine-tuned and now comprises David Winfield (convenor), Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, and Bob Shearing, with the Vicar and Parish Treasurer being regularly part of conversations.

Work is well advanced in drawing up what is called our Case for Support and this will be a booklet outlining aspects of the parish, the church building itself, the plans for restoration, and ways in which financial donations can be made. A design company are compiling this along with revising the parish website to include our appeal and provide a logo for the project.

We have also been identifying potential donors, national and international, and preparing for applications to major trusts and charities. We would very much appreciate any suggestions from parishioners of the names of people we might approach; particularly of course those who

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Good News Club

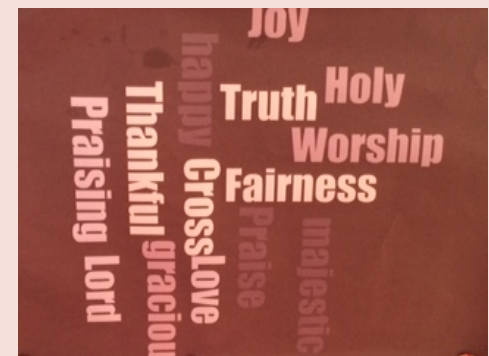
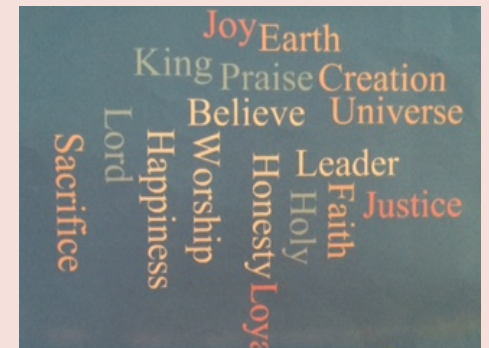
by Fiona Gilmore

This group meets during the 9.30am service on Sundays during the school term. It is aimed at school age children and is held upstairs. We leave the congregation immediately after the vicar's chat and join them again just before communion. This year we have based our programme on a lectionary resource called *Seasons of the Spirit*. Because it reflects the church readings, the themes are intertwined with what is happening in church. This helps the children to see the connection and understand more of what is happening within the church services.

Since our last update at Easter, we have been immersed in Pentecost and what comes after. We have read about the prophets and how we can learn wisdom and justice through their words and actions. We have also learned what it is to be a good neighbour and how our actions, however small, can always have wonderful consequences. Think how you feel when someone

smiles at you! We have been thinking about new ways we can praise God and what it means to belong to his family.

Below is one of our word art images which we created using a word cloud application which expresses some of our feelings.



We also try and do other activities during our time together and sometimes these involve baking, eating, games and other fellowship activities. This term, when we celebrated St. Peter's Day, we thought about what it meant to be part of our family and keeping with our year's theme of growing, we cut out handprints and arranged them to look like a flower. Even though each of us is unique we all meet together to make a family at St. Peters.



Even though our time together each week is not long we do try and spend some time catching up with each other and this enables us to give thanks for our week and time spent with family and friends.

The group is genuinely supportive of each other and enjoy each other's company. We also enjoy playing games, and with the Olympic Games coming up we are going to start each session with a series of challenges issued by two of our group, Oliver Butler and Mackenzie Gilmore. The first challenge involved stacking plastic cups and bouncing a ping pong ball on the floor. It sounds easy, but proved a little difficult. I think our record was 12 cups; see if you can beat it!



We are so lucky at St. Peters to have three parents, Fiona, Ann and Lyn, who share the responsibility of planning and leading the GNC. Anyone is welcome and we would love to see you at any time. Just follow the children out when they leave after the vicar's chat!

Hi, I'm **DENNYS GUILD**. I have been a member of this parish since my wife Gwen and I moved back to Christchurch in 2005 after leaving in 1966, the day after we got married at St James' Riccarton. I have been a professional forester all my life, and my job before retirement last year was Consulting under the name of Guild Forestry, and Forestry Real Estate with PGG Wrightson Real Estate. So my passion is trees...and plants...and things to do with the outdoors and land. I am into foraging (roadside and parkland fruit and nuts and edible mushrooms and toadstools), healthy living – diet and exercise – and making home-made wines and beers. I also have a love and appreciation of the arts, especially (though not limited to) when discovered in nature, heritage, and interesting people. I find St Peter's and St Luke's grounds great places to appease my lust for the beautiful outdoors, where I feel closer to my God than I do in fusty church buildings. I like to share my faith in the company of other like-minded people, and take special delight in our more-or-less regular Friday morning work in the parish grounds with what I call The A Team. Please come and join me and my friends sometime – ring me or just turn up with a smile on your face and a spring in your step.



Hi I'm **SUE CHAPPELL** and I have worshipped at St Luke's and St Peter's all my life. I grew up in Yaldhurst where my parents farmed on the Old West Coast Road. My parents were very much involved in parish life. I have previously served on Vestry for many years as St Luke's representative and now after 6 years off vestry am now St Luke's representative, as I feel it is important for St Luke's to have a voice on Vestry. I work 30 hours per week for the Christchurch West Methodist Parish as their Parish Administrator. In my spare time I enjoy gardening and family time is very important.

St Peter's Vestry Member

We thank God for the work of the vestry members who have been serving God faithfully in their own way. Here is a short introduction of some of them.



I'm **JO**. I'm a semi-retired College Administrator, married to David and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. I'm lucky to have them all in Christchurch. I spend downtime helping out with grandchildren and various leisure activities, including volunteering at the Court Theatre, walking, gardening, and reading. I love my involvement with parish, particularly with the choir and the fellowship activities; also my role as parishioners' warden.

My name is **DANIEL CHIEN**. I'm a chartered professional electrical engineer. Most of my spare time is spent devoted to looking after my two children. I enjoy a round of golf every now and then with friends.



Hi, I'm **FIONA**. I have been a parishioner at St. Peter's for about 8 years now. My son Mackenzie enjoys going to GNC and belonging to the orchestra. I was bought up in an Anglican family and became a lay reader at 16 years of age. I trained as a teacher, taught at the University for many years and am currently finishing off my PhD. I enjoy being involved with the GNC and the worship committee.

Ministry for Young People

Pre-School Group

by *Fiona Gilmore*

At St Peter's we have recently started a pre-school age Sunday group that meets during the service in the York Room, which is right next to where the church services take place. The basis of this group is having fun together and usually the children make something each week that they can take home. The sessions are taken by three of our older students: Sophie Butler, Kathryn Shearing and Abby Meiritz-Reid.

The session usually starts with a fun activity like blowing bubbles, playing with balloons, or playing with play dough. Then we try and do a song together, which involves some

actions and is based on tunes that everyone knows. Noah's Ark song is one of our favourite; you can make up your own verses and actions to go with it.

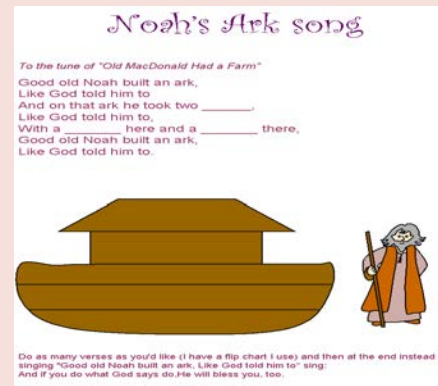
We then usually listen to a story and make something based on it. Last term, we focused on some of the more well-known stories found in the Old Testament, including Noah's Ark. Here are some of the things we made together.



Sometimes, we join in with the bigger children, as it is important to share some fellowship time together. We would love to see any pre-school children and the older students are very good at ensuring that they feel welcomed and safe. Parents are also welcome to stay if they wish!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



http://www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/noah_song4.htm

SPYO – bound by a love for God's music

It's been slightly more than half a year since St Peter's Youth Orchestra was formed. During this short period of time, the SPYO has done well. In addition to playing for Sunday's service, we have had occasions to play outside of St Peter's, for example at the Mid-Winter Service out at St Luke's and for Risingholme Singer's recent 70s-themed concert at Heaton Intermediate Performing Arts Centre. The orchestra at the Risingholme's concert, augmented by some guest musicians, did a fabulous job with many of the sentimental numbers as well as some challenging fast-paced dance music. Our young players, together with their families, enjoyed a fun musical afternoon together as they took many of the members of the audience down a nostalgic memory lane.

The orchestra continues to challenge itself with increasingly technically

demanding pieces so as to improve in their playing and confidence. We are also very glad to see the participation of adults who play alongside the young musicians to support them. At present we have violins, a cello, flutes, a clarinet, guitars and a bass. Occasionally we have a saxophone and trumpet. The orchestra could always do with more players and if you know of other young and not-so-young musicians who would like to play with us, do send them our way, as we aspire to be an all-inclusive group that tries to accommodate all instruments at all levels of playing ability. SPYO rehearses every Friday from 6.00 – 7.30 pm with a short break in between for snacks and drinks. We play for St Peter's 9.30 am service on the fourth Sunday of each month.



NOW THAT'S CHRISTMAS!

After the service, we had a wee supper. The Church Ladies from St Peter's and St Luke's had their usual "battle" to see who could provide the best food, and as always the people were the beneficiaries. The food was plentiful and tasty.

In conclusion, it was a wonderful service. As someone used to Northern Hemisphere Christmases, I found it beautifully nostalgic and meaningful.

I can't help but wonder why these celebrations are not more common – and since it's not known at what time of year Jesus was born it's not inappropriate to celebrate Christmas in June.

All thanks and congratulations to Nick Mountfort, Chen Khin Wee, the Youth Orchestra, the Church Ladies, and everyone else who was involved in this event. Let's do it again!

Matt Melchert



Mid-Winter Christmas Service

On the evening of 17 June we held a "Midwinter Christmas" service at St Luke's Church in Yaldhurst. Celebrating Christmas at this time of year makes sense! A lot of the traditional imagery around Christmas involves winter and cold. This seems quite jarring in the Southern Hemisphere, where we feel more like heading to the beach for a barbie than huddling around the fireplace under a blanket at Christmastime.

Onward. We were greeted at the door by Nick Mountfort, our towering vicar affectionately known as "Big Nick". We gathered in the little church, where our collective body heat soon took the chill off. Big Nick led the service with authority and warmth.



And we sang carols! The St Peter's Youth Orchestra, led by the talented Chen Khin Wee, provided the music. The group, which has been together for about half a year, keeps getting better and better!

There were numerous readings interspersed with the carols. Traditionally, when a reading is finished everyone is supposed to say "Thanks be to God", which is usually ignored. However, our readers were able to stir the congregation to life and join in on the "Thanks be to God", which livened up the event considerably.

Towards the end Big Nick lit a candle and passed the flame through the congregation, who had each been given a candle. We sang the last carol by candlelight



Patronal festivals are always special and this year was no exception.

A large congregation, in the company of Bishop Victoria and invited guest, local MP Megan Woods, were welcomed by Nick and Marcia following the procession of clergy, choir and banner to the joyful hymn "For all the Saints".

An uplifting service followed which included story-time with

Patronal Festival Service

Nick and the children and a wonderful and enlightening ***sermon** by Bishop Victoria that reflected on the strength of Peter and also reminded us that he was the first person to call Jesus the 'Messiah'. Nick had produced a model of a multi-storey building to emphasize the importance of strong foundations - demonstrating with a loud bang what happens when the foundations are removed!

Towards the end of the service, Fiona Gilmore took us through what the children had been doing in Good News Club and writes, 'In order to celebrate St. Peter's Day the children discussed what it is like to be a family and then what it is like to be part of God's family and finally what it is like to be part of God's family at St. Peter's. Because we all have our own unique handprint, we designed a handprint each, but put them together, making a flower and inviting the congregation to do the same.

*See <https://stpeterchurchcorner.wordpress.com> for this

“For we are all unique, but we are St. Peter’s family”

Music also formed part of the worship and the youth orchestra, under the baton of Khin Wee, played beautifully and proved again how popular they are. They also played a delightful piece called “Peace” at the start of communion. Bill Grubb, our Sunday morning musician, played for the service and accompanied the choir and both he and Khin Wee were much appreciated. Added to this, the group from the English Conversation Class, under the leadership of Fay Mangos and Margaret Morton, sang ‘Amazing Grace’ in five languages – English, Japanese, Mandarin, Korean and Bahasa and this was most moving. The group also sang it again before lunch. During lunch several of them ‘performed’ in various ways with guitar accompanied singing. It was heart-warming to see such happy and enthusiastic members.

Earlier, immediately after the service, the choir sang three Christmas Carols – God Rest You

Merry Gentlemen; My True Love Gave To Me; and The Boar’s Head Carol. These were fun to sing and the choir thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Then Judith Bylett sat down at the piano and, with the words on the screen, took us through all sorts of popular songs. This included a tribute to St. Peter’s, cleverly written by her and sung to the tune of “The Hills Are Alive” from The Sound of Music. The words are printed below. It was all great fun.



Time for a welcome lunch with lots of mouth-watering food, including soup and mulled wine.

A really lovely celebration of our much loved Saint Peter.

Our thanks also to Worship Planner, Kathy and Administrator Pamela.

Margaret Kent



To the tune "The Hills are alive"
from The Sound of Music

Our church is alive
With the sound of music,
With hymns we have sung
For a great many years.
The church fills our hearts
With the sound of music
St. Peter's will sing
For years to come.

Haydn Hill always keep us
Up to speed with hymns old and new.
And the choir sings everything
that he tells them to.
'Reverent' Nick will be pleased when
He hears us sing...
If we keep it in tune
We'll sing, you and I,
Like the angels who sing in the sky.

We go to the church
When our hearts are lonely,
We know we will hear
What we've heard before.
Our hearts will be blessed
With the sound of music
And we'll sing once more.
Aaaaaaaamen.

Words by Judith Bylett