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Church Corner and St Luke's Yaldhurst

The Gateway

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The LANGUAGE
that binds us together

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the Feast of St Peter & St Paul

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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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From the Vicar Rev Nick Mountfort

Church a Unique Place

WHEN WE used to go on holiday as a family, Dad always did a jigsaw. We had in the car a big piece of hardboard and he would, over the course of a couple of weeks, fill it with his latest million piece jigsaw. It wasn't really a million pieces, it just felt like it! I can remember the search one day for a little piece of sky that was needed to complete the view of the Matterhorn. As it turned out Mum had sucked it up with the vacuum cleaner.

Coming together as church is a lot like one of Dad's jigsaws. Each of us really matters to complete the picture. Whatever colour you are, whether you are big or small, we each have an important part to play in completing the scene.

I love being the Vicar of St Peter's and St Luke's. One of the things I enjoy about it most is the interactions between the people. Often as Vicar you have to work hard to get people to mix and mingle especially with people, when they don't know each other. But at St Peter's I've been watching people at the peace and over morning tea, and folks make a real effort to talk to people they don't know. They make a real effort to talk to people from other races and also they make a real effort to encourage the younger people. I can't say just how important and encouraging this is to see.

To gather for church is a unique experience in our society. I know of no other place that people of any age, race, or wealth can gather so freely. We gather because our common humanity brings us together. We gather because the love of Christ transcends any human barrier.

This coming month we celebrate our patronal festival, St Peter's Day, on 26 June (St Luke's is later in the year). It's an important day. The Bishop and the local MP are coming and we will have special music and special food. But what will make it most special is you! You are an indispensable part. You fill a you-shaped hole that only you can fill. Church is always something greater than the sum of its parts. Colin Gibson, a Dunedin hymn writer, puts it like this...

*We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.*

*All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon the loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.*



I invite you to come and celebrate even if, like me, you're no good at jigsaws.

Vicar, Nick

Pentecost before Pentecost

WE HAVE just celebrated Pentecost Sunday, and I am sure that we are all grateful to God for giving us a helper, his Holy Spirit, to enable us to be the people He wants us to be.

Recently I have found the history of the day of Pentecost quite interesting and I thought I would share it, for to me it emphasizes that God is working out his big overall plan while at the same time caring about the details of our everyday lives.

We all know that Jesus told his disciples to wait, to stay in the city until they were clothed with power from on high; but there is more to the history of Pentecost than this.

In the law given to Moses three days were declared as festivals: the Passover; the Feast of Weeks (or Firstfruits); and the Feast of Tabernacles. Each one of these days had historical and agricultural significance. (Deut. 16:16).



8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Act 1 : 8

Passover celebrated the exodus from Egypt, when the Jewish nation was liberated from slavery and were enabled to form a new and different nation under God. This day became Good Friday, the day when about 1500 years later Jesus was crucified, the day Jesus paid the price of our sin and set us free to live with him.

The Feast of Tabernacles was at the end of the harvest, a time to thank God for his blessing on their work.

The other festival was that of Pentecost. The word Pentecost means “fifty days” in Greek and Pentecost was fifty days after the Passover. This day was a day to celebrate the first fruits of the new harvest. In the Torah the Jews were told to offer God loaves of bread, made from the grain of the new harvest, or the first fruits of the new harvest. God’s instructions included the directives to be joyful and for all men to present themselves at the sanctuary.

This was a day to thank God for providing the food necessary for life. (Lev. 23:21).

We know that the day that we think of as Pentecost was the day when God sent the Holy Spirit, baptizing the apostles with power to be his witnesses to all people. The Israelites were gathered in Jerusalem because of God's instructions, and the apostles were enabled to speak in the many different languages spoken by the Jews who were from many different nations. All of them heard the apostles declaring the wonders of God in their own language.

The power of the Holy Spirit can easily be seen as the first fruit of our Christian faith. It is the power behind our changed lives. It is the power given to us by God to be God’s people.

Wendy Spragg



Pentecost Sunday Service at St Peter's. "Why did God send the Holy Spirit to us?" was the question asked.

Reaching Out to Our Neighbours

St Peter's English Language Conversation Class

The Upper Riccarton area is now much more culturally diverse and is the home of many migrant groups. An important outreach mission for St Peter's is to provide help with spoken English for adults that have moved to our part of New Zealand from countries where English is not the first language.

A keen group of parishioners and other helpers offer free weekly language classes to support migrants to develop their confidence with spoken English, and to learn about living in New Zealand. We typically have more than 20 students at our classes. Most are from Asia – China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and the Philippines, however all are welcome.

Each class focuses on a topic or theme. These have included:

communicating with
neighbours, shopping,

emergencies, cooking,
gardening, international
day, NZ culture and the four
seasons. Visiting speakers have also helped with classes, e.g. a music teacher, a police liaison officer, a school ESOL teacher, and Jimmy Chen from the Council. We are also very grateful for the active and ongoing support of our Vicar, Nick. With his help we have been able to provide a number of classes on religious topics.



Group singing at year end BBQ 2015

Generally, the class is led by an experienced helper, and activities take place in small groups with a break for afternoon tea (which provides a good opportunity for informal talk). We are always happy to hear from anyone who may be willing to act as a helper in our classes – this would involve talking with a small group of students on a topic organised by the leader. No particular background is required, just a willingness to talk with, and relate to, people from another country. The leaders and helpers often feel that they learn so much from the students. We try to provide an informal, friendly and supportive environment for our classes in which students feel welcome and relaxed.

The class meets each Friday during school terms from 4 to 6 pm in the seminar room at the rear of Petersgate. We are grateful for the



Learning a new song in English

use of this venue. We would also like to thank those who currently lead and help with the classes, and those who provide food for our afternoon teas.

This is an important outreach initiative for St Peters and certainly seems to be meeting a need for our local community. If any parishioners would like further information on the classes, please contact Fay Mangos or Roger Baldwin.

Roger Baldwin

Celebrating the Feast of St Peter and St Paul

THE FEAST of St Peter and St Paul celebrates the lives of two most important disciples in the early church. Both Peter and Paul are credited with spreading Christianity through Europe and many different parts of the Middle East.

St Peter

Peter was originally called Simon. He worked the fishing nets with his father and brother Andrew.

Peter was among the first to be chosen by Jesus to be his close followers. Jesus later named him Peter, which means 'Rock'.

Peter undertook various missionary trips in order to preach about Jesus.

The Feast is celebrated on 29th June. Here are some facts of the saints, which are good reminders of what they have done by their following Jesus.

St Paul

Paul was called Saul. He had been a Pharisee and a tent-maker and had persecuted Christians.

He converted after meeting the Risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. His name was later changed to Paul.

Paul preached in many places and wrote 14 Epistles. He was martyred by being beheaded in Rome.

We could also reflect on these Readings from the Bible on the day of the Feast.

Readings Morning

Ps 17, 113
Isa 49:1 - 6
Acts 11:1 - 18

Readings Evening

Ps 124, 138
Ezek 34:11 - 16
John 21:15 - 22

We will welcome the Bishop and the local MP in joining us for this service.

Mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served after the service.

This will be followed by a delicious luncheon and some entertainment.

Parishioners are invited to bring finer food for a pot luck lunch. This will be supplemented with soup, bread and pizzas by the Committee.

St Peter's Patronal Festival Service

Date: 26 June 2016

Time: 9.30am

Theme: St Peter

How the Arboretum Flourishes

WE HAVE just experienced one of the mildest autumns that I can recall. January started the year in the opposite direction by having well below normal Sunshine Hours (3rd lowest January on record), a little below average for Mean Air Temperature, being 16.6⁰C, and well above average for Rainfall with 95mm being recorded for the month.

However, by February, we started seeing records or near records being set. At 20.7⁰C, the Riccarton weather station scored the highest Mean Air Temperature for February since records began in 1863, and at 26.6⁰C, the highest Mean Maximum Air Temperature for February since records began. And again, at 14.7⁰C, the highest Mean Minimum Air Temperature for February since records began. For Christchurch as a whole, the Mean Temperature of 19.2⁰C was well above average (3rd highest on record), and Rainfall in Christchurch was only 21mm for the month, well below normal.

By March, a trend was beginning, with only 55mm of Rainfall falling, and the second highest March Mean

Air Temperature of 17.3⁰C, and the second highest Mean Maximum Air Temperature of 23.0⁰C. We also scored our 3rd highest March Extreme Daily Maximum Air Temperature of 32.9⁰C

April cemented in a solid line of above-average temperature statistics, and another low month for Rainfall – only 15mm fell for the month. The Mean Maximum Air Temperature was 20.9⁰C, the 2nd highest since records began in 1863.

Even May made a brilliant start, with the first week being quite spectacular weather (sunny, fine and warm) for this time of the year. So what does all this mean for our trees? Well, Max Anderson has been diligent in turning on the watering system for the Priest Walk, and this undoubtedly saved the rhododendrons and camellias from an early grave. But the trees have to make do with whatever ground water they can find. Thank goodness for our gravelly soil, which allows the tree roots to penetrate sufficiently to quench their thirst. The mild autumn also mean the delay in the onset of



Prunus autumnalis in its autumn foliage just before flowering commences

beautiful autumn colours, and intensified those colours when they eventually began to appear. And the absence of strong winds has meant that the leaves have stayed on the trees longer than normal.

And finally, apart from a flurry of fungal activity in March, the fruiting bodies of the 10 species of edible and poisonous mushrooms and toadstools have been very slow to show their heads due to the lack of rain.

Dennys Guild

Garage Sale

WE HAD a great garage sale in February aimed at students returning for another year and needing to set up flats. Our next sale is on **24th September**, and should be a big one. We would love you to bring in all those items that you no longer need. If you need a hand to get them to us just give Gwen 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.

Gwen Guild



Garage Sale on 20 February



We have some special items for sale on a first-come first-served basis. Firstly there are the following watches, all in going order with new batteries – a snip at \$20.00 each.



And another lot of watches at \$20.00 each.
Phone Gwen 357 4204 to try them on.

The 'A Team'

AS YOU know, the grounds and buildings at St Peter's and St Luke's require the efforts of many people to keep them in a manner that we have come to expect. Some of the work is done by paid staff and contractors, but there is a myriad of jobs that pile up and wait for available volunteers to tackle them.

A few years ago we formed a loose group of like-minded people to meet on a more or less regular basis from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon on Fridays to try to keep on top of the work. We called them the "A Team", and they have done some amazing work including (but not limited to)

Painting fences

Building fences

Painting rooves

Preparing window frames for painting Painting window frames

Fixing spouting

Fixing drainage pipes

Water blasting buildings to clean them

Mending gates and fences

Building steps for portacombs

Laying foundations for containers

Weeding gardens

Trimming trees

Cutting hedges

Clearing spoutings

Laying gravel on pathways

Shifting bricks and stone from the earthquake damage

Mending electrical items

Picking up rubbish around the grounds



Time for a break

**A Worthwhile
Contribution**

I could go on – the list is endless. “If you see it needs to be done, then do it” is our motto. We would like to extend our team to include others who might like to help. It’s not just hard work, it’s also fun, and we have no preconceived expectations of people. They can do as much or as little as they want.

If you would like to join us, either just turn up on a Friday morning and do anything you think needs doing, or if you like a more structured event, please give **Dennys Guild** a ring on **357 4204** and he will make sure that you are prepared for whatever we have on the list to do. Furthermore, we would love to have more female company.



Spreading gravel

*“ If you see it needs
to be done, then do it”
is our motto.*

News from Anglican Missions

NICK & TESSA serve in Uganda and are based in Gulu District, a region of about 400, 000 people. Nick initially worked as a volunteer Doctor for Lacor Hospital and is now serving as the Diocese Health Coordinator, while Tessa deals with social and community issues like social justice problems, access to water and problematic alcohol regulations. She works with local churches, action groups and the wider community at large. Both Nick and Tessa believe that they are called to serve God by taking part in what God is doing in the region.

St Peter's Church Restoration

WE ARE pleased to report that planning is well advanced for this major undertaking and we are most grateful that a professional fundraising firm is now working alongside us. The knowledge, experience and networks that Barrer and Co. bring to the task is invaluable and we have to admit that we would be struggling just on our own. Our own parish committee has been streamlined with membership now comprising David Winfield (convenor), Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing, and Sue Sheaf. We have, of course, been working in close conjunction with our Vicar and Parish Treasurer, the Major Projects Committee and the Church Property Trustees.

One of our early projects has been the production of prints and cards reproduced from a painting of St. Peter's (pre-earthquake) by the well-known artist John Brasell. These are available through the Parish Office or at church on any Sunday where Heather Cox from the choir will be pleased to assist you. A2 prints are \$75 and A4 are \$30, while the greeting cards are \$10 for a pack of 5. An extra charge applies if p&p is required.

We can also record a very successful theatre visit to The Court for their recent production of 'Matthew, Mark, Luke and Joanne' which was much enjoyed by the over 100 attending. This provided something over \$2000 for the fund. If you missed it, or would like to attend another, there are plans being considered for a Repertory visit towards the end of the year. Watch this space! Also a Trivia Quiz Night is planned for the end of July: more details in Sunday Bulletins once details are confirmed.

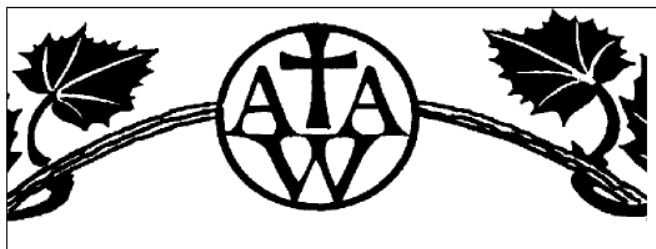
Obviously applications to major trusts and charities will hopefully provide a large boost, with possibly some commercial donations being sought as well. Then we shall be looking to the generosity of individual benefactors and here parishioners may be able to assist. We would welcome any suggestions of names to our prospect list and these can be given to any member of the committee or to the Vicar.

We have also appreciated ideas for projects that have been coming in ...

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By David Winfield

News from the AAW Groups



Daytime Fellowship

So far this year we have been making the most of our fellow parishioners' talents.

In March, Dennis Guild took us on an armchair tour of our trees covering all the seasons.

In April, David Winfield told us about the work of the Enrich Community Chaplaincy Trust and the work it does with the intellectually disabled.

In May, Fay Mangos held our interest for ¾ hour with the wonderful programmes arranged for the English Conversation Classes and our Mainly Music Group.

We are all now much better informed about some of the happenings in our parish.

Barbara Fleming
Ph 342 8982

Evening Fellowship

At our 15th June meeting at 7.30 pm in the York Room, Crystal Munro will talk about her experiences for many years as a Librarian with the Christchurch City Library. We'll have a raffle and supper to finish.

As there are no Remits to discuss this year, we have decided to cancel the July meeting, especially since it's usually a cold night.

The speaker at our 17th August meeting will be **Margaret Lewthwaite** on "The joys and trials of being hostel parents in Papua-New Guinea".

Further information from either Janice Newnham, Secretary (358-6242) or myself (942-2114).

Margaret Mahan
Ph 942 2114

Notices

Plant Sale

Our extended autumn has meant lots of time for dividing and potting plants for our plant sale. Now is the best time as plants are then well-established by October. Don't worry if they look a bit sad during the winter – they will shoot away in spring.

We are in need of small and medium sized pots which can be dropped off at our potting shed or the Parish Office. Bags of long-term potting mix are available in the shed also. Please – no plants in garden soil.

For help or information please call **Jill 3581115** or **Janet 3486473**

Janet Noonan

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and forms are provided for your suggestions on the table inside the hall door or you can email me at davenjo@xtra.co.nz.

We do hope that every parishioner will play a part in the restoration in some way or another.

David Winfield

Grand Parish Book Sale

Time to sort through those bookshelves at home and donate some good quality volumes to our upcoming sale. We are regularly supplied with a good stock and trust this will be the same this time around. Your donations can be dropped off to the Parish Office during the week or brought to church any Sunday.

The sale dates are **Friday 24th** and **Saturday 25th of June** although we will also be looking for helpers to set up on Thursday 23rd (and of course tidy up later on the Saturday afternoon). Lists will be available at church closer to the time for volunteers to put their names down.

If you have any question or would like cartons picked up please contact David or Jo Winfield at 3228723 or davenjo@xtra.co.nz.

We look forward to your generous help with this project. Proceeds, this time, will be directed to the St. Peter's Restoration Appeal.

David & Jo Winfield

Please note St Luke's Representative, Sue Chappell's email address is now suechappell@xnet.co.nz

Family Fun

What a good way to spend time with family by working together through the list of words in this word search puzzle. You will also get to learn the places Paul travelled to during his missionary days. You could get a reward for your effort if you submit the completed puzzle to the Parish Office before 20 June. So get out your pencil and start the fun!

The Missionary Journeys of Paul



ANTIOCH
ATHENS
CAESAREA
CORINTH
DAMASCUS
DELPHI
EPHESUS
FORUM OF APPIUS
ICONIUM

JERUSALEM
LYSTRA
MALTA
MILETUS
PAPHOS
PHILIPPI
PTOLEMAIS
RHODES
ROME

SELEUCIA
SIDON
SMYRNA
SYRACUSE
TARSUS
THESSALONICA
TROAS

<http://www.whenwewordsearch.com>

My name: _____

Kids Corner

This picture depicts Peter receiving the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven from Jesus according to Mathew 16:19. Add colour to the picture and give it to the Parish Office before 20 June. Who knows, you may get a prize for your effort.



Mathew 16: 18-20

...**18**"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. **19**"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." **20**Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

My name: _____

My age: _____

RISEN

A movie review
by Judith Bylett

I recently went to the movies to see the Biblical drama film, **Risen**. I was so impressed that I went again the very next day. It tells the story of a Roman officer who is instructed by Pilate to investigate and find the missing body of the “resurrected” Jewish Messiah.

Joseph Fiennes plays the skeptical officer with great conviction and it is amazing to see the development of his character as he encounters Jesus. The DVD is not yet available but there is one on order for church use....so watch this space....a movie was I pleased not to have missed.

From the Parish Register

Baptism

Jordyn Stacey Lee McDonald Rough	17/03/16
Dakotah Erin Elisabeth McDonald Rough	17/03/16

Funeral

Suzanne Ethel Currie	23/03/16
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NOTICEBOARD

For Your Diary

17 June	Mid-Winter Service at St Luke's
24, 25 June	Book Sale
26 June	St Peter's Patronal Festival Service
10 July	Nurse Maude Service
7 August	Racing Service
24 September	Garage Sale
15 October	Plant Sale
16 October	St Luke's Patronal Festival Service

Coffee And A Chat

Thursday mornings
at 10.00am York Room
St Peter's Church Hall
All Welcome

Coffee \$2 Cake 50c

Next Gateway Closing Date

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Thank You

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