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9 October

Animal Service

15 October

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16 October

St Luke's

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Service

22 October

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22 October

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Heritage Tour

20 November

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Coffee And A Chat

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

Coffee \$2 Cake 50c

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Corner and St Luke's Yaldhurst

The Gateway
Spring 2016

Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.
Song of Songs 2:12

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

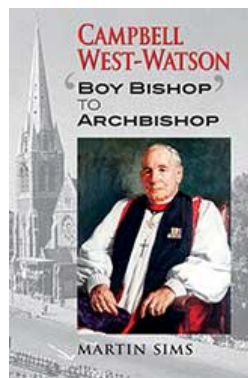


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Book Review



"Campbell West-Watson 'Boy Bishop to Archbishop" by Martin Sims.

This biography of Campbell West-Watson, Bishop of Christchurch (1926-51), Primate and Archbishop of NZ (1940-51) traces his life through his studies at school and Cambridge University, his ordination as an Anglican priest, and several years as a don at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

It continues with his appointment as a bishop of the north of England at the unusually young age of 32, at the time earning him the unkind label of 'Boy Bishop', but he thrived and in 1925, after 16 years in this post, he was invited to become Bishop of Christchurch. He was a good choice, was rapidly accepted and became valued throughout the Christchurch diocese as a hard-working and empathetic "Father in God". He was appointed Primate and Archbishop of NZ in 1940 and went on to lead the church through the Second World war with distinction.

When he retired in 1951, he was the longest-serving bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion and may well have been the only person to have served as a bishop continuously through all three of the most cataclysmic events of the 20th Century – both World Wars and the Great Depression. In addition to other aspects of his ministry, this book deals with W-W's contributions to the Ecumenical Movement as well as his efforts to shift the focus of the church towards its growing role in the Pacific region. Martin Sims, grandson of West-Watson, researched his life for several years, resulting in the award of a Master of Philosophy from Macquarie University, Sydney. He travelled extensively to the places where W-W studied, worked and played, and brings a rounded insight to this remarkable man. A thoroughly enlightening and interesting biography. I'd loved to have met and known him.

Margarat Mahan

Kids Corner

Spring is here! Put some colours in the picture to make it look 'springy'. Give it to the Parish Office before 20 October. Who knows, you may get a prize for your effort.



My name _____ My age _____

The winner for good effort for last edition's colouring page is **Niya Kochakkan**. You can see her work on the church notice board in the Parish Hall.

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From the Vicar Rev Nick Mountfort

A Little Spring Time

Spring is upon us. As I write this just outside the Study window there are stunning daffodils waving their heads back at me. The days are getting longer and the temperatures are warming. Spring is a yearly reminder that no matter how dark and cold our lives might get, God has something better in store for us. As Christians we know this to supremely true in the death and resurrection of Jesus. But we can also find within ourselves that same mystery when we pray. We find within ourselves a love that will not let us go. Albert Camus found that to be true. He wrote

“In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there’s something stronger – something better, pushing right back.”

I wonder what pushes you back. It might be an illness, or a personal struggle. It might be the suffering of others in our world. Or indeed the suffering of the planet itself as it comes under increasing environmental pressure.

Family fun

A joke to break the monotony of your weeks. Thanks to Corin for his contribution of some humor into our lives.

A MODERN CHURCH – The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, “You had a good idea to replace the first four rows of pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It has worked a charm. The front of the church always fills up first now.”

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, “And you told me adding a bit more beat to the music would bring younger people to the church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock ‘n’ roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony.”

“Thank you, Father.” Answered the young priest. “I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth.”

“All of these ideas have been well received,” said the elderly priest.

“But I’m afraid you’ve gone too far with the drive-thru confessional.”

“But, Father,” protested the young priest, “my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!”

“Yes,” replied the elderly priest, “and I appreciate that – but the flashing neon sign, “Toot ‘n’ Tell or Go to Hell” cannot stay on the church roof.”

*Sunday 9th
October 2016*

Animal Service

Time: 9.30 am



Treat your Pets

Bring them
along for a
blessing and a
celebration of
partnership to

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Office

Our Parish and its people stand as a sign of hope to the community. In all we do and say, we are reminding the community that there is a love stronger than any kind of death. That in all our winters, there is an invincible summer.

In this edition of Gateway, you will find many ways to come and celebrate that love and hope. I commend them all to you. Come and celebrate that together we might be a little spring time.

Vicar, Nick

**Sow the seed
of Hope
this Spring**



The Joy in Spring

Recently, I was on a country drive and I enjoyed seeing lambs leaping around in play.

'Leap' is a wonderful word!

In scripture, it always appears in joyous occasions. King David *leapt* and danced when he led the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:16). Elizabeth's baby, John, *leapt* in the womb when Jesus' mother, Mary, brought news of her pregnancy.

When I was a Methodist minister, I always loved special services where hundreds of people would sing the hymn 'O for a thousand tongues'. *'Hear him, ye deaf; his praise ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap ye lame for joy'*.

I've never been a great 'leaper'



and hurdling was the absolute worst of my non-existent athletic skills at school and since I've had a hip replacement and am due for another, leaping is definitely out of the question! But joy comes in many ways.

Notices

PLANT & GARDEN SALE

Saturday, 15 October, is our annual plant sale. Thank you to all who have been preparing plants for us or have donated tools or garden items.

Naming: Please make sure plants are well-labelled, using common names as many people do not know the botanical names. Colour should be stated also.

Presentation: Plants should be tidied for presentation by removing dead leaves & weeds and wiping the outside of pots. If there is a number on the pot (from last year's sale) please would you remove it. Plants should have their last watering 2 days before you drop them off to us.

Delivery: Plants may be dropped off on Thurs 13 Oct, 10am-12 noon and Fri 14 Oct, 9am-12 noon. We will be pricing on Friday afternoon. As we are incredibly busy for the first hour of the sale, we cannot accept items on the day of the sale. If you need someone to collect plants, please ph Janet 3486473 or Jill 3581115.

Garden items: We would be pleased to receive any other garden items e.g. tools, pots, books, stakes, garden furniture, tadpoles etc.

Helpers: We do need extra helpers for Thursday, Friday & Saturday. If you are able to help on any day, please call Janet 3486473 or look for list at church.

We look forward to seeing you there and making this another successful event.

RACEDAY AT RICCARTON PARK SATURDAY 22ND 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 in Church. Any questions please ask me.

Corin Murfitt
021 345804 or 3488625
or corin@murfitt.co.nz



News from the AAW Groups



Daytime Fellowship

Our September meeting had a last minute change of plan when Fay Dearn was unwell but she arranged for our President Judith Mackenzie to take her place.

Our October meeting will be our annual “Stir-Up Wednesday” when we all help make our Christmas Cake .

November is AGM month and we end the year with our festive morning tea in December.

Barbara Fleming
Ph 342 8982

Evening Fellowship

A small number attended the AAW Festival Eucharist at the Transitional Cathedral on

17th Sept – always a great opportunity to catch up with friends from around the diocese. St Margaret’s choir sang at the service. it was lovely to hear their young voices.

Our group enjoyed dinner at “Hoofbeats” at the Racecourse Hotel on 21st Sept.

At our next meeting on 19th Oct we welcome our speaker, Sharon Thompson, who will tell us about her work helping in a Vietnamese orphanage, and how she raises funds for this work. Please remember parishioners are very welcome to come to our meetings, and we would welcome any new members.

For information, please phone
Margaret (942-2114) or
Janice (358-6242).

Leaping and springing – two words with much the same meaning. The very name of the season comes from that experience of leaping forward into new life, new growth, and new beginnings.

William Wordsworth wrote:

*“My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky:
May the leaping we do this Spring be the leap of praise in our hearts as we say
thanks to our creator God for our beautiful world; for our lives; the joys that we
experience day by day and the glory of another Spring.”*

Marcia



From the Parish Register

Interments

Valerie Frances Tansley 20/07/16

Memorial Service

Jan Scheepstra 15/09/16

Funerals

Alida Althuis 25/06/16

Sherwyn John Tasman Baker 29/07/16

June Rose Hay 02/08/16

Winifred Gertrude Hellewell 19/08/16

Mervyn Arthur Cox 02/09/16

St Luke's Church

This year, our St Luke's Patronal Festival Service is due to be held on 16 Oct. St Peter's Church choir will be singing during the service.

As we visit the Church to celebrate the festivity, a little bit of the background and history of St Luke's may give you some light to how this quaint and elegant church came about.

In 1893, half an acre of land on School Road was donated by John Taylor to build St Luke's Church. He also designed the Church to seat seventy people.

On 18 Oct, the Church held its first St Luke's Patronal Festival with consecration and dedication by Churchill Julius, Bishop of Christchurch. On 22 Oct, the Church had its first baptism for Lucy Mayo. Its first wedding was conducted in 1894 for Jane Haskett and Herbert Carleton.

Over the next hundred years, St Luke's underwent some repair works and "makeover" which included three millennium oak tree saplings being planted on South and West boundaries in 2000 and one from Sue Chappell. The bell and stand were refurbished in 2012.

We thank God for the Church and its missions and pray that God will continue to use it for His glory.

Morning tea will be served
after the service.

Parishioners are invited to
bring a picnic lunch and stay on.

Tea, coffee and juice will be provided.

All are welcome.

St Luke's Patronal Festival Service

Date: 16 October 2016

Time: 9.30am

There have also been a few changes in Contract Counsellors, with three departures and three new appointees, maintaining our complement of about 25.

We're now ready to settle down with our new staffing and continue with the business to provide professional affordable counselling, which we do as part of St Mark's outreach mission. We embody the compassion, healing and wholeness which are central to the Christian message.

On behalf of the Petersgate Board of Trustees, Neville Ross, Chairperson.

Volunteer Opportunity at Petersgate

Petersgate Counselling Centre is looking for additional Office Assistant volunteers to help welcome clients and to attend to booking and billing.

Our Office Assistants are for good reason described as the heart and soul of Petersgate; they are usually the first voice people hear when contacting the Centre and are the friendly face that greets our counselling clients and members of the public.

Depending on their other commitments, our Office Assistants are rostered either weekly or fortnightly in four-hour shifts. This effort contributes significantly to the Centre's ability to provide affordable, professional counselling through subsidised fees.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wishing to join a team of dedicated and friendly souls which has been making a real difference in the lives of thousands and thousands of people for over 20 years.

Full training and ongoing support will be provided.

Petersgate is located at 29 Yaldhurst Road, Sockburn. You can find out more about us and the work we do at www.petersgate.org.nz.

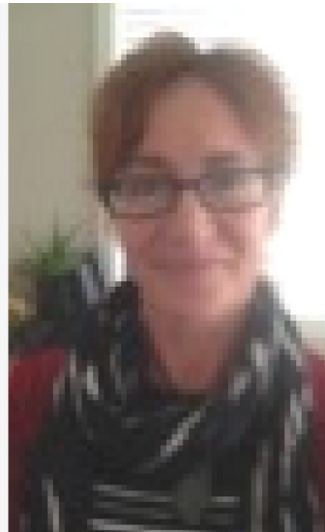
Please contact Jenni (343-3391 or office.supervisor@petersgate.org.nz) if you're interested in becoming a Petersgate Office Assistant, or if you want to find out more about the role.



KAREY MEISNER has recently been appointed as 50% part-time Clinical Manager at Petersgate. He has been a Counsellor with Petersgate since 2003 serving under both previous Directors Struan Duthie and Geoff King, hence knows the organisation and its history very well. It's been a very popular appointment with the Counsellors and everyone involved at Petersgate. He has taken over Geoff's responsibility for the Clinical management and is also very well-qualified as a professional counsellor with degrees to Doctorate level.



MICHAEL HERMAN has been appointed as full-time General Manager. Michael joined Petersgate as Manager in 2014. He has wide experience in management and fundraising in the not-for-profit and commercial sectors here and in South Africa. Michael is a family man with children at school and has given sterling service to Petersgate, often beyond the "call of duty". We're very fortunate to have retained him. He has taken over Geoff's administrative management responsibilities.



JENNI JACKSON has been appointed as our part-time Office Supervisor. She has extensive experience in administration, health and safety and the not-for-profit sector, specifically the design and implementation of office systems and coaching paid and volunteer staff. Jenni was raised in Christchurch and she and her husband have three growing children who still live at home. *"I received such a warm, inviting welcome at Petersgate that I felt at ease straight away"*.

Riccarton Parish Quarterly Record

NEW SERIES—No 3

SEPTEMBER, 1909.

GRATIS

St. Peter's, Riccarton.

St. Luke's, Yaldhurst.



Vicar : Rev. C. S. Bowden.

Lay Reader : Mr. A. Freeman.

Wardens : Vicar's, Mr. H. English ; People's, Mr. A. Freeman.

Parochial Nominators :

The Hon. C. C. Rowen,
Messrs. Freeman, English and Brake.

Organists :

St. Peter's—Mr. W. Lunn.
St. Luke's—Miss R. Chisnall.

Superintendents of Sunday
Schools :

St. Peter's (Morning)—Miss L. Bowen.
" (Afternoon)—Miss Cotton.
St. Luke's—Mrs. Johnston.

Verger :

Mr. H. Fletcher.

ST. PETER'S.

Sunday Services :

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., except on 4th Sunday. On 4th Sunday (and 2nd Sunday also) after Matins.

Matins, 11 a.m. ; Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

All seats free and unappropriated.

Morning Prayer daily, 9.15 a.m.

Evening Prayer and Address, Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Communion, Holy Days, 8 a.m.

Sunday School, 10 a.m., 2.30 p.m.

Holy Baptism, any day. Notice must be given.

Senior Boys' Bible Class (Mrs. Morton)
Vicarage, 2nd Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Senior Girls' Bible Class (Vicar). Vicarage, 4th Sunday, 2.45 p.m.

Preparation Class for Holy Communion for Boys confirmed, last Saturday of month, 7.30 p.m., Vicarage.

Choir Practice, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Teachers' Preparation Class, Friday, at 8.10 p.m.

St Barnabas' Association meets quarterly (notice given). Sec., Miss Macintosh.

Mothers' Union, 2nd Friday in March, June, Sept., Dec. Sec., Mrs. Morton.

Vestry Meeting, 1st Monday in month, Vicarage, 8 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S, YALDHURST.

Holy Communion, 4th Sunday, at 8 a.m.

Evensong every Sunday, except 4th, at 3 p.m.

Sunday School, 2 p.m.

Riccarton Parish Quarterly Record.

Riccarton Vicarage.

QUARTERLY LETTER.

Our Festival season was this year a very sad one. On St. Peter's Day itself, Mrs. R. J. Scott, Mr. Macintosh, and Mr. F. Johnston (Yaldhurst) were all laid to rest in God's acre. What Riccarton owes to Mrs. Scott's work and life and example needs no telling. It is known to all. In her case the words of our Liturgy have their fullest meaning: "We bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear." We bless God, too, for Mr. Macintosh's essential kindness of heart; and Frederick Johnston's pure life and example of patient, brave struggle against almost life-long physical weakness. Such lives are not lived in vain. The bereaved have our very deepest sympathy.

As to our Festival services on St. Peter's Day, and the Sunday following, they can only be called very disappointing. Less than a dozen communicants at the two Celebrations on St. Peter's Day; a mere handful at Evensong, when Mr. Gaggitt preached; only nineteen communicants on the Sunday in the octave, and this after a special appeal on the previous Sunday to make the Festival a great day of intercession for the parish. What can we say of this? I know the heavy rain absolutely prevented many at a distance. I know some actually started and were driven back by the boisterous weather. This must not be forgotten; but it does not explain everything. At the evening service on Sunday, when the Bishop preached a magnificent sermon, the congregation was good—not startlingly so. Having said all this, I must nevertheless add that I have good reasons for believing we all intend, be the weather wet or fine, to do much better next year.

The S.B.A. meeting, on June 2nd, was well attended. Sister Kate's address was most interesting, and the collection (for women's work in the Islands), £1 12s., was satisfactory. There was also a good gathering on June 11th, at the Mothers' Union meeting, and Mrs. Corfe's address was, as always, much appreciated.

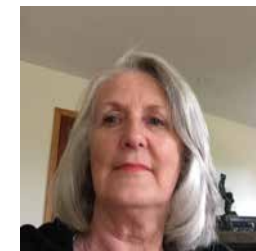
We hope within a few days to have amended plans and tenders for St. Peter's new schoolroom. The vestry decided to desist from canvassing for subscriptions until actual estimated cost was known. Then a vigorous canvas will be made to obtain the £150 or so still required. I have no doubt that this canvas will be successful. From those already asked so far, I have not only had no refusals, but most liberal and willing responses. Want of space prevents me publishing in the "Record" amounts promised or received. They will, of course, appear in the Annual Report. But I must mention the good example set to our Sunday school children by the Misses Alwyth and Rita Fletcher. They each presented me with 2/6 saved up in their money boxes.

The cassocks and surplices at St. Peter's sadly need repairing. Would some ladies of the congregation volunteer to form a Working Bee to mend them?

Confirmation classes will be started shortly. Would intending candidates or their parents give me in their names as soon as possible. Special arrangements will be made for adults or those unable to attend classes regularly. There are, I think, a good many adults unconfirmed in Riccarton. Apart from the spiritual blessing to themselves, it is quite impossible to over-estimate the value of the example to the younger ones, when they see the older ones openly professing their faith. I hope no one now looks upon Confirmation as setting up to be righteous, or any nonsense of that sort.

Miss Bannard and Miss L. Carleton have joined St. Peter's Sunday school staff. Jack Atkins has been admitted a member of the

Hi, I am **Pamela Galbraith**. I've been a member of the Parish for about 7 years and was elected to Vestry this year. I was the Diocesan Manager for Christchurch Diocese until I retired in 2015. Recently I was appointed to chair the Major Projects Committee for the Parish, primarily concerned with re-building St Peter's Church.



My interests are wide including music, art, travel, reading and walking - ranging from the Routeburn Track to chasing Pokemon in the St Peter's Churchyard! I also take a keen interest in social justice issues and young people.

Hi, I am **Bobbity Murfitt** and have been a parishioner since marrying Corin in 1972 at First Church, Dunedin. All our four children have been baptised at St Peter's and our two daughters married in our beautiful Church.



St Peter's is a very important part of my life and I've made many wonderful friends.

I am still working with Corin part time. Four of our six grandchildren are in Christchurch and it is really special to spend time with them and to make special memories. I also enjoy the odd coffee with friends!!!! Gardening and golf, especially when I don't stand too close to the ball after I have hit it, are my hobbies. I am an active Inner Wheeler at Riccarton.

It is a privilege to be one of the Synods' representatives for the Parish.

St Peter's Vestry Member

Our vestry members have done some marvelous job in keeping the church ahead of time and connecting St Peter's with the community. Let's meet some of them here.



Hi, I'm **Sue Robb**. I have been a parishioner at St Peter's for about 10 years now. I was brought up in an Anglican family and have always been involved in parish activities. My main interest is in church music and so I have sung in parish choirs for at least 40 years. I have been married to John for 46 years and we have two children and two small grandchildren, one of whom we look after regularly. I work part-time as a community pharmacist and in any spare time I like to enjoy music and meet and walk with friends.



Corin Murfitt was baptised at St Peter's by Archdeacon Holland in 1944. He attended Sunday School, Bible Class at St Peter's and sang in the choir through to his earlier years at Christchurch Boys' High School. Whilst at University he attended All Saints, Palmerston North, and became a regular worshipper again in this Parish with Bobbity after the baptism of their two sons (Phillip and Gareth) and two daughters (Joanna and Georgina). Corin believes attending worship should also be a fun thing. He has been on Vestry for many years and has served as Vicar's Warden for four incumbents. For 15 years he chaired the Diocesan Finance and Audit Committee whilst on Standing Committee and is now a Church Property Trustee.

His interests are music (played the violin until he broke a thumb boxing), gardening, golf and Rotary and, of course, six grandchildren.

Corin now nears retirement from his profession as a veterinarian specializing in horses. Obviously he enjoys horse racing!

choir. W. Hardy and C. Hodgkinson have been appointed Sunday school librarians.

Much sympathy was felt with Mrs. Caukwell and her family in their sad bereavement. Mr. Caukwell was not a member of our church, but during the short time he had been resident in Riccarton had won the respect of all denominations. Mr. Horler, an old and respected Riccarton resident, passed away this month; also Mr. R. M. Morten, of Hornby, one of Canterbury's oldest settlers.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

a. Quarterly meeting of Mothers' Union Friday, September 10th, at 2.30 p.m., address, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

b. Quarterly meeting St. Barnabas Association, Wednesday, September 22nd, 8 p.m., Schoolroom, address on Chatham Island work, by Rev. J. de B. Galwey; collection for Maori Mission; lantern views. This is not a Sunday school entertainment for children, but a lecture to adults. Older children, members of Bible Classes, etc., are, of course, cordially welcome.

ST. LUKE'S, YALDHURST.

I have already spoken of Mr. F. Johnston's home call. He was a regular worshipper and communicant at our little church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, too, we offer our sincere sympathy in the loss of their little child.

A very pleasant wedding took place at St. Luke's on July 1st—that of Mr. Ernest Thompson and Miss Maude Chisnall. In recognition of the bride's valuable services as Sunday school teacher, parents and friends presented her with a very pretty enamelled pendant. Our best wishes go with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson in their new home—I regret to say, situated just outside the parish.

A committee has been formed at Yaldhurst. Church officers: Messrs. Johnston (sec), and Taylor; committee: Messrs. Chisnall, Bowler, Candy, and A. Johnston. This is a really good move. One meeting has already been held. The next is on Tuesday, August 31st, 7.30 p.m., library.

The Archdeacon of Christchurch paid St. Luke's an official visit on June 7th. He professed himself well satisfied. His suggestions as to dealing with the ivy, which seriously threatens the habilet of the church, will have to be considered at our next meeting.

Once more I must express my thankfulness for the great improvement in church attendance at St. Luke's.

BAPTISMS.

June 3rd: John Owens Morten Anderson, Alice Rowena Muriel Saunders; June 13: George Angus William Mugford; June 27: Elsie May Percy; August 5: Edward Mulcock; August 22: Emily Elizabeth McDowell, Maisie Victoria Chapman, Hazel Maude Palmer.

MARRIAGES.

(St. Luke's)—July 1: Ernest Claude Thompson and Maude Constance Chisnall.

FUNERALS.

June 1: Emma Lunn; June 25: Dorothy Spencer; June 29: Gertrude Elizabeth Scott, Ann Huxworth, James Macintosh, 75; June 29 (Y): Frederick Johnston, 31; July 10: John Horler, 65; July 15: James William Caukwell; July 27: Dorothy Elinor George; August 23: Richard May Morten, 86.

OFFERTORIES, ETC.

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St. Luke's	..	0	8 2
Church Mission Fund (St. Peter's)	..	4	0 10
" (St. Luke's)	..	0	9 6
Melanesian Mission.—Sister Kate's lecture, £1 12s; money boxes, Miss G. English 5/5, Jack Bowden 7/-; Church box 13/2.			
Sick and Needy Fund.—"In Memoriam," £1 1s; Church box 5/2.			
Record Fund.—10/-.			



Progress continues steadily towards our goal and we are grateful for the contributions that many of you have made in a variety of ways. One major achievement has been the production of our Case for Support brochure which is now available. If you have someone in mind who could contribute to the cause, please pass on one of these booklets.

As previously mentioned, we have been identifying potential donors, national and international, and preparing for applications to major trusts and charities. But we would very much appreciate any suggestions from

parishioners of the names of people we might approach (wherever they might be); particularly, of course, those who have had an association with St. Peter's or who may have a heart for its restoration.

The other major task now well in hand is the revision of the parish website on which our appeal details will be included of course. This will be a considerable asset in terms of promoting our church to a wider audience.

Still available are the prints of St. Peter's by noted local artist John Brasell, sets of greeting cards, and engraved pens. Coming up is another theatre visit (and look out for a familiar face in the cast) advertised separately.

Please feel free to speak to any member of the committee on any aspect of the project, we would love to hear from you.

David Winfield (convenor), Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing, Annette Mildon



But of course there are myriad smaller jobs, such as the Parish Garden and Orchard, and the Priest's Walk to keep in shape. Others still to do are the Memorial Seats to stain with linseed oil, drains to relay or to get operational again, and maintenance to carry out on the six houses, four garages and two halls in our care. This work will increase when Anglican Care moves to new premises, as we have been putting off some work while the buildings have been occupied.

If you feel you would like to join in the fun, sweat and morning teas on a Friday morning, just ring Dennys (357 4204), or simply come along any time from 9.00am. All welcome, both male and female.

Dennys Guild

The “A Team” – it’s all FUN. The work is incidental

It’s All About Developing New Friendships – The Work is Incidental.

Since the "A Team" started with 4 people who wanted to make a difference in the Parish, we have developed a strong bond that

Glebe. Even then, we didn't have everyone who has turned up to our meetings in the past.

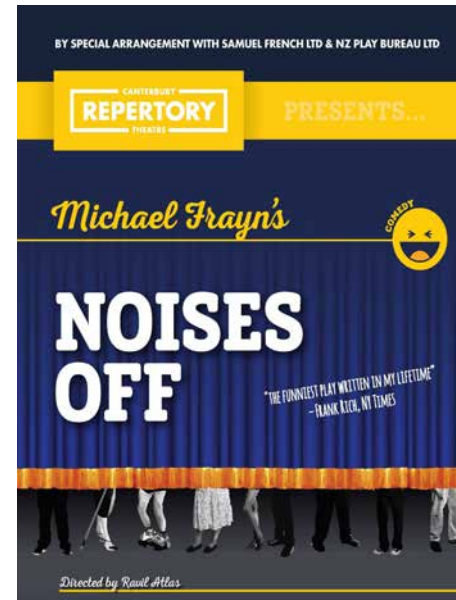
The work is many and varied. Recently we have completed some pretty amazing projects, from replacing the unstable



has attracted others to join us. At our meeting last Friday, we had 11 people helping us feed a large hired chipper as we chewed through two years of accumulated branches that had been taking up a considerable amount of space on the

block wall behind the compost bins with a corrugated iron fence, to spreading, compacting and raking some 28 tonnes of gravel and chip to form a ramp and drive to the new double garage at Shirley and Gary Hawke's residence at 27 Yaldhurst Road.

Another Restoration Fundraising theatre visit



A repertory production of Michael Frayn's hilarious and ever-popular on-stage/backstage comedy *'Noises Off'*. Director Ravil 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.

7.30PM SAT 19 NOV

In the Elmwood Auditorium on Aikmans Road

Winner! The 1982 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Play

Winner! The 1982 London Evening Standard Award for Best Comedy

"The most dexterously realized comedy ever about putting on a comedy. A spectacularly funny, peerless backstage farce. This dizzy, well-known romp is festival of delirium." - The New York Times

Seating Limited

\$40 a ticket includes complimentary drink & nibbles. Make your reservations now at the Parish Office or with David & Jo Winfield.

Keeping Good company

Our theatrical endeavours continue and recently saw our one-act play *'Awaiting Mr. Shaw'* entered in the national Theatrefest competition. While not included in the finals we did manage to gather some positive achievements along the way including:

- best production of a NZ play at the local competition
- invited to perform in the regionals
- three cast members receiving Excellence in Acting awards
- the script winning the national Playwriting Award

So well done to all involved.

When we came to St Peter's, we were newcomers to the west of Christchurch. Over in the east, we had been involved in a large charismatic church where we had made a few good friends. We could see that the vast majority of people in this church had a vibrant, deep Christian faith, our faith was well supported.

However, we didn't feel comfortable with some of the elements in their expression of this faith. Their music wasn't our type of music and also in their zealously to evangelise and express the basics of their faith we felt condemned. So meantime, we wanted to allow our differences in the details of our faith. We wanted to be open to different points of view. Our God was a much softer, loving and generous God than the one they presented with their rules and regulations. At times, we would even admit to not knowing who was "in" and "out", or "wrong" and "right", we understood God and God's world as much bigger and broader than human understanding.

When we arrived at this church, we had been in various leadership roles both in the community and in church life. We had both leadership skills as well as experience. And yet, any offers to help or opinions offered were rejected. We hadn't been a part of their fellowship since day number one! We weren't to be trusted!

We were relegated to the edge of the fellowship, and were always aware of our differentness.

Coming to St Peter's, we were a little anxious. Did these people have a true, vibrant faith? Were we going to be accepted? Were our viewpoints or any of our differences going to be acceptable, or would we be left as unacceptable? Was the faith of these people a soft, loving faith, or would we once again feel ourselves grated on the hard rules and regulations of rigid beliefs?

We were excited and pleased. We feel accepted. Not only do these people want us as the people we are, they are interested in us. Observing the life of this church we see the contributions of the able and the less able being valued and accepted. We can express our faith and offer our skills knowing that we are welcome to work together with the people of St Peter's for the extension of God's Kingdom.

It is a joy to relax and to grow in faith in this fellowship.

On reflection, I wonder if the differences between these churches are simply a function of size. I think not. The hearts of the people of St Peter's are very accepting.

Wendy Spragg

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