

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8 am Holy Communion Service

9.30 am Carol Service



Readings for 8 am service

Isaiah 35.1-10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Sentence:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. You, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name. (Luke 1.47, 49)

Collect:

God of our longing,
to live as your people
is to promote justice and peace:
grant us, who live in eager expectation, genuine caring
and depth of commitment to the way of love; this we
ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

Happy is the one who depends on God, creator of the
heavens, earth and sea, and all that is in them.
(Psalm 146.5-6)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- * For the family and friends of Fred and Irene Chung - Fred's father has died.
- * For the family and friends of the late Harry Bowley.
- * For the family and friends of the late Brian Laffey. (Olga Holloway's brother)
- * For all those affected by recent earthquakes - Kaikoura, Indonesia, Solomons.
- * For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Ryan Holley, Craig Anthony, Ashley Legat, June Woods, Keith Spragg, Michael Hawke, Phyllis Hay, Alec Nelson, Estelle Laugesen, Takeshi Hasegawa, June Flint, Sunita Rai, Bill Fleming, Leigh Craythorne.
- * For support for all fundraising towards the restoration of St. Peter's Church.
- * The Diocese of Wellington - The Rt. Rev. Justin Duckworth. The Parish of Sumner-Redcliffs. Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy. Alcoholics Anonymous and Drug Addiction Services. Fresh Expressions.

Mission News

Our Mission Table last week raised a fantastic \$621.90 for the CWS Christmas Appeal - "Give Us Hope".

Your gift this Christmas will give poor and vulnerable people food, education and dignity.

Our tables for the year raised \$3,878.60 Thank you for the wonderful support.

The first table for 2017 will be held on 5th Feb.

This Sunday we will have some lemon honey and other perishables for sale for Missions - just make an offer.

Thanks....Irene Coman.

Awesome work Irene & Peter! ...Nick.

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

Sunday 11 December 2016

THE YEAR OF GROWING

Advent III



*From our Deacon Assistant,
John*



A few weeks back, Yaeko, my wife, asked me to pick up our children from school. Joe is 9 and goes to Diamond Harbour School; and Caeli, 4, goes to kindy on the same site.

There were a few granddads there to pick up their grandchildren too.

One of the granddads turned to me and asked: "Picking up the grandkids then?" I replied with a laugh: "No, they are actually my children." Having married late in life, I get comments like this a lot.

Another thing I am doing later in life is pursuing a vocation as an Anglican priest.

This year in February, I was ordained a deacon; and last week I arrived with my family at St Peter's to begin training that, hopefully, will lead to ordination.

Sometimes, because I am older and wear a dog collar people think I am already a vicar - a bit like being confused as a granddad.

One day, I really hope I will have grandchildren. And one day, with your help and patience, I hope I will become more and more the person Christ has called me to be.

.....John

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www.stpeterchurchcorner.wordpress.com

News in the Parish

Christmas celebration on the lawn today

After the 9.30 am carol service we will have some lemonade and sherry we have provided and some Christmas cake and mince pies that you have brought along to share. All welcome.

Gateway Magazine

Magazines are ready for delivery. If you are not on a delivery list - do take a copy from the table.

A very big Thank You to Academy Funeral Services, 65 Main South Road, who have very kindly printed this in colour for us.

Christmas Card Flyer

Also for delivery are our red Christmas card flyers. Please take a bundle and have a stroll. Mark the list with the streets you deliver to. Thank you.

The Rev. Marcia Hardy

We give thanks for Marcia's time with us and pray for her and John as they make a move South. If you would like to give something towards a gift for Marcia please put this in an envelope, marked "Marcia's gift", and put on the offertory plate or hand into the office.

Coffee & Chat

Coffee & Chat will be holding their last café for the year on Thursday 15 December, beginning at 10 am until noon. The café will begin again on 19 January. **A great big thank you to Helen Easterbrook** who is the Manager/Co-Ordinator of this very important outreach in our community.

Church Restoration Fundraiser

As Christmas approaches it is a good time to remind you of the ideal gifts associated with John Brasell's print of St. Peter's. A2 print (\$75), A4 print (\$30) and cards (pack of 5 \$10). For orders or further information speak to David or Jo Winfield, Heather Cox or Pamela in the Office.*David Winfield (Convenor)*

Two Requests from the Care Bears (the Parish Pastoral Care Team). Can you please let the office know if you are aware of people who have been missing from worship for more than a couple of weeks. Sometimes we miss people who are unwell.

Secondly if you would like to be checked on in the event of a disaster, e.g. an earthquake, can you please let the office know. Again we want to be able to check on those who are most vulnerable.

Operation Christmas Child

"Target Reached - In 2014 the South Island filled 6,000 boxes; in 2015 - 7,200 and this year 8,817. A special thank you to you all for helping achieve this. Absolutely fantastic. Please pray that the children who receive them will not only receive joy in a gift but find hope in the gospel story."

Philip Haussmann, South Island Regional Manager.

Resthome Services

There will be no Resthome services during January.



News Beyond the Parish

Bible Reading Marathon - Transitional Cathedral

Beginning on 28 December at 10 am through to Sunday 31 December. It will begin with the book of Genesis through to the book of Revelation - reading day and night.

All welcome. There is online booking at www.shekinah.org.nz and individuals/groups can sign up for one or more 'blocks' of 15 minutes each.

Contact Samuel & Victoria on matt18-0@maxnet.co.nz.

Carols at Riccarton Bush - Tonight 11 Dec, 6.30 pm

Music by Addington Brass.

Carols at Crosbie Park - 18 Dec, 6.30 - 8 pm.

This Week's Diary

Monday 12 December

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain
Sharing & Caring - 10 am, 111a Yaldhurst Rd.

Tuesday 13 December

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.
Staff Meeting - 9 am York Room.
Exercise Class - 9.30 am - last for year.
Homestead Service - 11 am.
Mainly Music - 11 am - last for year.
Mayfair Service - 3 pm.
Home Study - at Spraggs, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 14 December

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.
Holy Communion - 10 am, Parish Hall.

Thursday 15 December

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.
Walking Group - 9.30 am, St. James Park.
Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room - last one for year.
Care Bears - 7 pm, York Room - last one for year.

Friday 16 December

St. Allisa Service - 10.30 am.
Create With Fibre - 12.30 pm, York Room.

Beautiful Christmas cards are available for purchase from the table in the hall. \$5 a pack of 5. Kindly made by Judith Bylett with the proceeds going to our Restoration Fund.

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
Sunday -
Carol Service
at St. Luke's
9.30 am
and at
St. Peter's
the
Remembrance
Service
7.00 pm
Bring a
flower to
remember
those you
loved.

Christmas Cards



Cat Minding

Helen and Matt Melchert need someone to look after their two cats until 4 Jan - at their house, feeding 1-2 times a day. If you are interested, please phone 022 050 3671.

Next Week's

Readings:

Isaiah 7.10-16
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-25