

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

Today we welcome to our Parish The Rev. John McLister and his family.

8 am & 9.30 am Holy Communion & Blessing of the Crib



Readings:

Isaiah 2.1-5
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44

Sentence:

They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21.27-28)

Collect:

God of time and space,
heaven and earth will pass away,
but your word stands for ever:
help us to be ready for your reign,
so that when Christ comes
we may be alert
and active in your service;
through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

Come, let us walk in the light God gives. (Isaiah 2.5b)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- *We give thanks for the ministry of Matt Melchert who is looking after the Youth Orchestra.
- * For a new Youth Orchestra Director.
- * For all those affected by the recent earthquakes; especially those in Kaikoura and surrounding district.
- * For the family and friends of the late Harry Bowley.
- * For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Ryan Holley, Craig Anthony, Ashley Legat, June Woods, Keith Spragg, Michael Hawke, Elizabeth Goodwin, Phyllis Hay, Alec Nelson, Estelle Laugesen, Takeshi Hasegawa, Crystal & Stuart Munro, June Flint.
- * For support for all fundraising towards the restoration of St. Peter's Church.
- * The parish of Ross and South Westland.

Mission News

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5. This passage leads to our CWS Appeal for 2016 "Give us hope".

Our Mission Table next week is for this Appeal. Your gift this Christmas will give poor and vulnerable people food, education and dignity.Irene

**Sermons are
on the web**



is available
in the porch.

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

Sunday 27 November 2016
THE YEAR OF GROWING

Advent 1



From our Priest Assistant Marcia

Sometimes the Christmas season feels like an approaching disaster.

There's the annual landslide of junk mail and a flood of adverts in the paper and on TV insisting that giving expensive presents will buy us love and happiness.

Every charity we've ever heard of, and some we haven't, attempts to tug at our heartstrings and open our purses, so we add guilt that we can't help them all to the other pressures to spend.

December can also be a worrying time, as we strive for the perfect Christmas celebration, or try to meet the needs of a diverse family, across several generations, scattered throughout the country.

For those who are lonely, troubled, experiencing financial worries, or living in dysfunctional, or abusive families, this can be the most dreaded season.

In the midst of all this chaos, it's easy to miss out on this special season of Advent, and arrive at Christmas rushed, jangled and exhausted.

So, this year let's make space amidst all the busyness to prepare our own hearts and lives for the coming of Christ. Let's focus on the hope, peace, joy and love which Advent brings.

Let's find time for stillness, enabling us to find and re-find the God who longs to be in relationship with us.

A special time and place to do this will be at the four Advent Sunday evenings at St Luke's when we will be joining in Night Prayer, starting tonight at 5 pm.

....Marcia



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News in the Parish

A Big 'Thank You' to Edwin and Essie Boyce for decorating the church for Christmas.

TODAY - We have at 3 pm in the Parish Hall -
The Launch of our Fundraising Campaign to the wider community.

Church Picnic

Next Sunday, 4th of December, after the Nativity Play at the 9.30am service, there will be the family picnic to celebrate the end of the year and the beginning of Advent. We usually start about 11.15am. Bring your own chair, hat and picnic lunch. There will be a barbecue going and some sausages, but if you wish to bring any other meat to cook, you are more than welcome to pop it on.

One of the cakes that the children made for Stir-Up Sunday will be cut and served. Apparently Santa has found some time in his busy schedule to visit us as well. We hope to have a lolly scramble and a couple of games for all to share in.

This year we will also be collecting gifts for the City Mission. Please bring any gifts you wish to donate so we can ensure as many people as possible have a wonderful and truly blessed Christmas.

....*Fiona Gilmore*

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)*

Youth Orchestra

Classes will begin in the New Year on 27 January 2017 with Matt Melchert looking after the direction until we find a permanent Director. If you know of any young people that may like to join please let the Vicar know.

Spectacle Drop Off

Wow!!! We have collected 143! Keep them coming. If you have any unwanted spectacles that could be passed on to those more needy there is a drop off bag in the hall for them. They are passed on to the Island folk who will have more use for them than your drawers have. Many thanks.

....*Leigh.*

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

Your gifts are on their way now to the children of Fiji. Please pray that these children will have a very happy and blessed Christmas. After a child receives a shoebox, they can go on and do **The Greatest Journey**. This is a children's discipleship programme.

News Beyond the Parish

Kaikoura and North Canterbury

The Anglican Diocese has set up a "Give a Little" page for donations to be given to the affected communities after the recent earthquake. It is

<https://givealittle.co.nz/anglicanshelpearthquakeaffected2016/donate>

If you wish to give something practical (non perishable items) please take to the Transitional Cathedral or to 10 Hinton Place, Rangiora.

Christchurch City Choir present Handel's Messiah,

Friday 2 December, 7.30 pm, Isaac Theatre Royal. Brian Law, Conductor: John Linker, Musical Director and Organist. *See details on noticeboard.*

Concert - Risingholme Singers and Friends present...

A Ceremony of Carols accompanied by harp. William Grubb is Conductor and Haydn Hill is Pianist. Saturday 3 December at St. Michael & All Angels Church, 7 pm. *See noticeboard for details.*

Carols at Riccarton Bush

Sunday 11 December, 6.30 pm

Music by Addington Brass. Go early and take a picnic tea. A lovely way to spend a relaxing Sunday evening, enjoying the Christmas spirit.

This Week's Diary

Monday 28 November

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

Tuesday 29 November

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.
Staff Meeting - 9 am York Room.
Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall.
Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

Wednesday 30 November

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

Thursday 1 December

Morning Prayer - 8.30 am, York Room.
Walking Group - 9.30 am, Mona Vale Railway.
Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.
Care Bears - 7.00 pm, York Room
Choir Practice - 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 2 December

Middlepark Service - 11.15 am.
Create With Fibre - 12.30 pm, York Room.

After all services on a Sunday morning tea will be served.

Be here for the Nativity Play next Sunday - 9.30 am Service

Next Week's

Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Romans 15: 4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12



'Read my lips'. Wayne improvised, 'there is NO room at the inn.'