

Worship Details



St. Peter's Church

8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Good News Club for the littlies

11 am Family Service with Eucharist - in the Bowden Hall

Readings: Isaiah 49.8-16a
1 Corinthians 4.1-5
Matthew 6.24-34

Sentence:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. (Matthew 6.25a)

Collect:

Creator God,
you dress the paddocks in springtime splendour:
grant that we might grow to trust you,
the creator of all we enjoy,
that we might be free from all worry and anxiety;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

But strive first for the kingdom of God and its righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6.33)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- * Giving thanks for the life of Pamela Johnston.
- * Giving thanks for our Garage Sale yesterday.
- * For Anna Casey and Philip Eatwell who were married at St. Luke's Church yesterday.
- * For the Family Service to be held today at 11 am.
- * For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Craig Anthony, Phyllis Hay, Takeshi Hasegawa, Sunita Rai, Colleen Scanlon, David Kent, Mary Hewson, Bobby Murfitt.
- * For support of restoration fundraising for St. Peter's Church.
- * For the Parishes of Amuri Co-Operating; Aranui-Wainoni and Ashburton.

Mission News

Our Mission Table next week is for Tonga. The Hornsby Trust administers funds to go towards education.

....Irene Coman

Coming Up....

Ash Wednesday - 1 March
Lenten Studies begin - 1 March
World Day of Prayer - 3 March
Gateway articles closing date - 8 March
AGM Reports due - 13 March
Easter Edition of Gateway - delivery date 19 March

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 26th February 2017

Ordinary Sunday VIII

This Year's Theme: Strengthening

From our Vicar, Nick

Thank you to those who held the Vestry Quiet Afternoon in your prayers.



It began with lunch and then we had mid-day prayer. Then we reviewed the year of growth (last year). It's one thing to have a year of growth, it's another to grow.

In the areas we can tangibly measure, money and attendance, we have grown over 10%. We brainstormed all the extra-ordinary things we did last year and came up with an enormous list. After praying we felt led to make this the year of Strengthening.

We will approach Parish groups to see how best we can strengthen our faith and witness.

In the meantime I offer you this passage from Isaiah 40: 29 "God gives power to be faint, and strengthens the powerless, even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint".

May this be true of us this year.

....Nick

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News in the Parish

Ash Wednesday Services - 1 March

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with two services here at St. Peter's Church - 10 am and 7.30 pm. The 7.30 pm service will be combined with the local Roman Catholics. All welcome.
Please bring to church or the office your last year's palm crosses.

Daytime Fellowship AAW

Our meeting on Ash Wednesday 1st March begins at 10 am with Holy Communion. Following morning tea the guest will be our Deacon Assistant, John McLister.
....*Barbara Fleming, 342.8982.*

October Plant Sale - 7th

There are fresh bags of potting-mix available in the potting shed (adjacent to the garage) - it's now time to begin potting up plants for the plant sale!

There is a good supply of large pots and also 6-plant troughs in the shed - we do not need any more of these at present, but small and medium pots would be welcome.

If you are dropping off recycled pots we would appreciate you giving them a quick clean, AND removing the old plant labels.

Now is the time to take cuttings of bay, buxus, ceanothus, choisa, cistus, erica, escallonia, geraniums, hebe, hydrangea, mahonia, penstemon, rosemary, viburnum etc - semi-ripe cuttings 10cm long; remove the lower leaves and poke into pots of gritty potting mix, water well and enclose in a plastic bag, do not let them dry out.

If you would like to join the Plant Committee you would be very welcome!

Contact *Jill Lyall 358.1115, or Janet Noonan 348.6473*

Save the Date

Wednesday 5 April at 7.30 pm a special evening's entertainment which will appeal to all.

Further details to follow very soon. ...*David Winfield.*

Sharing and Caring

This group meet every 2nd Monday at Olga Holloway's home, 111a Yaldhurst Road. They share prayers, Bible study and morning tea. They would welcome more members to join them. *Please phone Olga on 348.3844, or the Office for more information.*

Letter from St. Ambrose Anglican Church

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you for your on-going support of our Food Bank. We are always grateful for the food you bring us, and the extra support over the busy time before Christmas was very much appreciated. You might be interested to know that with your help between October and January we supported 142 individuals/families with food parcels.

In addition, two days before Christmas we were able to personally deliver 26 Christmas hampers - toys or gifts, food and supplies for individuals and families in need. I wish you could experience, as we did, the joy, delight and appreciation of the recipients.

May you be blessed as are those who benefit from your generosity. Yours in Christ.*Anne*"

Lenten Studies

Study Groups will be held during Lent - Mondays 10 am at Olga Holloway's home, 111a Yaldhurst Road; Tuesdays 7.00 pm, at Keith & Wendy Spragg's home, 6 Murfitt Place; Wednesdays 1 pm in the York Room, Leader: The Rev. John McLister; Sundays 7.30 pm at Margaret & David Kent's home, 15 Ludecke Place, Leader: The Rev. Nick Mountfort. Please put your name on the list that suits you. These are on the table. Study Books from the office - \$8 ea.

Gateway Magazine

The closing date for the next issue is **8 March**. Please send your articles to Jen or give to Pamela in the office asap.
Email for Jen: seokjen@yahoo.com.sg

St. Peter's Church Fundraising Spread the word - you can now donate on our new website - www.speterschurch.nz.

News Beyond the Parish

World Day of Prayer Worship - Friday 3 March, 10 am at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Road.
All welcome. *More details on the noticeboard.*

Petersgate Counselling Centre - 21st Birthday - 18 March
See details on the noticeboard.

This Week's Diary

Monday 27 February

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

Shrove Tuesday 28 February

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.
Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.
Create With Fibre - 1pm, York Room.

Ash Wednesday 1 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes - 10 am and 7.30 am, Parish Hall.
Daytime Fellowship AAW - 10 am.
Ilam Life Care Service - 1.30 pm.

Thursday 2 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Walking Group - 9.30 am, Crosbie Park.
Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.
Choir Practice - 7.30 pm.

Friday 3 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Middlepark Service - 11.15 am.
English Conversation Class - 4 pm, Petersgate.
Youth Orchestra - 6 pm, Bowden Hall.

Saturday 4 March

Card Making Group - 10 am - 4 pm, Bowden Hall.

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11



AGM
30th April
11 am
Parish Hall

AGM
Reports
need to be in
the office by
13 March.
Thank you.