

## Worship Details



### St. Peter's Church

8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Good News Club

**Readings:** Genesis 12.1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17  
John 3.1-17

**Sentence:**  
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but  
may have eternal life. (John 3.16)

**Collect:**  
Wind that is God,  
you blow where you will:  
blow once more through us your chosen people,  
enlivening us with your power, and moving us with  
your strength, that we might be born again into your  
eternal kingdom; now and forever. Amen.

**Post Communion Sentence:**  
Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to  
condemn the world, but in order that the world might  
be saved through him. (John 3.17)

### Prayer Focus - Please Pray .....

- \* We give thanks for Ethan Wilson-Bruce who begins this week as Leader of the Youth Group.
- \* For the family and friends of Jan Clegg. Jan's funeral was held on 8 March.
- \* 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, Bobbity Murfitt, Dennys Guild, Graeme Cox, David Boyd.
- \* For support of restoration fundraising for St. Peter's Church.
- \* For the Parish of Avonhead; Ministry of Deacons in the Diocese; Tikanga Pakeha; The Inter Diocesan Conference and Co-ordinating Group.

### Mission News

Our Mission Table last week raised \$580 for St. Andrew's High School in Tonga. Thank you for your wonderful support. This means that two senior students at the school will receive our funding. Simon Tipping who spoke at both services was very impressed with our Sales Table. Thank you. ....Irene Coman

### Coming Up....

Sermons are on  
the web

AGM Reports due - 13 March  
Easter Edition of Gateway -  
delivery date 19 March



is available  
in the porch.

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

Sunday 12th March 2017

### Lent II

### Theme for the Year: Strengthening

#### From our Deacon Assistant



Anglicans and Lent

What are you giving up for Lent?  
I tried to give up chocky biscuits, but sadly couldn't resist  
the temptation.

Originally, Lent was the time of the year for those wishing  
to become Christians to prepare for baptism.  
For 40 days before Easter, these 'catechumens' would  
study, pray and fast.  
Those who were already Christian would often join in the  
preparation to show solidarity with the catechumens; and  
also to deepen and strengthen their own faith.

This is the emphasis the Anglican Church gives to Lent  
In dioceses all over the world Lenten studies are offered;  
and each year the Archbishop of Canterbury suggests a  
book that can be used for Lenten devotions.

As Justin Welby says about Lent:  
*Growing closer to God is at the heart of a good Lent.  
We come to a time of fasting, discipline and study,  
in order that we may renew our knowledge of His pres-  
ence.  
That involves a stripping of those things that divide us  
from God, developing our obedience to His call  
and venturing deeper into the fire of His love.*

Fortunately, for we who like our chocolate, a spiritual  
book is a good Lenten option.

....John

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## News in the Parish

### **Welcome to our New Youth Group Leader - Ethan Wilson-Bruce.**

The Youth Group meet every Friday during term time in the Bowden Hall from 7 - 8.30 pm.

### **Evening Fellowship AAW Meeting -**

Next Wednesday, 15th March at 7.30 pm in the Bowden Hall. Please bring along one of your treasures or an embarrassing or funny moment in your life to share.

For further information ring Margaret on 942.2114 or Janice 358.6242.

**Create with Fibre** meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat and to work on the project of your choice. Any way of creating (art, crochet, draw, knit, paint, sew, sketch, spin, stitch, weave or whittle) and any fibre (animal, vegetable or mineral, organic or inorganic) are welcome. Create for yourself, your loved ones or charity. Cost is \$1 and includes a cuppa. For more information phone Margaret 342.7098 or 027.256.8202.

### **Rosters**

Copies for Readers, Intercessors etc are on the table for collection for those without email.

### **What School Did You Go To?**

"In Christchurch what school did you go to?" was a line in Nick's sermon last Sunday.

At the 'After Match Function - cuppa tea' for the Eight O'clockers in the York Room an English couple turned up to see me about racing information and to take a photograph of the lady's ancestor's grave - John Watts Russell. The lady's husband, whose name was Peter, introduced himself to Dennys Guild - "Peter - Cambridge" and Dennys's reply - "Dennys - Oxford".

In England what university did you graduate from?!!

...*Pete Coman.*

### **Lenten Studies - It's not too late to join in.**

Study Groups are being held during Lent:- 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 call the office if you would like to attend. Study Books available from the office - \$8 each.

### **Please return your yellow giving cards as soon as possible.**

### **St. Peter's Church Fundraising for Restoration**

All parishioners are asked to spread the word of our restoration amongst family, friends and colleagues, particularly pointing them to information on our new website - [www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz) where provision for online giving is now operating. With everyone's participation we can make 2017 our big year towards our goal. ...*David*

### **Petersgate Counselling Centre**

In 2016 Petersgate provided 6,794 counselling sessions, accepted 1,293 requests from individuals and couples seeking a counsellor and welcomed 917 new clients to their service. They expect around 7,200 this year.

*Their newsletter is on the noticeboard.*

## News Beyond the Parish

### **Winter Clothing for Students - Lincoln University**

It is coming up to that time of the year again when the international students are arriving from warm countries and will need some cosy clothes. The clothing doesn't have to be new - just preloved and warm - bedding as well is needed i.e. blankets. These students have very little. Leave at the office.

### **Merton and Mindfulness**

Thursday 16 March 7.30 pm, Christ's College  
Mrs. Helen Peters and The Rev. Bosco Peters are both trained teachers holding theology degrees and with a long interest in Thomas Merton and a passion for nurturing the hunger for spirituality that is evidenced in the popular Mindfulness Movement. *Free - all welcome.*

### **Euthanasia: A Duty to Die?**

Transitional Cathedral, Saturday 1 April, 9.30 am-2.30 pm.

A one day seminar on one of the controversial topics of today's society, co-hosted by the Transitional Cathedral and Theology House, chaired by Bishop Victoria Matthews and with speakers from both sides of the debate.

BYO lunch, tea/coffee provided.

Registrations to Jill Short at Theology House - email: [admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz](mailto:admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz) or ph. 03 341.3399

by 5 pm Thursday 30 March. *See poster on noticeboard.*

## This Week's Diary

### **Tonight - Sunday 12 March**

Lenten Study - 7.30 pm, 15 Ludecke Place.

### **Monday 13 March**

Sharing & Caring - 10 am, 111a Yaldhurst Road.

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

### **Tuesday 14 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

Homestead Service - 11 am.

Create With Fibre - 1pm, York Room.

Mayfair Service - 3 pm.

Lenten Study - 7.30 pm, 6 Murfitt Place.

### **Wednesday 15 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10.00 am - Parish Hall.

Lenten Study - 1 pm, York Room.

Evening Fellowship AAW - 7.30 pm, Bowden Hall

### **Thursday 16 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Gardens.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.

Choir Practice - 7.30 pm.

### **Friday 17 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

St. Allisa Service - 10.30 am.

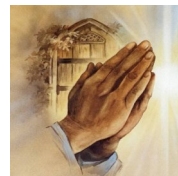
English Conversation Class - 4 pm, Petersgate.

Youth Orchestra - 6 pm - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group - 7 - 8.30 pm, Bowden Hall.

### **Saturday 18 March**

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



### **Next Week's Readings:**

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

