

## Worship Details

### St. Peter's Church

8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Good News Club  
11 am Family Service - Bowden Hall



**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16.1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5.8-14  
John 9.1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Sentence:**  
Then he went and washed and came back able to see. (John 9.7b)

**Collect:**  
God of healing and sight:  
we long to see with eyes of faith  
so heal all that blinds us,  
renew our vision,  
and help us see afresh all that you are doing;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

**Post Communion Sentence:**  
For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light. (Ephesians 5.8)

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

- \* We give thanks for our Family Service today at 11 am.
- \* For Arthur, family and friends of June Woods.
- \* For the family and friends of Ross Logan.
- \* For Riccarton High - teachers, pupils and parents.
- \* 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, Graeme Cox.
- \* For our year of strengthening.
- \* For the Parishes of Bryndwr and Burnside-Harewood; the Association of Anglican Women.

### Mission News

Our Mission Table next week is for the Lenten Appeal. The Appeal is in three parts - The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, The Mission of Al Ahli Arab Hospital in the Gaza Strip, Palestine, and the Rainbow Wing Project in the Solomon Islands.

....Irene Coman

*Lenten Appeal Envelopes  
enclosed with Gateway*

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 March 2017

### Lent IV

### Theme for the Year: Strengthening

*From our Deacon Assistant*



### Rejoicing in Lent

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. It gets the name from the opening words used in this Lenten service: "Rejoice (Laetare) O Jerusalem".

Lent is traditionally associated with fasting, praying and almsgiving; but on the fourth Sunday of Lent people could take a breather.

The liturgical colour would change from purple to rose – a joyful colour. The organ could be played at church; flowers could go back on the altar; you could break your fast; and you could get married on this day – all things you couldn't do during Lent.

It was a reminder for believers to have hope and joy in the midst of their Lenten fast and penance. It is a beautiful image of Christian faith – that when things are dark, we can have hope because God turns sadness to joy; turns darkness to light; and turns death to life.

....John

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## News in the Parish

**Daylight Saving Ends next Sunday, 2 April -**  
you can have a sleep in and come to church an hour later!!

### **Defibrillator**

A defibrillator has been donated to the parish. We are very thankful for this gift.

Warren Dobbs, an Officer at St. John, a parishioner here and a Worship Leader, will be giving another demonstration on how to use this after the 9.30 am service on Sunday 2 April.

Defibrillators are user friendly and talk the operator through the situation.

So do stay and learn what to do in case of an emergency.

### **“She Called Me Dearie”**

Come and hear Stephanie Hersh - a very entertaining and experienced speaker. Wednesday 5 April, 7.30 pm, St. Peter's Parish Hall, 22 Main South Road. Stephanie has a Masters of Gastronomy from Boston University and was Personal Assistant to Julia Child from 1989 until Julia's death in 2004. She is currently teaching cooking classes on-board Oceania Cruises. Topic: **“She Called Me Dearie” - my dream job working with Julia Child.**

Tickets \$20 include refreshments. These can be pre-purchased from St. Peter's Office, or you can pay at the door. Funds to St. Peter's Restoration.

### **Palm Crosses**

If you would like to help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday there will be an opportunity on Thursday 6th April at Dianne Rait's home, 11 Cardinal Place, 1.30 pm.

All you need is your scissors.

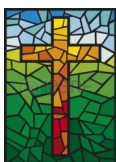
### **Good News Club**

The Good News Club would like some old shirts for the children to wear when they are painting to help keep their best clothes clean.

Please, just bring to church on a Sunday or leave at the office. Thank you. ... *Fiona*

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

Please view [www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz) where provision for online giving is now operating.



### **Easter Cards**

These are available from the table by the door - \$1 each. Thank you to Judith Bylett who makes these and other cards. The funds raised go to St. Peter's Restoration Fund.

### **Giving Receipts for Tax Purposes**

A reminder that our giving receipting year ends on 31 March 2017. In order to be eligible for the 1/3 refund of receipted donations, you will need to make your donations by 31 March 2017. Receipts will be available early May. We really appreciate your faithful giving that supports the Lord's work here. You could consider giving your refund to the restoration.

### **Greenery and Flowers for Easter**

Please bring along some greenery or flowers on Easter Day for the Greening of the Cross at the 8 and 9.30 am services.

## News Beyond the Parish

### **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.*

### **Canterbury Accordion Assn - Variety Concert**

Sun 2 April 2 pm, St. Stephens Church, 376 Yaldhurst Rd.

### **Schola Cantorum, Solemn Lenten Observance -**

Tenebrae responses and readings to mark the coming of Easter - Thursday 6 April, 7.30 pm, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester St.

**Christchurch City Choir** - several concerts - 1st one Stainer's Crucifixion - 8 April, 5.30 pm, Transitional Cathedral.

*See noticeboard for details of the above concerts.*

## This Week's Diary

### **Tonight - Sunday 26 March**

Lenten Study - 7.30 pm, 15 Ludecke Place.

### **Monday 27 March**

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

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

### **Tuesday 28 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

Create With Fibre - 1pm. **Please note change of venue this week - Bowden Hall.**

June Woods' funeral, 1.30 pm.

Finance Meeting - 5 pm, York Room.

Lenten Study - 7.30 pm, 6 Murfitt Place.

### **Wednesday 29 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10.00 am - Parish Hall.

Lenten Study - 1 pm, York Room.

### **Thursday 30 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Mona Vale Railway.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.

Choir Practice - 7.30 pm.

### **Friday 31 March**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

English Conversation Class - 4 pm, Petersgate.

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

Youth Group - 7 - 8.30 pm, Bowden Hall.

### **Saturday 1 April**

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

### *Next Week's*

#### *Readings:*

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45



Join us for  
Morning  
Prayer  
9 am

Tuesday -  
Friday.  
York  
Room.

### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

**Maundy Thursday** - 13 April, 7.30 pm

Last Supper & Service of Shadows

**Good Friday** - 14 April, 9.30 a.m.

Devotional Service - Gathering around the Cross. Hot cross buns to follow.

**Easter Day at St. Peter's** - 16 April, 8 & 9.30 am, Holy Communion and Greening of the Cross.

**Easter Day at St. Luke's** - 16 April, 9.30 am. Holy Communion.