

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8 & 9.30 am Easter Communion -
with the Greening of the Cross

St. Luke's Church-

9.30 am Easter Communion



Readings Acts 10.34-43
Colossians 3.1-4
Matthew 28.1-10

HE IS RISEN

Sentence

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. (Matthew 28.6a)

Collect

Alleluia, faithful God,
on this day you raised Jesus from the dead
and calmed our greatest fear:
help us to celebrate with joy,
that in greeting the risen Saviour,
we may be filled with the hope of resurrected life;
now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead'. (Matthew 28.7)

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Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- * Give thanks for Easter and for all the signs of hope in our lives.
- * For the Easter Camp, youth, organisers, speakers and helpers.
- * For Riccarton Primary School, pupils, teachers 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, Graeme Cox, John Robb, David Boyd.
- * For our year of strengthening.
- * For the fundraising for St. Peter's Restoration.
- * The Bishop, The Transitional Cathedral and all the Ministry Units of this Diocese.

Mission News

An extract from NZCMS Prayer Fuel -
"Nick & Tessa Laing, Medicine and Social Justice Support, Uganda - Praise for: Many great friends visiting them and lightening up their lives; Burning of alcohol sachets. Please pray for: Launching of new health centres; A church preaching course they plan to run with the locals; The rains to come early."
....Irene Coman

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 16 April 2017
EASTER DAY

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From our vicar, Nick



At Easter we surround ourselves with symbols of light and life, in order to help us comprehend the incomprehensible. We have eggs - a symbol of new life; bunnies - a symbol of fertility; empty crosses - a symbol of hope; and the Easter candle. But in the end no symbols however powerful, or the personal conviction of millions both alive and now at peace, can convince me or you, of the reality of Resurrection. There is no substitute for a real relationship with Jesus that begins in our lives.

Lee Strobel, a New York Times journalist and lawyer, took time out of his busy career, to investigate for himself the evidence for the resurrection. He brought his special legal eye to the medical evidence, the evidence of the missing body, the evidence of the appearances and much more besides. In the end he found himself reluctantly at first becoming a believer. "For me," he writes, "it was like a rush of reason. Looking back this was the pivotal point in my life. Over time my character, values, attitude, priorities, worldview, philosophy and relationships all began to change for the good."

This change for good was most obvious to his 5 year old daughter. She had previously known dad as profane, drunk, harsh and mostly just plain absent. But after this change of heart she walked up to her mum one day and said, "Mummy, I want God to do for me what he's done for Daddy".

I wonder if you want God to do that for you too?

....Nick

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Web Page..... stpeterschurch.nz
www.facebook.com/stpeterschurchcorner

News in the Parish

Parish AGM - Sunday 30th April, 11 am

This will be held in the Parish Hall after the 9.30 am service and morning tea.

There are forms on the table for you to nominate Vestry Members, Parishioners' Warden and Treasurer.

Also there is to be a luncheon after the AGM so would you please provide a plate of food towards this. Thank you.*Jo Winfield, Parishioners' Warden.*

From the Restoration Fundraisers....

Coming up - we have been invited to join another theatre visit being organised this time by St. Christopher's on Thursday 11th May. It is to see Repertory's production of 'Yes, Prime Minister'. Tickets are \$40 with \$20 of this going to our own fundraising and we are grateful to be included in this way. If you would like to purchase please see David Winfield. And....

Church Restoration Fundraising Did you know that St. Peter's turns 160 in just a year's time? How wonderful it would be if our fundraising was complete by that time and all systems 'go' for the restoration work. So many have been working hard and giving generously to bring us to this point where we are a quarter of the way to our \$2million target. Please continue this labour of love with your own gifts and giving encouragement to others to do so. Remember all details about the process are to be found on our parish website www.stpeterschurch.nz or you can pick up one of our Case for Support booklets from the office or one of the committee. We wish you all a very joyful and blessed Easter. *David Winfield (Convenor)*

Good News Club

The children would like to be involved in the fundraising for St. Peter's Church. They have decided to have a chocolate raffle and tickets will be a \$1.00. The raffle will continue throughout the Easter period and will be drawn after Easter.

Also many thanks for those who have donated old shirts which we are using for painting. It is a big help in keeping our Sunday Best clean.*Fiona Gilmore*

Large Plastic Bins

These bins have disappeared from the stage - they were used for the storage of the food for the City Mission and Aranui Parish. If you know of their whereabouts please phone Pamela.

Guest Speakers - Both Services Sunday 7 May

Anne and Anthony McCormick will be speaking at our services on Sunday 7 May. *See noticeboard.* Our Mission Table supports their Missionary work.

Exercise Class

From October 2015 up to Easter 2017 the Exercise Class has raised \$7,665.60 towards the Restoration of St. Peter's Church.

Next Week's

Readings:

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
Psalm 118: 1-2, 15-17, 22-23
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31



Evening Fellowship AAW

The group meets on Wednesday 19 April at 7.30 pm in the Bowden Hall. Angeline Ward will be speaking to us about her career in Floristry. There will be a raffle.

.... *Margaret Mahan, 942.2114; Janice Newnham, 358.6242.*

Funeral Tea Helpers - Fundraising for the Restoration of St. Peter's Church

We have a very small group of people who serve the tea, coffee and food at funerals held here in St. Peter's Church. We desperately need more helpers on the list. Turns wouldn't come round very often if we get a larger group. The money raised goes to the Restoration Fund.

If you are interested, please phone Pamela in the office on 348.5653 to be put on the list. If you were on the original list would you please phone and confirm that you still want to belong.

AAW Autumn Festival

This will be held on Thursday 20 April at St. Silas Belfast-Redwood, 10 am - 1.30 pm. AAW Chaplain, Stephanie Robson, will preach. A shared lunch will follow. Please bring a plate to share.

...*Barbara Fleming.*

News Beyond the Parish

St. John - Heart of Gold Annual Appeal 2017

You can donate on-line or to St. John New Zealand, 2 Harrison Road, Mt. Wellington, Auckland 1741. People recognise them for their ambulance service, which treats and transports over 437,978 people every year, but your contribution allows them to provide so much more. They have new first aid courses, a new eBook which is a First Aid Handbook and training courses for young people etc. Groups meet here in our very hall on a Tuesday - Penguins and Cadets.

Ph. 0800STJOHN, 7110 ext. 33341.

Email address for their newsletter:

newsletterrequests@stjohn.org.nz

This Week's Diary

Monday 17 April

Walking Group - No walk.

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

Tuesday 18 April

Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall.

Maples Service - 11 am.

Create With Fibre - 1pm, York Room.

Finance Committee, 5 pm, York Room.

Wednesday 19 April

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10.00 am - Parish Hall.

Choir practice - 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Thursday 20 April

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Millbrook Reserve (Helmores Lane).

Care Bears, 7 pm, York Room.

No Choir practice this week.

Friday 21 April

St. Allisa Service - 10.30 am.

For your diaries

The next Gateway Magazine articles closing date is 17 May.



Next

Family

Service

11 am

**Sunday 23
April**

in the

**Bowden
Hall.**

All Welcome