

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Good News Club

St. Luke's Church

9.30 am Holy Communion

Readings Ezekiel 37.1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8.6-11
John 11.3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Sentence

Jesus told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going to awaken him. The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.' (John 11.11)

Collect

God of hope,
in Jesus we see a life that never dies:
surrounded by death and violence
may we never give in to despair
but rest in you, our resurrection and our life;
now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act. (Ezekiel 37.14)

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Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- * We give thanks for the donation of the defibrillator.
- * For Arthur, family and friends of June Woods.
- * For the family and friends of Ross Logan.
- * For The Riccarton Clinic, staff and patients.
- * 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, Graeme Cox.
- * For our year of strengthening.
- * For the fundraising of St. Peter's Restoration.
- * For the Diocese of Dunedin; Bishop Julius Hall; College House; Craighhead Diocesan School.

Mission News

Our Mission Table today is for the Lenten Appeal... 1. The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for children with physical disabilities. 2. The Mission of the Al Ahli Arba Hospital in the Gaza Strip, Palestine. 3. The Rainbow Wing is a project to provide a safe and supportive caring for women, youth and children.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 2 April 2017

Lent V

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Vicar, Nick



"And Jesus wept." John 11:35 The shortest verse in the whole Bible appears in today's Gospel. Here we see Jesus, not the powerful Lord of all creation but a vulnerable human person weeping at the death of a friend. We can be sure that for John to record Jesus' tears they had a profound impact on those around him. It would be easy to rush over this short verse and not reflect on its significance. It shows us a saviour who is not aloft from human suffering far off in the clouds, but knows us intimately and suffers alongside us.

Lament for a Son by Nicholas Wolterstorff, is a book written to help its author come to terms with the tragic death of his son. For Nicholas, a lecturer in theology, the untimely death of his son was a profound challenge to his faith and his emotional wellbeing. In the book he outlines his struggle but also his conclusion, that God is the one who suffers with us. He writes, "the tears of God are the meaning of history".

Most of us every day come face to face with suffering, in our own lives or the lives of others. In Jesus we have a saviour who knows our pain and who suffers with us. That's the sort of friend I need. A real person who knows my pain first hand and who feels it with me.

"And Jesus wept."

...Nick

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News in the Parish

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 today.

Defibrillators are user friendly and talk the operator through the situation. So do stay and learn what to do in case of an emergency.

Daytime Fellowship AAW

Our meeting on Wednesday 5 April begins at 10 am with Holy Communion. Following morning tea our guest will be Fay Deam, the Diocesan Overseas and Outreach Convenor. *Barbara Fleming 348.8982.*

“She Called Me Dearie”

Come and hear Stephanie Hersh - a very entertaining and experienced speaker. This 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. *Thank you to Dianne for hosting this again.*

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 where provision for online giving is now operating.

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.

Next Week's

Readings:

Matthew 21.1-11
Zechariah 9.9-12
Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2.5-11
John 12.12-16

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.

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, an 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 exten. 33341.

Email address for their newsletter:
newsletterrequests@stjohn.org.nz

Concerts

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 2 April

Lenten Study - 7.30 pm, 15 Ludecke Place.

Monday 3 April

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

Tuesday 4 April

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.

Parkstone Service - 10.30 am.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

Oaks Service - 11.30 am.

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

Lenten Study - 7.30 pm, 6 Murfitt Place.

Wednesday 5 April

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10.00 am - Parish Hall.

Daytime Fellowship AAW - 10 am.

Lenten Study - 1 pm, York Room.

Ilam Life Care Service - 1.30 pm.

Stephanie Hersh - Fundraiser, 7.30 pm.

Thursday 6 April

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Nunweek Park.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room.

Palm Cross Making - 1.30 pm.

Care Bears - 7 pm, York Room.

Choir Practice - 7.30 pm.

Friday 7 April

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Middlepark Service - 11.15 am.

English Conversation Class - 4 pm, Petersgate.

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

Youth Group - 7 - 8.30 pm, Bowden Hall.

Thank you all for delivering your Gateways so promptly. We now have an Easter Card to deliver.

If you can help to distribute these to the community that would be marvellous.

Please mark on the list the streets you want to deliver to. Thank you. ...Pamela

Stephanie

Hersh

“My Dream Job”

This

Wed,

5th April,

7.30 pm.

A great

night of

entertainment.

In our hall.

Purchase your

ticket

today.

\$20