

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

11 am Family Service - Bowden Hall



Readings Isaiah 44.6-8
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Sentence

I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world. (Matthew 13.35b)

Collect

God of all wisdom,
of yeast, mustard and weeds,
with such as these Christ taught your ways:
grant us wisdom
to teach with the common things of life,
that none may elude your call;
now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. (Romans 8.18)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- * Give thanks for our Family Service.
- * For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Craig Anthony, Phyllis Hay, Sunita Rai, David Kent, Estelle Laugesen, Lyn Hawke, Sue Chappell
- * For our year of strengthening.
- * For continuing generous support for St. Peter's restoration campaign.
- * For Bishop Victoria and our Diocesan Officers concerned with the ongoing Cathedral debate.
- * The Hinds Co-operating Parish; NZ Diocesan National Youth Adviser: Phil Trotter.

Mission News

Our August Mission Table is for Dianne Bayley and her work in the Philippines. CBM run camps and as a result many newcomers make commitments to follow Jesus.

....Irene

COMING UP.... "Meet the Candidates" on Sunday 13 August at 1.30 pm in our Parish Hall. More details next week.

Sermons are on
the web



is available

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

23 July 2017

Ordinary Sunday XVI

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Deacon Assistant

An Anglican Garden



I'm a pretty hopeless gardener. When Labour Day rolls round, I purchase a few punnets of vegetable seedlings, pop them in the ground and hope for the best. But when it's time to harvest, I can't see my cabbages for the weeds.

While my gardening method is a bit unorthodox, I can claim scriptural precedent for it. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds. The gardener wants to rip up the weeds which were sown with the wheat. But the owner of the land says no because it's too hard to tell the plants apart.

Jesus, of course, is not writing for the Yates Gardening Guide. He is pointing out the bias in the human heart for wanting to rip out things that don't match our standard of correctness.

In our Anglican garden, we seem a bit more relaxed at accepting diversity. We can find Evangelicals, Liberals, Anglo-Catholics; those who want change; and those who want the brakes put on. We have our flowers and a lot of weeds too.

Some see this as a weakness in our church – but it could well be the Gospel way.

...John

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News in the Parish

Community Service Award - Helen Easterbrook

Our congratulations to Helen, an '8 o'clocker', on being awarded this.

Helen has been involved as a volunteer with the Red Cross Meals on Wheels (40 Years); Citizens' Advice Bureau (20 years); here at St. Peter's Co-ordinator of Coffee & Chat and a supporter of Pastoral Care; a collector for the Pink Ribbon Appeal.

Well done Helen.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention". Oscar Wilde.

Restoration Fundraising....

Pens

THEY'RE BACK! In response to popular demand we have received another shipment of our engraved restoration pens, with a wider selection of barrel colours this time (still black ink). These are very good quality but still only \$5 each. To purchase see David Winfield, Fay Mangos, or Pamela at the parish office.

Quiz

Hope you are organising your team for the Quiz Night on Friday 4 August - you can register at any time with David or Jo Winfield. Ph. 322.8723.

Next Gateway Magazine

The closing date for articles is 2 August. Please do send your articles in before this date.

Email: seokjen@yahoo.com.sg.

Also, please send a copy to Pamela at the office as well - speter@world-net.co.nz. Thank you all.

Garden of Remembrance

Plots are available here for purchase - \$900 for plot and plaque. Please note that the ashes are poured into the ground beside the plaque. They are not interred in a receptacle.

Because the plaques are small and not a lot of wording can be included on them I have a file in the office where you can record any information you would like about the person being interred and this can be viewed on request.

...Pamela

Orchestra

An energetic and keen group of young people meet once a week on a Friday from 6 pm - 7 pm in the Bowden Hall to learn, practise and play instruments together. They play at the Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.

If you wish to join or know someone who might like to give it a go, please phone John McLister on 027 890 0308.

Spectacle Drop Off

If you have any unwanted spectacles that could be passed on to those more needy there is a drop off bag in the hall for them. They are passed on to the Island folk who will have more use for them than your drawers have.

Many thanks.Leigh.

Please save your stamps for missions.

News Beyond the Parish

A Preaching Series - Theologians in the Cathedral

Professor David Tombs - Howard Paterson Professor of Theology and Public Issues, University of Otago. Topic "The abused Body of Christ"

This one tonight at 5 pm in the Transitional Cathedral.

Two Anglican Christian Studies - MMF 508 Building Intergenerational Community - supporting Youth & Children's Ministry etc. 28-29 July.

BST 512 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke - breadth and depth of this Gospel. 4-5 & 18-19 August.

Bishop Julius Hall Choir, Elgato

Performing a variety of songs from a range of different genres and languages on 11 August, 7 pm in our Parish Hall. *All Welcome. (This is the Choir that sings at the Family Service.)*

See details on the noticeboard of the above items.

This Week's Diary

Monday 24 July

Walking Group - 1.30 pm,

Tuesday 25 July

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.

Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

Create with Fibre - 1 - 3.30 pm.

Wednesday 26 July

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10.00 am, Parish Hall.

Vestry Meeting - 7.30 pm.

Thursday 27 July

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am,

Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room.

Care Bears - 7 pm, York Room.

No Choir practice this week.

Friday - 28 July

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

'A Team' - 9 am - noon. Meet at Parish Hall.

Grand

National

Church

Service



Where we

invite

members of

Canterbury

Jockey Club

and friends

to join us for

our Holy

Communion

Service

on Sunday

6 August

9.30 am.

All

welcome

Next Week's Readings

1 Kings 3.5-12

Romans 8.26-30

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52