

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion



Readings

1 Kings 19.9-18

Romans 10.5-15

Matthew 14.22-33

Sentence

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' (Matthew 14.31)

Collect

Faithful God,
through the Red Sea waters you guided your people:
when deep waters threaten to close in on every side,
help us to trust the strength of your outstretched hand,
that we might walk on dry land;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

He rebuked the Red Sea and it became dry; he led them through the deep as through a desert. (Psalm 106.9)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray

- * Give thanks for Jen, our Gateway Editor.
- * For the family and friends of Alec Nelson. Alec's funeral was held at St. Luke's on Thursday 10th.
- * For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Craig Anthony, David Kent, Phyllis Hay, Estelle Laugesen, Lyn Hawke, Sue Chappell, Phyllis Cochrane, Craig.
- * For our year of strengthening.
- * For those without work, food or shelter.
- * For the Diocesan Synod and our Reps.
- * For continuing generous support for St. Peter's restoration campaign.
- * For Bishop Victoria.
- * For the Parishes of Hornby, Templeton & West Melton; Seafarer Welfare Societies, Mission to Seafarers; Bi-cultural Education Committee.

Mission News

Our Mission Table last week raised \$467.70 for Diane Bayley and the Children's Bible Ministries in the Philippines.

Thank you for your wonderful support.

....Irene

Sunday Parking is available at **Petersgate** when there is no room in the church grounds. There is a walkway from there as well.

Sermons are on
the web



is available

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

13 August 2017

Ordinary Sunday XIX

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Vicar



Like an onion there are many layers of meaning to today's Gospel. One way of reading it is on a symbolic level. Since the earliest days of the church the boat has been a symbol of the church. Since earliest days being on a mountaintop has been a symbol of being close to God. If you take the reading on this symbolic level you find Jesus coming down from being close to God, and literally holding Peter's hand as he takes the risk of stepping out of the safety and comfort of the boat into the stormy waters of the community around about him. Christ then is not to be found in the boat, so much as in the world around us.

Long after the Gospel was written Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple comments, "The church is the only organisation that exists for the good of those who aren't yet members."

Taking that step of faith to start something new, or to go beyond the comfortable group, is always scary. But Jesus is offering us his hand as we step out into the stormy world. He, after having prayed on the mountaintop, is assuring us that if we want to journey with him, we need to take that step of engaging with the world around us.

I often reflect how open our sites are. Anyone can wander in and that's the way it should be. Other groups put up fences and lock themselves away. We choose to be open. We choose to serve our community.

....Nick

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News in the Parish

“**Meet the Candidates**” TODAY at 1.30 pm in our Parish Hall. If you have any questions for the candidates, please talk to the Vicar or give them to him in writing. There will be a cuppa afterwards. This is for the Wigram electorate.

Thanks from Lyttelton

The Lyttelton Seafarers Centre would like to say a big thank you to St Peter's Church for allowing our youth orchestra to travel to Lyttelton and play at their annual Sea Sunday Service at St Saviour's.

At the end of the service, the congregation broke into spontaneous applause; the music was so uplifting.

Our young people were superb ambassadors, helping them to raise over \$400 for their work.

They look forward to seeing them again next year.

...*John McL*

Restoration Fundraising

A big 'Thank You' to all who contributed and participated in Friday night's quiz. Over \$1,200 was raised for the restoration of the church. Remember that our engraved pens are now back in supply in a variety of colours; only \$5 each and available from Fay Mangos, the Winfields, or Pamela in the Office. And don't forget the prints of St. Peter's are still available for purchase.

Plant Sale - Strawberries

Despite the recent rain, now is a good time to tidy up your strawberry patch and pop some of last summer's "runners" into the gaps. Any surplus plants would be very welcome for the October Plant Sale. Please pot these up in multiples of 4 or 6 - there are suitable troughs in the Potting Shed opposite the Hall. Also - if you know the variety of your strawberries, please label them.

We would also like more china/ceramic/terracotta pots - suitable for small to medium indoor plants. These can be left in the Potting Shed. Thank you.

...*Jill Lyall ph 358.1115; Jan Noonan ph 348.6473.*

Christmas Shoe Boxes - bring joy to children's lives

They have arrived and are on the table by the kitchen.

Please take a box or two and an information slip. This will tell you what to put and what not to put in the box. Then do label it with the appropriate sticker i.e. girl or boy.

Have a look at the noticeboard - there is a newsletter from Philip Haussmann, NZ South Island Regional Manager, who delivers our boxes. We also have a DVD for loan if you wish to view. Thank you all.

Garage Sale - Saturday 23 September 9.00am

I will be looking for helpers to set up and unpack on Thursday 21st, for pricing on the Friday, and working on the Saturday. Please remember that there are some items that we cannot accept: computer parts, printers, fax machines, video players and videos, T.Vs children's car seats, and electric blankets. Storage is a bit of a problem for the larger items of furniture, so please hold these till nearer the day.

Also, if you have any new or near new clothing - in pristine condition; washed or dry cleaned; please drop this into the office or church*Gwen Guild 357.4204*

Church Seating

Please keep the access doors into the York Room from Church clear on a Sunday. There are usually plenty of seats at the front or on the far side by the choir.

Parish Race Day - Saturday 9 September

Parishioners and friends are invited to this special day where there will be a private box, cash bar; race books and entry fees provided; and a sumptuous meal - all for \$30. Please put your name on the board on the table by the door at Church, or contact Pamela at the office.

Gateway Magazines

These are ready for delivery. Please deliver your copies as soon as possible so the news doesn't get stale. Thank you.

Spring Service - 10 September, 10 am

Our yearly combined service with the Methodist parishioners will be held this year **in our church**. Please bring a plate of food towards morning tea.

Rosters - Morning tea set-up, prior to 9.30 am service - two people required and 6 people for **serving teas after the 9.30 am service**.

Canterbury Philharmonia - Soloist: Benny Schmidt.

Today, 13 August, 2.30 pm, 154 Armagh St, tickets at the door - Adults \$25, under 18 - \$10.

See details on the noticeboard.

This Week's Diary

Monday 14 August

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

Tuesday 15 August

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.
Maples Service - 11 am.
Create with Fibre - 1 - 3.30 pm.

Wednesday 16 August

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Holy Communion - 10.00 am, Parish Hall.
Evening Fellowship - 7.30 pm, Bowden Hall

Thursday 17 August

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Walking Group - 9.30 am, Crosbie Park.
Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room.
Choir practice - 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 18 August

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
'A Team' - 9 am - noon. Meet at Hall.
St. Allisa Service - 10.30 am.
English Conversation Class - 3.45 - 5.45 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Orchestra - 6 - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group - 7 - 8.30 pm, Bowden Hall.

Saturday 19 August

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



27 August
at 11 am
is the next

**Family
Service**

Plan to
bring your
grand kids
and enjoy
a different
kind of
worship.
Everyone
is welcome.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 56: : 1, 6-8

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28