Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

Holy Communion Services at 8 am and 9.30 am

St. Luke's Church

9.30 am Holy Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

Sentence:

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2.4)

Collect:

Holy God, you are at work in us still: keep us alive to your stirrings so that our actions speak louder than words; for Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2.13)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray....

* Give thanks for the plans for an Anglican Pre-School. * For Naveen Gill, Crystal Sakamoto, Daniel Sakamoto, Ikumi Sakamoto, who are preparing for baptism.

* For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Craig Anthony, David Kent, Phyllis Hay, Estelle Laugesen, Lyn Hawke, Phyllis Cochrane, Craig, Owen Webber, Helen McLachlan, Matt Rough, Warren Dobbs.

* For our year of strengthening.

* For continuing generous support for St. Peter's Restoration Campaign.

* For Riccarton Primary School.

* For Bishop Victoria.

* For the parishes of Merivale St. Albans (Transitional) and Methven.

Mission News

Our Mission Table today is for the Anglican Mission 2017 Spring Appeal - our funds will be divided 3 ways for the 3 projects. Diocesan Boys' Hostel in Mirpurkhas, Pakistan - providing school to students who do not have access to school. Margaret Pynton assisting former Archbishop Clyde - setting up administration and communication systems. Miriam Tillman in Togo, West Africa - leading the Pharmacy Department at the hospital of Hope in Mango, Northern Togo.Irene

Sermons are on the web



Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

1 October 2017 Ordinary Sunday XXVI

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Vicar, Nick

There's an old saying, "actions speak louder than words." To this we might want to add what St Francis of Assisi



said, "preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words." Words are cheap. Coming out, as we have on the other side of the election, there have been so many words said, time will tell if they are put into action.

In times of deepest need we remember much more what people do and less of what they say. When my father died suddenly, when I was 17, to this day I can't remember what people said to me, but I can tell you who hugged me, and who visited. It mattered little what they said and more than ever what they did. In the Gospel Jesus highlights the actions of two sons. One says he will help and then doesn't and one says he won't help and then does. Which one Jesus asks does the father's will?

The grace in this reading is that there is room enough for our doubts and our reservations. Jesus as always gets to the heart of the matter - our actions speak louder than our words.

....Nick

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News in the Parish

Gateway

Please note the Gateway Magazine will not be available for delivery today - now next Sunday, 8th October.

Thank you to those that attended the meeting regarding the Christian pre-school. I'm very pleased to say that it passed with an over 2/3's majority, and I forgot to vote! I also forgot to thank those who did the wonderful afternoon tea, so thank you. Our proposal needs to go next to Church Property Trustees and Standing Committee. They have already agreed in principle. Please pray for this project, that God will continue to open doors for us as he has done so faithfully to date.*Nick*

Daytime Fellowship AAW

Our meeting on Wednesday 4 October begins at 10 am with Holy Communion. After morning tea we will all take part in our annual "Stir-Up Wednesday" when we make our Christmas cake to enjoy at our December meeting. *...Barbara Fleming 342.8982.*

Plant Sale - Saturday 7th October

There are some green flyers promoting the Oct 7th Plant Sale on the table - please take a few to give to anyone you think may be interested - eg friends and neighbours; or to pin up on notice-boards - community, schools, clubs etc. Thank you. Help is required - we need people to set up trestles on

Thursday 5th, day and also and Saturday list for you to to on the table We look support again



then during the on Friday 6th 7th. There is a add your names by the door. forward to your this year.

During the Plant Sale we will hold a raffle to support the Church Restoration Fund. Donations of plants or new garden tools would be very welcome. Please drop these off at the office, or on Thursday 5th or Friday 6th October at the parish hall. Many thanks.

...Janet Noonan ph 348.6473 and Jill Lyall ph 358.1115.

Healing Service

8th October, 11 am, Bowden Hall.

Restoration Fundraising - Christmas Raffle

We are now on the lookout for some good quality items to be included in a major pre-Christmas raffle. Vouchers from businesses also most acceptable. Following up on the suggestion of one prize being a hamper we now have a collection box in church (or in the office on weekdays) for your contributions of eatable, drinkables, or new domestic items. Please ensure that anything carrying a 'best by' or 'use by' date, these should be well into 2018. For anything else or further suggestions please speak to me at any time.David Winfield ph. 322.8723.

Christmas Cards by Judith Bylett

These are available from the table by the door - 5 new designs - still only \$5 a pack of 5. Note there are no verses inside the cards. If anyone would like a special order, please phoneJudith Bylett 322.4134.

Thank You

Helen McLachlan sends her thanks for all the cards and well wishes received at the time of her recent operation.

Rosters

Rosters for Worship Leaders, Readers, Intercessors etc. are on the table for those without email.

City Mission Fundraising Lunch - 8 October, 12.30 pm.

The annual City Mission Sunday lunch is a highlight of the Mission's calendar. Philip Kraal will be delivering a sumptuous meal in Christ's College dining hall. Tickets available from Ticketek.

Tour of our Graveyard - Saturday, 21 October, 2 - 5 pm Ricard Greenaway will again take a graveyard tour this year during Heritage Week. Just turn up at the parish hall on this day.

This Week's Diary

Monday 2 October

Sharing & Caring - 10 am, 111a Yaldhurst Rd. Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

Tuesday 3 October

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room. Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall. Parkstone Service - 10.30 am. Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall. Oaks Service - 11.30 am. Create with Fibre - 1 - 3.30 pm.



St.

Peter's

Walking

Wednesday 4 October

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Holy Communion - 10 am, Parish Hall. Daytime Fellowship AAW, 10 am. Ilam Life Care Service - 1.30 pm.

Thursday 5 October

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Walking Group - 9.30 am, Nunweek Park. Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room. No Choir practice this week.

Friday 6 October

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. 'A Team' - 9 am - noon. Meet at Hall. Middlepark Service - 11.15 am. No Youth Band or Youth Group.

Saturday 7 October

Plant Sale - 9 am.

St. Mark's Twilight Fair, Withells Rd, Fri 13 Oct 5 - 7 pm.

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 9-17 Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46



Group two walks per week. Mondays and Thursdays. See diary for

details.