

## Worship Details



**St. Peter's Church**  
**8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion**  
**11 am Family Service, Bowden Hall**

**Readings:** Haggai 2.1-5  
Romans 6.3-5  
John 6.47-57

**Sentence:**  
If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.  
(John 15.7)

**Collect:**  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
beloved of the Father,  
in your merciful love  
you have come to meet us.  
You call us together in this Assembly  
that we may find you present  
through this sacred gathering of your faithful people.  
Now and forever. Amen.

**Post Communion Sentence:**  
Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Thessalonians received the word with joy so that they became an example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia.  
(cf 1 Thessalonians 1.6-7)

### Prayer Focus - Please Pray....

- \* 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, Phyllis Hay, Estelle Laugesen, Lyn Hawke, Phyllis Cochrane, Craig, Owen Webber, Helen McLachlan, Matt Rough, Warren Dobbs, Helen Easterbrook.
- \* For our year of strengthening.
- \* For the City Mission
- \* For rest home residents.
- \* For continuing generous support for St. Peter's Restoration Campaign.
- \* For Bishop Victoria.
- \* For the Parish of Papanui. Tertiary Chaplaincy at the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University.
- \* For the proposed Christian pre-school.

### Mission News

The Anglican Missions 2017 Spring Appeal is divided into three projects - Diocesan Boys' Hostel in Mirpurkhas, Pakistan - providing school for students; Margaret Pynton setting up administration and communication systems; Miriam Tillman in Togo - leading the Pharmacy Department at the hospital of Hope in Mango, Northern Togo. ....Irene

Sermons are on  
the web



is available

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

22 October 2017

Ordinary Sunday XXX

**Theme for the Year: Strengthening**

### From Our Vicar, Nick...



I heard the story of a congregation that lost its Bible. One morning the reader got up to read and someone had helpfully been in the church on the Friday and had tidied it away. The reader was a bit taken aback, but the vicar was quick on her feet. "We don't have a Bible today it would seem, but does anyone have a good news story." There was a dreadful pause, and she wondered if she had done the right thing. Then very slowly and hesitantly a man got up. "I have," he said. "Please tell us," the vicar said. He recounted how his wife and he had just that week had a child born to them. How they had always wanted a child of their own and how God had answered their prayers. Once he had finished sharing, hands went up around the building, so many that the quick thinking vicar said, "why not turn to your neighbour and tell your good news story". The prayers became an offering of praise for all the ways God was at work in the people's lives. The communion was a great thanksgiving of joy for all God was doing. As people went out the door they thanked the vicar, and said that it had been one of the most moving services they had ever been too. Losing the Bible rather than being a disaster had been a breakthrough of the spirit.

Sometimes we forget that the Bible, the Christian life, the Gospel is good news. That's precisely what Gospel means, it means good news. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life in all its fullness". Occasionally we forget that joy is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the life", he didn't say, I am the set of rules, the kill joy or even the boring.

....Nick

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## News in the Parish

**The Flowers** on the pedestal today are from the Hill family in memory of Melinda.



### **Church Restoration Fundraising**

A further appeal for contributions to our pre-Christmas raffle. Not many have responded to our request but if everyone could give something it would make it a bumper raffle. What are we looking for? (1) good quality, new items of reasonable value as individual prizes (2) items suitable for inclusion in a hamper (note 'use by' or 'best by' dates would need to extend into 2018) (3) monetary contributions. There are boxes in the church or office in which to leave items or they can be given to me personally. We really need to get everything listed for ticket sales by the end of this month.

*Thank you in anticipation, David Winfield (322.8723).*

### **Garden of Remembrance**

Plots are available for purchase - \$900 for plot and plaque. If you wish to reserve a plot the deposit is only \$350 and the remainder of the costs for the plaque etc are to be paid when it is needed.

### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

There are still a few left to fill - find them in the Parish Hall by the York Room door.

Phillip Haussmann, the South Island Regional Manager of Operation Christmas Child will be coming along next Sunday to say a few words about the boxes and we will bless them at this time at both services.

### **Soaps for Sale**

See the soaps on the table by the door - lightly coloured from a tea made with St. Peter's eucalyptus leaves and gently fragranced with eucalyptus oil.

### **Card Making Group**

The next card making day will be Saturday, 28 October, 10 am - 4 pm in the Bowden Hall. Anyone interested is welcome - just come along with your card making gear and make cards to your heart's content, enjoying the company as you work. The Group has a cuttlebug, plates, dies and Irene has lots of stamps to help you with your designs. Bring something to share for lunch and \$5. Tea and coffee will be provided. ....*Irene Coman ph. 348.7554.*

### **Coming Up....**

#### **Pamela on Annual Leave**

I will be on holiday from 6 - 28 November.

#### **Next Gateway Magazine - Christmas Edition**

Please help get this underway on time by having your articles into the office and emailed to Jen by mid November. That would be a great help. Thank you.

“We could all do with a bit more joy in our lives couldn't we? The wonderful thing is that when we start spreading joy, we begin to actually experience more joy in our lives too!” — [Steve Goodier](#)

## News Beyond the Parish

### **Dictionaries Needed for Canterbury Prisons**

If you have any dictionaries on your bookshelf that you no longer require please bring into the office or Church/Parish Hall. They are needed to help inmates with literacy.

### **University of Otago Theology and Religion Department**

See the noticeboard for details of distance learning courses available.

### **Youth Sunday**

Tonight at 5 pm, Evensong at the Transitional Cathedral. The Preacher, The Rev. Spanky Moore, Diocesan Young Adults Ministry Adviser and University of Canterbury Chaplain.

### **Christchurch Mouth Painting Artists**

Artists Grant Philip and Patrick Edmonds will exhibit a selection of their paintings and demonstrate their amazing skill at Westfield Mall, Riccarton on Saturday 28 October from 10 am - 3.30 pm.

### **Theologians in the Cathedral**

Mark Wilcox, General Manager of the NZ Anglican Pensions Board will be preaching at Sunday Evensong in the Transitional Cathedral on Sunday 29 October at 5 pm. A Seminar - “A Theological Economy: Kingdom Versus Cash”. Refreshments will follow. All welcome.

## This Week's Diary

**Monday 23 October - Labour Day**  
Public Holiday.

### **Tuesday 24 October**

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 25 October**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Holy Communion - 10 am, Parish Hall.

### **Thursday 26 October**

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

### **Friday 27 October**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
'A Team' - 9 am - noon. Meet at Hall.  
English Conversation Class - 3.45 pm, Bowden.  
Youth Band - 6 pm, Youth Group 7pm, Bowden.

### **Saturday 28 October**

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

### **Sunday 29 October**

Blessing of Shoe Boxes, 8 am and 9.30 am.



Family  
Service  
today,  
11 am  
Bowden  
Hall  
with  
Lunch  
after-  
wards.  
All  
welcome

### **Next Week's Readings**

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 1  
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8  
Matthew 22: 34-46

