

Worship Details



St. Peter's Church 8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion

Readings: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
Matthew 22.34-46

Sentence:
Jesus said to the lawyer, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. (*Matthew 22.37*)

Collect:
Law-giving God,
in Jesus Christ we see your love:
grant us such love in our hearts,
that we love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
for you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:
So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. (*1 Thessalonians 2.8*)

Prayer Focus - Please Pray....

- * Give thanks for the life of Estelle Laugesen
- * For the family of Estelle Laugesen.
- * 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, Lyn Hawke, Phyllis Cochrane, Craig, Owen Webber, Helen McLachlan, Matt Rough, Warren Dobbs, Helen Easterbrook.
- * For our year of strengthening.
- * For the new government.
- * For the City Mission
- * For rest home residents.
- * For continuing generous support for St. Peter's Restoration Campaign.
- * For Bishop Victoria.
- * For the Pukaki Co-operating Parish and the Rakaia Parish.

Mission News

Our Mission Table next week is for Richard Starling's "Stay Real" programme for at risk youth, the Leprosy Mission and Mission to Seamen.

...Irene

Sermons are on
the web



is available

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

29 October 2017

Ordinary Sunday XXX

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Assistant Deacon...



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Do you ever question your beliefs, question the church, question the clergy? We sometimes think that our faith has all the answers and that questions and doubt are signs of a lack of faith or disloyalty.

When I first went to university, a Christian friend expressed concern saying, 'You could lose your faith.' He was genuinely worried that secular varsity would lead me to question what the church had taught me. Well, it did; and it was a good thing.

Questions are the way God leads us to truth.

In this Sunday's Gospel there is a lot of questioning: What is the greatest commandment? Whose son is the Messiah?

Characters in Matthews Gospel ask a lot of questions, more than any other book in the Bible. It is the way Matthew works out who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

Sometimes we think Christianity is all about the certain answers we can offer. But our answers are only the product of asking quality questions.

What question would you like God to answer? Asking it – and seeking out the answer – could make for a fun week.

...John

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News in the Parish

Today - We will bless the **shoe boxes** and welcome Phillip Haussmann, South Island Regional Manager of Operation Christmas Child, to talk briefly about them.

Baptism on Wednesday

Naveen Gill will be baptised on Wednesday at the 10 am Holy Communion Service. Please bring a plate of food towards morning tea and celebrate this with him.

Daytime Fellowship AAW

The meeting on Wednesday 1 November begins at 10 am with Holy Communion. The AGM will follow morning tea. ...*Barbara Fleming 342.8982.*

Card Making Group

Card Making begins at 10 am in the Bowden Hall on Saturday 4 November. Bring \$5 and a small plate of food to share for lunch at noon and at 2 pm we will make our way to 'Seven' where we will celebrate our end of year with a 'High Tea' at 2.30 pm. Cost \$20 ea. Please let me know if you want to book in for the 'High Tea'.

...*Irene 348.7554.*



Annual Leave

I will be on holiday from 6 - 28 November. Yaeko McLister will be looking after the office whilst I am away. The office will not open until 9.30 am during this time. ...*Pamela*

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.

Exercise Class

Our Exercise Class meets every Tuesday at 9.30 am in the Parish Hall. They donate their proceeds to the St. Peter's Restoration Fund and have given \$9,569.50 so far. Prior to the Restoration Fund they raised money for Missions.

Church Restoration Fundraising

Thank you to all those who have contributed towards our Christmas raffle prize list - it is promising to be an excellent one. Not too late to offer items although we will have to close off this week in order to print details on the tickets. There will still be time to contribute to the hamper for a few weeks. Then we look forward to you selling the tickets, with the prizes on offer and for such a good cause that shouldn't be difficult. ...*David Winfield 3228723*

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.

Housekeeping - Kitchen Sterilizer

Please - no coffee grounds in the sterilizer. They block it up and are hard to remove. Just tip the grounds into the pottle supplied and hand wash the coffee plunger. Thank you.

News Beyond the Parish

Theologians in the Cathedral

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

Dictionaries Needed for Canterbury Prisons

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

Risingholme Orchestra

An afternoon of opera and more, Sunday 26 November, 2 pm, Avonhead School, 55 Avonhead Road. Adults \$12, Children \$3 - includes afternoon tea.

See poster on noticeboard for details.

This Week's Diary

Monday 30 October

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

Tuesday 31 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 1 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Daytime Fellowship AAW - 10 am.
Ilam Life Care Service - 1.30 pm.
Vestry Meeting, 7.30 pm.

Thursday 2 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
Walking Group - 9.30 am, Princess Margaret.
Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room.
Care Bears - 7 pm, York Room.
Choir practice - 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 3 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
'A Team' - 9 am - noon. Meet at Hall.
Middlepark Service - 11.15 am
English Conversation Class - 3.45 pm, Bowden.
Youth Band - 6 pm, Youth Group 7pm, Bowden.

Saturday 4 November

Card Making Group - 10 am, Bowden Hall.
See details on pg.2.



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Next Week's Readings

*Revelation 7: 9-17
Psalm 34: 1-10
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12*