

## Worship Details



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

#### Readings:

Amos 5.18-24  
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18  
Matthew 25.1-13

#### Sentence:

Keep awake for you do not know either the day or the hour. (*Matthew 25.13*)

#### Collect:

Bridegroom of heaven,  
you come when we least expect:  
keep us from foolishness,  
save us from distraction,  
and may we stand with our lamps lit,  
ready for your return;  
now and forever. Amen.

#### Post Communion Sentence:

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might and the wonders of his name. (*Psalms 78.4*)

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

- \* For 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, Matt Rough, Warren Dobbs, Helen Easterbrook.
- \* For our year of strengthening.
- \* For those in prison.
- \* For resthome residents.
- \* For continuing generous support for St. Peter's Restoration Campaign.
- \* For the proposed Christian pre-school.
- \* For Bishop Victoria.
- \* For the Parish of Rangiora. The Diocese of Waiapu. Christian Conference of Asia.

#### Mission News

Our Mission Table last week raised \$400.50 for 3 projects. We are giving \$50 to Leprosy Mission, \$100 to Mission to Seafarers and \$250.50 to Richard Starling's "Stay Real Programme". Thank you for your wonderful support. ...Irene

Sermons are on  
the web



is available

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

12 November 2017

Ordinary Sunday XXXII

### Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Assistant Deacon....



Happy New Year!

In a few more weeks, the new Church Year will begin. December 3 is the first Sunday of Advent. We Anglicans follow a year that is out of sync with the Gregorian year which begins January 1. This secular year merely marks the day of the week on a calendar. Our Church Year follows the life of Christ.

I recently saw this explanation of the Church Year on a Sunday School whiteboard:

Advent = Jesus is Coming  
Christmas = Jesus is born  
Ordinary Time = Jesus teaches  
Lent = Jesus journeys to the cross  
Three days = Jesus is crucified and dies  
Easter = Jesus Rises  
Pentecost = The Holy Spirit comes

It is a good explanation but misses one important element. The Church Year is not just about what happened to Jesus. It is also about what happens to us as his followers. Our list could also read:

Advent = We long for life and light  
Christmas = We are born anew  
Ordinary Time = We grow in grace  
Lent = We recognise our weakness  
Three days = We die to sin  
Easter = We are risen with Christ.  
Pentecost = We are filled with the Spirit

It certainly will be a happy new year.

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## News in the Parish

### **Interment of Ashes**

Today we will be interring John Robb's ashes in the Garden of Remembrance after the 9:30 service, everyone welcome.

### **Petersgate Fundraising Concert**

Christchurch Concert Band, Sunday 19 November, 7pm, St Mark's church, Withells Rd, Avonhead. Adults \$15, Children & students \$5.

*See poster on noticeboard for details.*

### **Parish BBQ**

All parishioners are invited to a BBQ lunch to be held on Sunday 26 November, 12noon.

This is an ideal opportunity to get together and celebrate John McLister's ordination and the Sakamoto family baptised that morning.

Sausages and salads will be provided. If you would like to bring a plate of sweet finger food to have with coffee, this would be appreciated. Contact Sue 3427350.

### **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 with now featuring 30 major prizes. There is still 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.

**But wait ...**there's more! Our former Vicar, Philip Robinson and Adrienne, are participating in the ASB Summer Starter Fun Run and Walk on Sunday 26th November (they'll be walking!!) and would welcome others to join them. Details can be found online at [summerstarter.co.nz](http://summerstarter.co.nz) where you need to register. They are seeking sponsorship which will go towards our restoration and there are forms for this by the door today. So either enter yourself and seek your own sponsors or offer to do so for Philip. Philip advises that he has registered us as a team from St. Peter's named: St. Peter's Rebuilders. Anyone who registers should click 'team' registration and if necessary use Phil's email [philiprobinson63@gmail.com](mailto:philiprobinson63@gmail.com) Thanks. *David Winfield (3228723)*

### **St Peter's AAW**

The annual meeting is on Wednesday 15 November, 7:30pm, Bowden Hall. The meeting will commence with Eucharist. There will be a raffle. Members are asked to bring a small plate to share and also to bring a small gift for the City Mission Walsh House for women.

Margaret Mahan, Leader 9422114  
Janice Newnham, Secretary 3586242

### **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.

Jen:

#### **KEEP THIS DATE FREE**

John McLister's Ordination  
Saturday 25 November 10am  
Transitional Cathedral



## News Beyond the Parish

### **Container Quilts**

Sale of quilting fabric, patterns, wool, various sewing items, plus sale price remnants of fabric, Saturday 18 November, 10am to 3pm, Parish Hall.

### **Ellel Ministries Restoration Day**

A Restoration Day provides a special opportunity to gain healing through prayer, reflection and worship, as well as facilitating greater understanding of Biblical principles of healing. Held on Saturday 25 November, 9am to 4.30pm, St John's Church, Woolston.

*See poster on noticeboard for details.*

### **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.*

### **Middleton Grange School Fiesta, Friday 1 Dec. 5 - 8 pm**

## This Week's Diary

### **Monday 13 November**

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

### **Tuesday 14 November**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.  
Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall.  
Homestead Service - 11 am.  
Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.  
Create with Fibre - 1 - 3.30 pm.  
Mayfair Resthome Service - 3pm.

### **Wednesday 15 November**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Holy Communion - 10am, Parish Hall.  
Evening Fellowship AAW - 7pm, Bowden Hall.

### **Thursday 16 November**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Walking Group - 9.30 am, St James Park.  
Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room.

### **Friday 17 November - Canterbury Anniversary**

Public Holiday  
St. Allisa Resthome Service - 10:30am.



#### *Next Week's Readings*

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18 ; Psalm 90.1-8, (9-11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 ; Matthew 25.14-30