

Worship Details



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

St. Luke's Church
9.30 am Holy Communion

Readings:

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Sentence:

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' (*Matthew 25.21*)

Collect:

Risk-taking God,
with an open hand
you have entrusted us with countless gifts:
we ask of you just one more thing, courage;
courage to use all you have given us,
that we might enter into the joy of our master;
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing. (*1 Thessalonians 5.11*)

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 - Phyllis Hay, Lyn Hawke, Phyllis Cochrane, Craig, Owen Webber, Helen Easterbrook.
- * For our year of strengthening.
- * For John as he prepares for ordination and his family.
- * For resthome residents.
- * For continuing generous support for St. Peter's Restoration Campaign.
- * For the proposed Christian pre-school.
- * For Bishop Victoria.
- * For the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.

Mission News

As we approach the season of Advent, each Sunday in Advent has a theme. Advent 1 Hope, Advent 2 Peace, Advent 3 Joy, Advent 4 Love. The topics are for the CWS Christmas Appeal ...*Irene*

Sermons are on
the web



is available

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

19 November 2017

Ordinary Sunday XXXIII

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Vicar....



Today's Gospel could have been written just for us, Kiwis. For kiwis are birds that have the talent to fly. Indeed once they use to soar amidst the heavens and look down on the wetas and the Tuatara and the other creatures crawling about in the mud. God gave the kiwi wings with which to fly. But flying was a risky business, you know the wind and the other birds and then there was the landing, always the fear of hurting yourself when you land. So the kiwi took the easy non-risk approach. Walking around the ground, and now her wings have wasted away and the kiwi lives in constant fear of the weasel and possum.

What are you like at taking risks? Most of us have such an inbuilt fear of failure that it can stop us from ever taking a risk.

The first two servants "went off at once" to multiply the gift (vs. 16-17). They trusted in their relationship with the master. They were future-focused, willing to risk for the master's increase. In contrast, the one-talent servant fearfully focused on the past. "I knew you were a harsh man... so, I was afraid." He did not trust that his relationship with the master could risk failure. He did not trust his own abilities. His fear immobilized him and led him to hide the gift until the master's return.

We too have been given so much. God has given us all our own particular set of talents. Some of us are caring, some of us are good administrators; others of us have the gift of doing practical tasks. God has blessed our parish with many gifts too.

Today's Gospel has the master rewarding those that took a risk, with their talents. It's all too easy to bury our talents for fear. Fear of what others might think, fear of overextending ourselves, fear of being deeply committed to one project. Without risk takers the Gospel would never have come to this land, without taking a risk, the Church of God will never prosper and nor will we.

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News in the Parish

TODAY : 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, now with 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.

Summer Starter A former Vicar, Philip Robinson and Adrienne, are participating in the ASB Summer Starter and would greatly appreciate our sponsorship. They are directing all proceeds to our Restoration which is very generous and thoroughly deserves our support. Please fill out the sponsorship form on the table by the church door as a means of encouragement and gratitude.

Thanks, *David Winfield (3228723)*

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. Closing date is 22 November. That would be a great help. Thank you. Jen: seokjen@yahoo.com.sg

Daytime Fellowship AAW

As 2017 draws to a close, we look back on a year of " highs and lows". Our AGM in November went off with no surprises, so it will be business as usual in 2018. Our low of the year was the death of Estelle Laugesen. She will be greatly missed by us all

Our Christmas morning tea on Wednesday 6th December will bring the year to a close.

We wish all our members a very happy and blessed Christmas. Barbara Fleming 3428982

Giving Envelopes 2018

Are available for collection from the table. If you would like to join the envelope system, please come to the office. The envelopes have only been prepared for those who gave in the last 12 months. If people have had envelopes in the past but have not used them then there will not be a set for them – give and you will receive!!! If you take a set to someone, please let the office know.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE

John McLister's Ordination

Sat 25 November 10am, Transitional Cathedral

Family Service

Sunday 26 November, 11am. Come and make a Christmas cake. Celebrate the baptism of the Sakamoto family. BBQ for lunch after the service.

News Beyond the Parish

Christchurch Art Gallery

Do visit the Art Gallery. There is a special display He Marama Kowhai and the Riccarton Knit & Stitch groups were invited to crotchet yellow moon craters for the display. Crotchet hooks and wool are supplied. The instructions are demonstrated in a video how to crotchet. The finished product is put in a basket and the Riccarton Knit & Stitch are responsible for joining them. It is a truly international project. You can become a part of this at the Art Gallery.

Irene

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 20 November

Sharing & Caring - 11:30am, 111a Yaldhurst Rd.

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

Tuesday 21 November

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.

Maples Resthome Service - 11am.

Wednesday 22 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10am, Parish Hall.

Evening Fellowship AAW - 7pm, Bowden Hall.

Vestry Meeting - 7:30pm, York Room.

Thursday 23 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Crosbie Park.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room.

Care Bears - 7pm, York Room.

Choir practice - 7:30pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 24 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

English Conversation Class BBQ - 4pm, Church grounds.

Youth Orchestra - 6 - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group - 7 - 8:30pm, Bowden Hall.

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



Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95.1-7a

Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46