

## Worship Details

### St. Peter's Church

8 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion,

Good News Club and Youth Play; then BBQ Picnic at the Vicarage, 11 am.

5 pm Night Prayer at St. Luke's



**Readings:** Isaiah 40.1-11; From Psalm 25  
2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

#### Sentence:

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord'. (Mark 1.3a)

#### Collect:

Messenger God,  
you chose John the Baptiser  
to proclaim the longed-for Christ;  
stir us to action,  
that having heard John's message of hope,  
we may share in its proclaiming;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

#### Post Communion Sentence:

In keeping with God's promise, we wait for a new heaven and a new earth, where justice is at home. (cf 2 Peter 3.13)

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

- \* We thank God for the life of Phyllis Cochrane. We pray that her family will be comforted in the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother.
- \* For those known to us who are sick or having an operation - Phyllis Hay, Lyn Hawke, Craig, Owen Webber, Caleb Scarlet.
- \* For our year of strengthening.
- \* For John, newly ordained, and his family.
- \* For the proposed Christian pre-school.
- \* For Bishop Victoria.
- \* For the City Mission, especially at this time of the year.
- \* For the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.
- \* We give thanks for the generous support of Lotto and the City Council towards our restoration fund.
- \* For Tikanga Maori. Bishopric of Aotearoa. Regional Bishops. Diocese of Wellington.

### Mission News

Our Mission Table last week raised \$597.10 for the CWS Christmas Appeal - "Make Hope My Story". Thank you for your support during the year. This year we have raised \$4,700.90 - this is a wonderful result. Our next Mission Table will be held on 4 February 2018. The stall will be for St. Andrew's High School in Tonga for student funding....Irene

Sermons are on  
the web



is available

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

10 December 2017

Advent II

### Theme for the Year: Strengthening

#### From Our Assistant Priest



#### Silence

I was reading our Anglican 'A New Zealand Prayer Book' recently.

Probably a good thing to do, since I was just ordained a priest.

I was reading the parts of the 'Liturgy of the Eucharist' that are written in italics.

These are the instructions of when to stand, sit, kneel, or what the priest should be doing.

They are like the operating manual that comes with your mobile phone.

What surprised me was how often the word 'Silence' or 'Silence may be kept' appeared in these instructions. But why have silence during the Eucharist?

Pope Benedict XVI writes: 'Silence is part of the liturgy....

The greater mystery, surpassing all words, summons us to silence.

Silence is not just the absence of speech and action.

We should expect the liturgy to give us a positive stillness that will restore us.

Such stillness will not be just a pause, in which a thousand thoughts and desires assault us, but a time of recollection, giving us an inward peace, allowing us to draw breath and rediscover the one thing necessary...."

May the times of silence during our Eucharist restore us all.

...John

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## News in the Parish

**Congratulations** to John and Margaret Palmer who, this weekend, are celebrating with their family their **60th Wedding Anniversary**

**Thank you to Edwin and Essie Boyce** for decorating our church so beautifully for this Christmas Season.

**Thank you to Ken James** - Ken has been collecting and delivering the food from our food basket to Aranui for many, many years and has just retired. Ken has had a slight accident and is now recovering. God speed you well Ken. Our prayers are with you.

### **All Age Worship - Good News Club**

TODAY at the 9.30am service we are presenting our play. It is very exciting this year as the music group will be accompanying us and some groups in the parish have also helped us out. Immediately after the play, from 11.00am onwards, on the Vicar's Lawn, we will have our parish picnic. This is open to EVERYONE; you don't need to have a child. There will be some games; we will eat the cake we made on Stir Up Sunday; there will be a lolly scramble and there might even be a visit from someone very special dressed in red! Just bring whatever you wish to eat (a barbecue will be available), a chair or blanket, and sunscreen and/or hat! We would love to see you all there and this is a great way to celebrate our year together. In addition, during the month of December, we would like to invite you to donate a gift for Christchurch children in need. These can be left underneath the Christmas tree and we will ensure that they are delivered to the City Mission the week before Christmas. If wrapped you might like to indicate gender and approximate age.

### **Church Restoration Fundraising**

Great delight has greeted the recent announcement of an \$800,000 grant from Lotteries Heritage and Environment, hot on the heels of the \$150,000 from the City Council. So our goal is in sight. But - we still have around \$400,000 to find (hopefully by Easter, the parish's 160th anniversary) and while other trust and grant applications are awaiting results we will still need some generous gifts to bridge the gap. Can you help, or direct us to benefactors who might respond? We are most grateful to those who have responded to the Living Stones scheme and if you haven't had one of the brochures please approach David Winfield or Pamela in the Office. Also many thanks to all those supporting the Monster Christmas Raffle (89 books have gone out) and these can be returned when completed, again to David or Pamela. It's exciting to think that our considerable target is now within reach.

### **Last Sunday's 8 am Service**

At the end of last Sunday's service, The Rev. David Winfield announced Lotto was giving \$800,000.00 to the Church Restoration Fund to which I called out - give them a standing ovation. During thunderous applause The Rev. John McLister remarked "You are probably seeing some of your money coming back Peter". Later I thought about his sermon and I am sure the late Bart Cummings would have loved to have met John to thank him for contributing to his trainer's commission for four of his twelve Melbourne Cup victories through his patronage of Fosters. ....Pete Coman

### **Gateway Magazine**

is ready for delivery today. When you collect your bundle would you please take an equivalent amount of Anglican Actions to deliver with your magazines. Thank you to Jen from Singapore who has typed it up for us.

**ALSO Green Flyer** We have a special Christmas Services flyer to deliver to the community. It is combined with the Upper Riccarton Methodist Parish. They will be delivering them too. On the list of streets we have marked the streets that the Methodists will deliver to. If you can deliver to other streets please mark these on the list. Please help get this out asap and take a stroll in the wonderful weather we are having. With this flyer is a small leaflet advertising the Carols in the Park which is next Sunday 17 December from 6.30 pm at Crosbie Park; our parish couldn't be part of this because it is the same time as our Remembrance Service. Thank you.

### **Coffee & Chat Rosters**

These rosters are on the table for collection.

## This Week's Diary

**Tonight** - Night Prayer at St. Luke's, 5 pm.  
and then Carols at Riccarton Bush at 6.30 pm - just roll up and join in the singing with the Addington Brass.

### **Monday 11 December**

Walking Group - 12.15 pm - Christmas lunch.  
Choir singing at Ilam Life Care - 6.30 pm.

### **Tuesday 12 December**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.  
Homestead Service, 11 am.  
Create with Fibre - 1 - 3.30 pm.  
Mayfair Service - 3 pm.  
Choir singing at The Homestead at 6.30 pm.

### **Wednesday 13 December**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Rm.  
Holy Communion - 10 am.

### **Thursday 14 December**

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

### **Friday 15 December**

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.  
St. Allisa - 10.30 am.  
Youth Orchestra - 6 - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.

### *Next Week's Readings*

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians  
5: 16-24  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

## Coming Up....

### **NEXT Sunday 17 December - Advent III**

**8.00 am - Holy Communion - St. Peter's**

**9.30 am - Carol Service - both churches.**

Afterwards a special morning tea on the lawn with Christmas cake, sherry and lemonade. *Please bring some Christmas cake or mince pies to share.*

**5.00 pm - Night Prayer - at St. Luke's**

**7.00 pm - Remembrance Service, St. Peter's** - a quiet time amidst the bustle of the Christmas season to remember loved ones who have died. *Please bring a flower.*

**SEE THE CREAM INSERTION WITH THE  
BULLETIN TODAY - TWO SPECIAL EVENTS  
COMING UP, HERE ON  
20, 21 AND 22 DECEMBER.  
Also in the Gateway Magazine.**

