Worship Details

St. Peter's Church 8 & 9.30 am Holy Communion + 11am Family Eucharist

Readings: Matthew 25.31-46

Sentence:

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' (*Matthew 25.45*)

Collect:

Sovereign of all. we long for your reign where the poor are blessed and the meek inherit the earth: help us to mould our communities on your example, that the least are respected as if they are the greatest, and the greatest know your way of love; in Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

May you know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints. *(Ephesians 1.18b)*

Prayer Focus - Please Pray....

* For Crystal Sakamoto, Daniel Sakamoto, Ikumi Sakamoto, who will be baptised today.
* 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 Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.

* We give thanks for the generous support of the City Council for our restoration.

Mission News

Our Mission Table next week will be for CWS Christmas Appeal - Make hope my story. ...*Irene*

Sermons are on the web



is available



Theme for the Year: Strengthening

Nelcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

From Our Vicar



One of my favourite bits of the old Cathedral was on the west wall. The wall nearest the Square. I refer to the mosaic panels, not to the rose window which of course was marvellous too, (a Mountfort design so it must be good!) I have always like mosaics, the colours, the textures and the sense of antiquity. When I grow up I hope to get to Ravenna in Italy, which is known for its mosaics. You might remember the ones in the Square. They were based on today's passage.

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Each scene in the mosaics was a different person in need being ministered to.

The grace of the reading for me is that; in the hungry and thirsty, the naked and the imprisoned, the sick and the stranger, we discover none other than Jesus himself. In those in need we minister to, it turns out they are ministering to us! That's certainly been my experience. Challenging - yes, but also really comforting too.

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News in the Parish

TODAY : Parish BBQ

All parishioners are invited to a BBQ lunch at 12pm today.



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

Sausages and salads will be provided.

All Age Worship

Sunday 10 December, 9:30am will include "a play" by the Good News Club, BBQ to follow on Vicarage Lawn - everyone invited. Please bring a picnic and meat.

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 . 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)*

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.

Rosters are on the table for:- Readers, Intercessors, Chalice etc; Morning Tea Set Up prior to 9.30 am service and Morning Tea Helpers for after the 9.30 am service. We do need more helpers for the latter two rosters - please give Pamela a call if you can help.

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.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall will be closed for hire from 8 January 2018 for earthquake and associated repairs. The hall will be out of action for approximately one month. If you wish to book the Bowden Hall during this time please phone the office as soon as possible.

News Beyond the Parish

City Choir Concert

Handel's Messiah, Saturday 9 December, 7:30pm, Charles Luney Auditorium. Adults \$49 from Martin Dixon, otherwise \$59, Child/student \$20. *Martin - Ph. 343.5229. See poster on noticeboard for details.*

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 27 November

Sharing & Caring - 11:30am, 111a Yaldhurst Rd. Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

Tuesday 28 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.

Wednesday 29 November

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

Thursday 30 November

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Walking Group - 9.30 am, Gardens. Coffee & Chat - 10 am - noon, York Room. Choir practice - 7:30pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 1 December

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Middlepark Resthome Service - 11:15am. Youth Orchestra - 6 - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.



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