

Worship Details



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

St. Luke's Church

9.30 am Holy Communion - Stir Up Sunday
5 .00 pm Night Prayer

Readings:

St. Peter's:

Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13:24-37

St. Luke's: Isaiah 64: 1-9; Mark 13: 24-37

Sentence:

Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come. (*Mark 13.35*)

Collect (at St Luke's)

Ever-present One,
you neither slumber nor sleep
and have promised to return at the end of the age:
grant that we who find waiting so tiresome
may be found with eager longing at your return;
this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence

Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away. (*Mark 13.31*)

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 Christian World Service Christmas Appeal.
- * We give thanks for the generous support of the City Council for our restoration.
- * For the parish of Shirley. Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

Mission News

CWS Christmas Appeal - Make hope my story.
Christian World Service wants all people to have food, water, dignity, justice and lives free of violence. ...Irene

Sermons are on
the web



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Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

3 December 2017

Advent I

Theme for the Year: Strengthening

From Our Vicar....



It was early afternoon, and I went to visit Susan. (name changed to protect the innocent.) Kindly she gave me a scone with jam and cream, sat me in front of the fire, and began to talk. You can see where this is going. Let me tell you just one more bit of information. Susan was blind. As I listened to her I could feel my eyes begin to droop. "There's no harm," I thought, "in closing my eyes as Susan can't see them." Some considerable time later I woke up! I can't tell you how long. Susan was still talking. When I left that parish Susan said at the farewell what a good listener Nick was. (little did she realise!)

Staying awake is easier said than done. Jesus' message is pretty clear. The phrase appears 3 times in the Gospel. "Stay awake!" It's been the experience of Christians that Jesus comes to us in the here and now when we are "awake" to his presence. The "sacrament of the present moment," is what we call it. We can think about times past, or we can imagine things to come. But the time we can discover Christ is the very moment we are in.

The real secret to being happy and content, is to stay awake to God's love. We might be doing "nothing", but God is present. When we can see and accept that every single moment is a gift from God we can allow it to work its wonder on us, in it we can find true freedom and peace.

God is right here, right now we only have to be awake enough to see him.Nick

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News in the Parish

All Age Worship - Good News Club

On Sunday 10th December 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 - See insertion with Bulletin today.

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.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall will be closed for hire from 9 January 2018 for earthquake and associated repairs. It will be out of action until mid February.

During this time, due to the generosity of our neighbours, worship will be held in the Upper Riccarton Methodist Church. The services will be at our normal times and will be Anglican Worship - not combined with the Methodist parishioners. They will be worshipping at St. Stephens.

Hearing Aids

I have access to a fund for over 65s to pay for hearing aids or glasses or teeth etc. If you need help with these items or another medical procedure please talk to me in total confidence.*Nick*

Thank you

Philip and Adrienne Robinson wish to thank parishioners, friends and neighbours who generously sponsored them for the Summer Starter 10 Km walk. They completed the walk last Sunday in 2 hours and have raised over \$1,000.00 for St.Peter's Restoration. If you were one of their sponsors please hand your money in to the Parish Office or to David Winfield. Well done you two!

Gateway Magazine

This will not be available until next Sunday. When you collect your bundle would you please take an equivalent amount of Anglican Actions to deliver with your magazines. Thank you.

Coffee & Chat Rosters

These rosters are on the table for collection.

News Beyond the Parish

Risingholme Concert

Risingholme Singers and Cantabile Choir are combining to present Dueker's Christmas Cantata with Chamber Orchestra, Today, Sunday 3 December, 3pm, Chinese Christian Methodist Church, Cnr Rugby Street and Papanui Road.
See noticeboard for details.Jill Willmott 388.3235

Carols at Riccarton Bush, Sunday 10 December, 6.30 pm.

Just roll up and join in the singing with the Addington Brass.

This Week's Diary · Tonight 5pm - Night Prayer at St. Luke's - all welcome.

Monday 4 December

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

Tuesday 5 December

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Staff Meeting - 9.30 am, York Room.

Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall.

Parkstone Care Service - 10am.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.

Oaks Service - 11.30am.

Create with Fibre - 1 - 3.30 pm.

Wednesday 6 December

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Rm

Holy Communion - 10am

AAW Fellowship Group - 10 am.

Ilam Life Care Service - 1:30pm

Thursday 7 December

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Walking Group - 9.30 am, Curlett's Reserve.

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

Choir practice - 7:30pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 8 December

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Youth Orchestra - 6 - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.



Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11
Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 1: 1-8

Coming Up....

Sunday 10 December - Advent II 8.00 am - Holy Communion

9.30 am - Holy Communion and Good News Club Play followed by parish picnic for all on the Vicarage lawn.

Sunday 17 December - Advent III

8.00 am - Holy Communion

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

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