Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8 am - Holy Communion 9.30 am - Holy Communion



Readings:



2 Kings 5: 1-14 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 Mark 1: 40-45

Sentence:

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. (Psalm 30.11)

Collect:

God of eternal hope, with miracles and signs Jesus proclaimed your reign: help us today to discover signs of hope and wonder, that, looking beyond ourselves, we might see your kingdom coming, on earth as in heaven; now and forever. Amen.

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 130 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15

Prayer Focus - Please Pray....

- * Give thanks for Simon and for 52 years of Ordained Ministry.
- * For those known to us who are sick, especially Craig.
- * For the Riccarton Clinic.
- * For the proposed Christian pre-school.
- * For Growers Market
- * For those in prison.
- * For the generous support of all towards our Restoration Fund.
- * For Diocesan Special Synod 3 March

Mission News

Our Mission Table last week was **a huge success**. Thank you for your tremendous support. The funds we raised give three students at St. Andrew's High School, Nuku'alofa, Tonga, the chance of education. Our stall raised \$600. An extra sponsorship of \$250 was received which means our table raised \$850.

....Irene Coman

Sermons are on the web



is available

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

11 February 2018 Ordinary Sunday VI

From Our Priest Assistant John...

The Sound of Music

"'Trendy priest sacks out-of-date choir', isn't such an uncommon headline. People hold strong opinions about music. Most discussions of music in worship tend to be about conflict over personal taste or styles: hymns versus worship songs, guitars versus organs, choirs versus praise bands, and so on. But this totally misses the point – music (whatever it is) plays a profound part in worship and is really about transformation.

There are a numbers of ways this transformation happens.

- Music helps builds community. When we share in music we are changed from worshipping individuals into worshipping people.
- Music can lift our worship to another plane. St Augustine wrote 'The One who sings prays twice'.
- What we sing we tend to remember better than what we read. Music helps words that express God's truth to become part of us and feed us within.

Music has the power to help us draw near to God, to come into his presence, to log on to the worship of heaven.

Music – whatever the tradition – can help do this. It opens us to being **transformed by God's love**."

(From: "Worship Changes Lives" by Paul Bradshaw).

...John

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News in the Parish

Garage Sale - 17 March, 9 am

Keep the goods coming in and please book this date in your diary.

Race Day - Riccarton Park

A combined Race day with Rotary Club of Riccarton to be held Saturday 24 March. Private Box, entry, Race book and meal in Balmerino Room. \$35. Make up a party. See Corin Murfitt if you are interested. Ph. 348.8625.

Parish AGM - Sunday 29 April, 11 am.

Would the Convenors of all groups please have their reports into the office by Wednesday 28th March at the latest. Thank you.Pamela

Confirmation Classes

Please speak to the Vicar if you are interested in attending the confirmation classes to be held shortly on a Sunday, after church, in the Vicarage.

Restoration Fundraising

Work has continued over the holidays and into the new year with some specific outcomes:

- 1) The money we have raised so far allows us to proceed to detailed design building consent stage with the intention of commencing building later this year.
- 2) Lion Foundation has generously given \$7,500 towards the project.
- 3) The blocks and stones scheme continues to bring in donations of \$500, \$1000 and larger amounts.
- 4) Plans are being made to print an envelope specifically for regular giving to the project (a number of existing envelope givers already allocate part of their offering to this project each week).
- 5) Plans are being made for Archbishop Sir David Moxon, recently Anglican Representative to the Vatican, to speak at a fund-raising event.
- 6) The 160th anniversary of St. Peter's at Easter this year will be celebrated as a further step along the path to restoration.
- 7) Sincere thanks go to those whose generous support moves us ever closer to the goal.

and ...

Pens and cards still for sale - call at the office for these. If you wish to purchase a stone - \$1,000; or block - \$500, please see David Winfield, or Pamela at the office.

Lost ... A very large turned wooden bowl has been misplaced - it was a prize in the recent restoration raffle and was made of wood from the felled trees in the graveyard.

Please phone the office is you have seen it around.

New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish would you please fill out a Parishioners' form. These are cream coloured and copies are on the table by the door. It will enable us to put your name on the parish roll and to supply you with a name tag.

Parish Groups - Commencement dates for 2018 Exercise Classes - Tuesday 20th February at 9.30 am. Mainly Music - Tuesday 20th February at 11 am.

Correspondence:

Last Sunday's Sermon - Observing Silence

During the 1920s. The Reverend Oldham was Vicar at St. Martin's Anglican Parish in Lincoln Road and after one of his services some die hard Anglican Parishioners complained of parishioners talking in Church before the start of the service and very few were genuflecting. The following Sunday Nelson Sloan an uncle of Irene and mine was at the service when the Vicar started the service by saying St. Martin's was a family parish and friendly talk in church before the service was good particularly welcoming strangers or visitors and looping the loop was not a rule - just an optional extra.

....Pete Coman.

Ash Wednesday -14 February & Lenten Studies

Two services this day - 10 am, The Imposition of Ashes here at St. Peter's, in the Bowden Hall, and one at night at **Our Lady of Victories at 7.00 pm.**

If you have any Palm Crosses from last year please bring into the office or church.

There are **Home Study Groups** during Lent - Sunday and Tuesday nights. Lists are on the table for you to state which study you wish to attend. The study is entitled "Hope" Through Lent with Romans - prepared by Kelvin Wright and Peter Carrell. The books are available from the office for \$8 each.

Quiet Day During Lent

Saturday 17 February at the Community of the Sacred Name, 300 Tuam Street, 10 am - 3 pm. Conducted by The Rev. Ben Randall. A shared lunch. For more information please contact: assistantcuate@christchurchcathedral.co.nz

This Week's Diary

Monday 12 February

Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

Shrove Tuesday 13 February

Morning Prayer -9 am , York Room. Staff Meeting - 9.30 am York Room. Homestead Ilam Service - 11 am Mayfair Service - 3 pm.



Ash Wednesday 14 February

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes - 10 am. Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm, Our Lady of Victories.

Thursday 15 February

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Walking Group - 9.30 am, Burnside Park Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room. Choir - 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 16 February

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. St. Allisa Service - 10.30 am. English Conversation Class - 3.45 pm Bowden Hall. Youth Band - 6 pm, Bowden Hall. Youth Group - 7 pm, Bowden Hall.