Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8 am - Holy Communion 9.30 am - Holy Communion

St. Luke's Church

9.30 am Holy Communion

Readings:

Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 91.1-2, 9-10, 15-16 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33

Sentence:

Jesus said, 'Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.' (John 12.24)

Collect:

Life-giving God, in you a single grain bears much fruit: grant us to die to our old selves that we live again in Christ, and bear the fruit of those that love you; now and forever. Amen.

> Next Week's Readings Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 11.1-11

Prayer Focus - Please Pray :-

* Give thanks for the lives of Jan Barker and Helen Cliffin and pray for their families and friends who are suffering loss at this time.

* For our Confirmation Candidates:-

Abbey Meiritz-Reid, Caed Falloon, Ethan Wilson-Bruce; Kathryn Shearing. Sophie Butler, Sophie Meiritz-Reid

* For those known to us who are sick, Craig, Oliver, Garth.

* For our Lenten Study Groups.

- * For the people of Papua New Guinea.
- * For the proposed Christian pre-school.
- * For the generous support of all towards our
- Restoration Fund.
- * For Bishop Victoria.

Mission Focus

In April we will be raising money for the Kailakuri Heath Care Project in Bangladesh. The work of the late Dr. Edric Baker continues with many success stories of patients who have been treated and healed by the staff working there.

Next Mission Table is Sunday 8 April.

....Irene Coman

Sermons are on the web





To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

18 March 2018 Lent V

Theme: Building

From Our Assistant Priest John



Catechism for Lent - Part 4

Child of God, how do we deepen our love for God?

We deepen our love for God through reading the Bible, participating in the life of the Church, and through worship and prayer.

What is worship?

To worship is to lift up our hearts to God. We join our prayer to the prayer of the Son to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

How did Jesus teach his disciples to pray?

He taught them this prayer: "Our Father in heaven ..."

What does this teach us about prayer?

The Lord's Prayer teaches us to praise God, to seek God's will, to ask for God's help every day, to say sorry for our sins and be forgiving, and to resist evil.

How do Christians worship together?

Christians gather to praise God, to listen to the Holy Scriptures, to pray for the needs of the world, and to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a pledge of God's love and a gift of God's life. God takes earthly things, water, bread and wine, and invests them with grace. A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.

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News in the Parish

Gateway Magazines are ready for delivery today and also the Holy Week and Easter Gold Flyer.

Deliverers, when you collect your Gateway Magazines would you please take the equivalent number of Anglican Action Magazines to deliver with your Gateways. Please help get these out into the community as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lenten Study Books

We still have in the office Lenten study books - if you would like do your study at home - they are only \$8 each.

Palm Cross Making

Learn and enjoy another skill - make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. Please meet at Dianne Rait's home, 11 Cardinal Drive, this Friday 23 March at 2 pm. Please take your scissors, afternoon tea supplied.

Plant Pots

At present there are plenty of pots in the Potting Shed - so please do not drop off any more: polystyrene boxes are also not required. A volunteer is needed to keep the potting shed tidy - an easy job, requiring only 1-2 hours monthly! If you think this is the job for you, phone Janet ph 348 6473, or Jill ph 358 1115.

Garden Soil Conditioner/Mulch

The 'A Team' has turned the parish oak leaf compost into a great garden soil conditioner/mulch and have small plastic bags for sale at just \$1.00 per bag, proceeds to the restoration fund. Please place orders with Dennys 357.4204.

Good News Club Supa - As part of Lent, the GNC have been looking at praying and serving. As part of serving we are looking to support an initiative to spread the story of Jesus to 100,000 NZ children, in a book called The Supa Cool Story of Jesus. It costs 85c per book. The GNC children are supporting this and if you would like to help, you can donate after church today. A dollar to spread the word! ...*Fiona Gilmore*

St. Peter's Church - 160th Anniversary

There is to be a special service here on Easter Day, 1 April, 9.30 am. We will be greening the cross - please bring some greenery or a flower. The first sod will be turned for the restoration, followed by morning tea. We need 160 people to light the candles so please put your name on the list provided so we can achieve our goal.

A Special Thank you to Bill and Hilda Girl (from the

Riccarton Horticultural Society) who prune and look after our roses every year.

Diocesan Synod, 3 March

The Final Report on Motion 29 (To allow the blessing of same-gender relationships within the Anglican Church NZ) - Conversation and debate about the Working Group's final report on Motion 29 was wide ranging, mostly respectful, challenging and emotional. St. Peter's Youth Representative, Jessica Lee, presented a very convincing speech. In the end, the Synod voted to adopt the motion. Both the House of Laity and House of Clergy approved the recommendations with a 60/40% split. This recommendation now goes to General Synod for approval or otherwise. *...Bobbity and Sue*.

IRCA Conference -The International Rural Churches Association Conference, Lincoln University, from - 15-21 April. They need prayers, transport and baking etc. Ph. 352 0512 or 027 247 9400 or see the noticeboard for further details.

Restoration Fundraising

* We are delighted to acknowledge a significant number of donations from parishioners towards the Blocks and Stones Programme. This will enable donors to be recognised within the new build along with any family members they may be giving in memory of. Please ask for a special brochure if you haven't yet participated. We are still on the lookout for major gifts of course and would welcome any suggestions that might result in donations in the thousands.

* Looking ahead... Easter Day, 160th Anniversary Special Service, see pg. 1. Also on Tuesday 19th June Archbishop David Moxon, will speak at a fundraising evening. Mark this date in your diary now and tell others.David Winfield



Sunday 18 March

Study Group - 7.30 pm, 15 Ludecke Place. Monday 19 March

Sharing & Caring - 10 am, 111a Yaldhurst Road. Walking Group - 1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

Tuesday 20 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Staff Meeting - 9.30 am York Room. Exercise Class - 9.30 am, Parish Hall. Maples Service - 11 am.

Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall. Create With Fibre - 1 pm Parish Hall.

Study Group - 7.30 pm, 6 Murfitt Place.

Wednesday 21 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.

Holy Communion - 10 am. Study Group - 11 am, York Room.

Thursday 22 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room. Walking Group - 9.30 am, Mona Vale Railway.

Coffee & Chat - 10 am, York Room. Care Bears - 7 pm, York Room. Choir - 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 23 March

Morning Prayer - 9 am, York Room.
"A Team" volunteers - 9 am - noon, near Parish Hall.
Palm Cross Making - 2 pm. 11 Cardinal Drive.
English Conversation Class - 4 pm Bowden Hall.
Youth Orchestra - 6 pm, Bowden Hall.
Youth Group - 7 pm, Vicarage (Confirmation Class)
Saturday 24 March
Card Making - 10 - 4 pm Bowden Hall.
Palm Sunday 25 March - extra services next
Sunday. Family Service at St. Peter's in the Bowden Hall at 11 am. Donkey will be in attendance.
Stations of the Cross at St. Luke's Church, 7 pm.



Remember AGM Report deadline is 28 March.