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Weekly Services



St Peter's Church
Church Corner, Upper Riccarton

St Peter's Church

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Good News Club
11.00 am 4th Sunday Family Service in the Bowden Hall

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion

Fridays during term time:

6.00 – 7.00pm Youth Orchestra
7.00 – 8.30pm Youth Group

St Luke's Church

1st & 3rd Sundays

9.30 am Holy Communion



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“For Love and a Beetle”

a Tale of two journeys and a Retirement.

By Ivan Hodge

A tale of two journeys, a loving marriage and an adventurous couple discovering the world – this is the story of “**For Love and a Beetle**”.

In 1961, after a two-year stint in England, young Ivan and Beth decided to drive home to NZ in the brand new Volkswagen Beetle they'd bought. With their possessions strapped to the roof racks, they set off into the unknown across Europe, through communist countries, the mysterious Middle East and into the Asian subcontinent, camping in some unlikely places, cooking on a Primus cooker, and eating a lot of baked beans and fruit.

Thirty-five years later, Ivan and Beth dust off the old Beetle to retrace their steps and relive the memories. Now in their 60s, they call it their ‘second honeymoon’. They have a different perspective of the world as well as a mobile phone and a laptop; and still eat baked beans!

Their impressions of these two journeys, changes in cultures, the impact of tourism and technology, the decay of communism, continuing hostilities in some countries, and the constant friendliness of the people, while throughout it all the Beetle overcomes the harsh desert, wild weather and chaotic roads to deliver them safely back to Sydney where they now live.

This wonderfully descriptive account of their travels in both journeys is fascinating to read. I'm sure many of you would have seen reports of their journeys on TV and in the media as they were interviewed in various places on the way. The new edition includes an epilogue bringing the Beetle story to its final journey where it was donated to the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) in Auckland. Visit www.motat.org.nz for mementoes from the journeys.



17th Century Prayer

LORD thus knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people.

And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

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From the Vicar **NICK MOUNTFORT**

The excitement is building!

This year Easter Day (1 April) is even more special than usual. Easter is of course the most important celebration for Christians, as we come together to celebrate the Risen Christ. But this year has special significance for us at St. Peter's as it is the 160th anniversary of the Parish. To mark this occasion we will be lighting 160 candles (at 9.30am), one for each of the years of our Parish. We are deeply in debt to those who have carried the light of Christ, since 1858. They have not only carried it but they have shared it. Many, many people have been upheld in their lives through our Parish, and many institutions and organisations have been born. Riccarton Primary School began here, the Parish of Fendalton and the Parish of Avonhead was birthed from here, as was Petersgate.

NOTICEBOARD

St. Peter's Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, 29 March
7.30pm
Good Friday, 30 March
9.30am
Easter Day, 1 April
8am & 9.30am

St. Luke's Easter Services

Palm Sunday, 25 March
7.00pm
Easter Day, 1 April
9.30am

St. Peter's Patronal Services

Sunday July
8am & 9.30am

Coffee And A Chat

Thursday mornings at 10 am,
York Room
St Peter's Church Hall
All Welcome
Coffee \$2 Cake 50c

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St Peter's Anglican Church at Church Corner and St Luke's Valdhurst

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning,' 'how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety. Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachute.

A true story about Charles Plumb

But wait there's more! As you know we have been working hard to restore St Peter's Church and we are hoping, following the generosity of so many, to begin work in the last quarter of this year! So on Easter Day, we will turn the first sod to mark the beginning of work. This is a sign of hope for our future and of confidence in our God of new life. The excitement is building.

But wait there's more! We also hope that some of those who have helped us with the restoration can join us for a yummy morning tea that morning too.

I hope you can join us. It promises to be an historic occasion.

May the God of new life bring you all the hope of Easter.

Nick



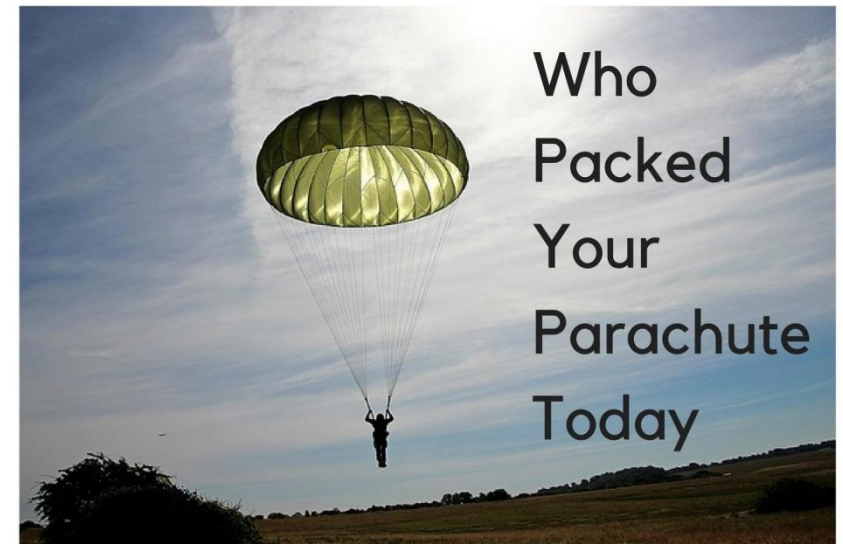
We are now approximately two thirds of the way to our final target which is wonderfully encouraging (one third of the way at the time of the last Gateway) and we are so grateful to the many parishioners and friends who have contributed. We must also acknowledge major gifts from Lotteries Environment and Heritage, Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Buildings Trust, CCC Capital Endowment Fund, and the Rata Foundation amongst others. We will shortly be reapplying to some of the Trusts who were unable to support us in the 2017 year. Appeals to St Peter's Churches internationally is ongoing.

The "Blocks and Stones" scheme continues very positively and we would encourage folk to participate

in this way. Gifts of \$500 or \$1000 (or more!) will ensure that donors' names (or the names of loved ones) can be given a permanent record in the restored Church. Further details are on the website or descriptive brochures available in the Parish Office.

At the end of last year our monster raffle raised over \$4000 and we thank the considerable number of people who sold and purchased tickets. In keeping with the season two performances attracted good audiences: "What's It All About" and "Basil and the Choir" provided some fine entertainment for all ages.

We are presently creating a targeted bequest programme and will also be issuing giving envelopes specifically for the restoration. But we would



Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

walking group

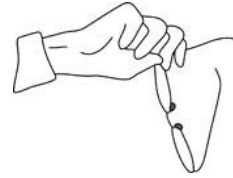
The past year has been an eventful year – some of our members have been unable to walk – some temporarily, thank goodness, but one will not be able to continue walking as surgery was not as successful as hoped. However, she can still join in our social gatherings and keep in contact that way.

Sadly, towards the end of the year, our founding member, Estelle Laugesen, passed away. She will be greatly missed, both by the walking group and the wider St Peter's community. That two of the original group still join us weekly is a testament to the foundations of exercise and fellowship that she laid.

Our numbers are down slightly – the aging process is not always kind – but we still continue to enjoy each other's company and share in the delights of the changing seasons as we walk through parks, beside rivers, or just along suburban streets. Newcomers are always welcome.

Gayle Groves, Convenor

Spectacles Drop-off



I am thrilled with the response to the request for unwanted spectacles that are being passed on to those more in need of them.

They are being delivered to the Islands to folk who are very appreciative of them.

So far you have contributed 217 pairs!

Keep them coming!

There is a (marked) drop-off bag in the hall for any that can be spared.

Leigh Craythorne

love to have suggestions of potential major donors or any other sources of funds.

Looking ahead in anticipation of a start to reconstruction in the latter half of this year, there will be a turning of the first sod ceremony at Easter to coincide with the parish's 160th Anniversary. Also to mark on your calendars, Archbishop David Moxon, formerly "The Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Vatican and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome." will address a fundraising evening on Tuesday 19th June. Decision has yet to be made on a venue.

And alongside all of this, we do ask for your continuing prayers for the project; as the Psalmist wrote: *"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."*

David Winfield

From the **PARISH REGISTERS**

Baptisms

St. Luke's Church

William Alexander Boyce

28 Dec 17

Sebastian William James Ward

4 Feb 18

St. Peter's Church

Eliza Louise Mei Wong

25 Feb 18

Funerals

Elizabeth Goodwin

17 Jan 18

James Murray Allison

12 Feb 18

Gertrude Isabella Eddie

McDonald

20 Feb 18

Interments in Garden of Remembrance

Alison Isabel Dorn

10 Dec 17

Roger Gifford Middleton

10 Mar 18

St Peter's 160th Anniversary



We warmly invite you to celebrate St Peter's 160th anniversary and to mark our restoration journey, for which construction will begin later in the year.

Please join us in worship and as we turn the first sod for the restoration. This will be followed by a morning tea.

During the service we will be greening the cross, you are welcome to bring a flower or piece of greenery to participate in this ceremony.

When: Easter Day, Sunday 1st April 2018

Time: 9:30am

Where: St Peter's Church, 22 Main South Road

April 2018

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Please RSVP by
emailing
office@barrer.co.nz or
calling 03 341 5041 by
Friday 23rd March

youth group

2017 SUMMARY AND 2018 GOALS

2017 was a big year for me as I was introduced to St Peter's Church and was given the job of running its Youth Group. Throughout the year we had a lot of fun doing a variety of activities including spotlight, quiz nights, cooking and a trip to Mega-Air. In order for us to have these events, we had to build trust. As a group we talked about today's issues and what impact we as Christians can have by understanding these issues from a different perspective. These conversations were key to building trust.

In 2018 we are looking at building confidence. We plan to involve the parish in more of what we are doing and will continue supporting every young adult, especially those who are attending confirmation classes.

Ethan Wilson-Bruce



St Peter's AAW

2018 got off to a promising start. The members of the Evening Fellowship have joined us in what promises to be a very busy year.

Following years of tradition our Vicar Nick was our guest at our February meeting. At the Diocesan AGM later in the month, the new AAW Chaplain is Rev Nicky Lee, a Deacon at the Cathedral.

March began with World Day of Prayer this year at the Methodist Church and based on Suriname. For this we had to supply 4 readers and master some tricky language.

Our guest for our March meeting was Dr Sue Bagshaw. She last visited us in 2015 so we look forward to her achievements over the last 3 years.

Barbara Fleming
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Greetings from the Anglican Missions office ...

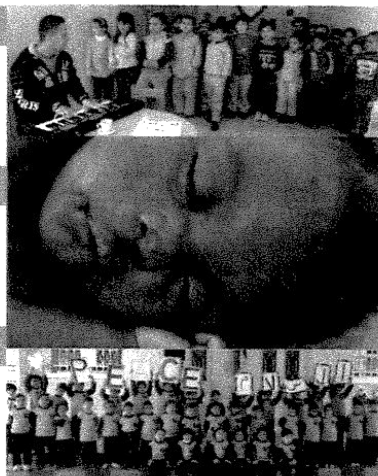
Dear Parish,

This letter is to let you know about our **2018 Lenten Appeal**.

We're very excited to tell you about the three projects we have lined up for this year. We pray that, as well as raising funds for the projects, this appeal will raise awareness of global Anglican mission work.

The **2018 Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal** will be supporting:

- **Savior Evangelical School in Jordan**
Serving vulnerable and needy children from poor and marginalised communities in Jordan.
The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
- **Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation in Uganda**
Serving the needs of vulnerable children with disabilities in a very poor region of Uganda.
The Anglican Church of Uganda
- **Arab Episcopal School in Jordan**
Serving blind and visually-impaired children through education in Jordan.
The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem



The aim of this Appeal is to raise funds beyond the Parish's regular mission contribution where possible. We were greatly encouraged last year by the response from Parishes and individuals to provide support towards the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for children with disabilities, the Al Ahli Arab Hospital caring for underweight children in poverty and the Rainbow Wing Safe House at the Christian Care Centre for protecting vulnerable people.

The season of Lent is an excellent time to raise Mission awareness and to support children in need around the world. Please join us again at this time of Lent in support of these inspiring ministries.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phoning 04 473 5172 or email info@angmissions.org.nz. We are honoured to be partnering with you all in supporting our brothers and sisters around the world.

God bless,
The Anglican Missions Team

Anglican Missions Board of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Te Poari Mihinare mo te Hāhi ki Aotearoa, Niu Tirenī me Pasifika · Komiti ni Veivaka - Lotutaki ni Lotu Jai e Aotearoa, Niu Siladi kei Polonisia



An
Invitation
to join us
and
celebrate

EASTER

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(St Peter's Hall, 22 Main South Rd, Church Corner)

Maundy Thursday - 29 March

A commemoration of the Last Supper and
foot washing - 7.30pm

Good Friday - 30 March

Devotional Service - Gathering Around the
Cross - 9.30am

Followed by Hot Cross Buns

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(School Road, Yaldhurst)

Palm Sunday- 25 March

Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm

EASTER DAY SERVICES

Sunday - 1 April

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(St Peter's Hall, 22 Main South Rd, Church Corner)

Holy Communion & Greening of the
Cross - 8.00am and 9.30am

Please bring a flower or greenery

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

(School Road, Yaldhurst)

Holy Communion - 9.30am

He
is
Risen



The Fantastic A Team

A window at St Luke's, Yaldhurst, has been quietly rotting away for years, but other than causing the church to smell musty, it had not been causing any harm.... or was it? When the A Team finally got around to tackling the problem, they had to rip off some match lining that revealed that the rot had spread into the framing timbers and even some of the old concealed weather boards. It was not a pretty sight, and by the time we had removed the old window sash, and cut out or had pulled out all the offending wood, we were starting to wonder if the church would remain standing.

As a temporary weather seal, we tacked a piece of canvass over the hole on the south side of the Church while we saw to removing or treating other infected timber. The offending window sash was taken over the road to Sockburn Joinery who undertook to fabricate a new wooden sash, which they did at cost, bless their souls.

Finally we were able to start on the reconstruction. The sash fitted like a (tight) glove, and new "eyebrows" were shaped by a retired aircraft engineer, so they are very aerodynamic. The glazier will then fit the new glass, and with some silicon sealer and new paint, we should have a window that will last for another 100 years.

Our thanks to Brian Anthony, Fergus Gillon, Keith Marshall, Joe Motoi and Dennys Guild who all helped at one stage or another.

Rot Doctors – A little light Maintenance!



That's confirmation, an adult renewal of our baptisms. Because its an adult commitment, it's appropriate that the people doing it are 16 or over, and that they are prepared carefully in a safe environment where no question is too silly.

Currently we have six young adults doing just that, with me in the Vicarage after church.

The confirmation service is on the 1st of July during our Patronal Festival, at 9.30am.

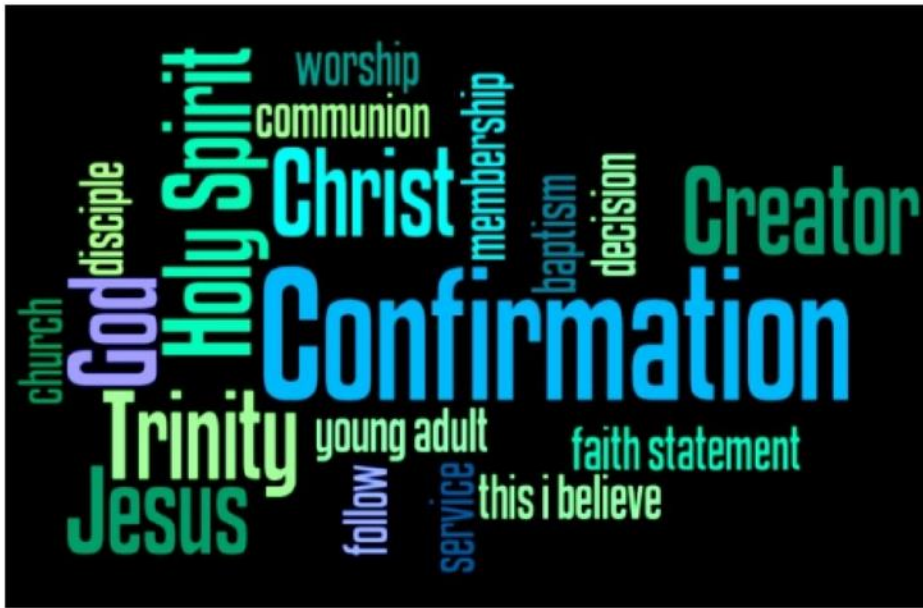
At present we have six young adults preparing for confirmation. I'm really proud of them, I hope you are too.

Nick

From the Anglican Mission Team

High School in Tonga – Our first Mission Table for 2018 was an outstanding success. Our sales table raised \$600 and then two donations brought out total to \$1,105. We are going to support four students this year. Thank you to all who made this such a success.

Irene Coman



What Is Confirmation?

Among my most prized possessions is a wee piece of cardboard. About half A4 size and laminated. This card represents a lot. It has the names of my Godparents and my Parents. And it has my name, a little prayer, and the date of my baptism. It speaks to me of the faith of my Parents who took me along to the Church of St. Hilda's Ranfurly, in 1965 to be baptised.

I can't remember the occasion just 6 weeks after I was born but I'm sure God's grace was present that day.

When I grew up I chose to confirm that faith begun on my behalf all those years ago. I had to say a few lines of commitment to Jesus in front of my friends and family and then the Bishop prayed over me asking for the Holy Spirit.

Bags of Soil Conditioner/Mulch from the A Team

It's an ill wind that blows no good, and the A Team has found a way to turn a waste product into a highly desirable garden soil conditioner/mulch. Keith Marshall, who has been an essential part of the A Team for several years now, suggested that we could help to empty the bulging parish compost bins by sifting the rotted leaf mould and turning it into a user-friendly product for the home gardener, as well as raising money for the church restoration.

So, we set out on this new venture with gusto, preparing 15 or so bags for the launch of the product at the services on Sunday 4th March, only to sell 50 bags at \$1.00 per bag in a few minutes. So we are now taking orders for the product, and Keith has streamlined his production method by employing a larger sieve.

If anyone would like to place an order, please ring Dennys on 357 4204.



A New Enlarged A Team?

With garage sales now being organised by a team, rather than just one person, there is a much larger gathering on Friday mornings to help sort through the donations of things for the garage sale. The A Team of light maintenance men and women would like to extend a cordial invitation to join them as part of their illustrious team, albeit that the garage sale volunteers have a single focus for their time on Friday mornings. Anyway, we all gather together for that all-important morning tea.

And there is always room for more volunteers to help with either the garage sales or with light maintenance. Please ring Dennys on 357 4204 if you would like to join us.

A Glimpse into the Lenten Bible Studies

Lenten Bible Studies commenced on 18 February and will follow through till Easter. There are three groups of Lent Bible Studies. We are part of the group that meets at Ludecke Place.

We meet once a week on a Sunday evening for an hour of studying and reflection on the Word, followed by prayer then fellowship over a cup of drink-refreshments thereafter.

This year's study is on the Book of Romans. The study guide is written by Peter Carrell and Kelvin Wright. Peter is the Director of Theology House and also the Director of Education in the Diocese of Christchurch and Kelvin is an educator and spiritual director who lives on the Otago Peninsula.

For the past 3 weeks, the studies help us to ponder upon Hope and Faith in our Father God who gives us His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. As we ponder upon the scriptures, we are given the opportunity to reflect and share on salvation by faith through grace versus salvation through works. Some reflective questions asked us to think about what it means for us that Christ had done everything necessary for us to be welcomed into God's family, and what response we could make for what God has done through Christ for us. Other questions examine how our faith in the finished work of Christ offers us a basis of hope for a better world. Our faith in our Living God is also strengthened as we recalled stories of great heroes of faith who were reckoned as righteous by God as they lived their life through faith in Him.

Like to join the studies?

Haydn & Adeline Hill

