

## Worship Details

### St. Peter's Church

8.00 am - Holy Communion

9.30 am - Holy Communion

### St. Luke's Church

9.30 am - Holy Communion



#### Readings:

Amos 7: 7-15

Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29

#### Sentence:

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will. (Ephesians 1.11)

#### Collect:

God of every generation,  
your faithfulness extends from age to age:

may we who know the truth of your  
constant love

live faithfully and purposefully,  
for the sake of him

who lived and died and rose again;  
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



#### Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Psalm 103.1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Ephesians 2.11-22

Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

#### Prayer Focus - Please Pray:-

- \*Give thanks for those standing for Bishop.
- \*For those known to us who are sick, especially Craig, and Jim Spencer.
- \*For those out of work.
- \*For the City Mission.
- \*For the Christian pre-school, on site.
- \*For the generous support of all towards our Restoration Fund.
- \*For the Parishes of Highfield, Kensington and Otipua. Christchurch Cursillo.
- \*St. Peter's, Croydon.

#### Mission Focus

Nick & Tessa Laing live in Uganda—they are in a fence free neighbourhood in a grassed thatched hut in Aulu. They love tutoring neighbourhood kids, discussing many topics with their Bible study group and being part of local life.

....Irene Coman

Sermons are on the web



is available

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

## St. Peter's & St. Luke's

15 July 2018

Ordinary Sunday XV

Theme: The excitement is  
"BUILDING"

### From Our Vicar, Nick

I wonder what you fear?

Most of us when we are honest with ourselves have lots of fears. We might fear what others think, or fear that we won't be able to support ourselves, or we might be worried about our health or our children's decisions, or ... the list goes on.

Today in our reading from Mark we have a window onto the fears of Herod Antipas. Not to be confused with Herod The Great. Herod fears John the Baptist, he fears his wife, he fears the Jewish people and he fears Rome. All this conspires to make him execute John.

Reading with modern eyes we are shocked at the brutality of cutting John's head off. But for Herod this would have just been another day at the office. Herod is a contradiction of competing fears and we see the terrible outcome.

In my fears I draw great strength from the line that appears in 1 John 4:18— "Perfect love casts out all fear". Psychologists tell us that we only have two basic emotions as humans; love and fear, all the rest take their lead from these.

How different Herod's actions would have been if they had been from a place of love not fear.

How different our lives would be, if we could trust our fears to the love we see in Jesus Christ.

....Nick



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## News in the Parish

### **Correspondence Received. A Thank You.**

Rest Home Ministry Team—Many thanks for the enjoyable afternoon tea you invited me to, to acknowledge my retirement as Co-Ordinator of the Parish Rest Home Ministry Team. The beautiful flower arrangement you presented me with is taking pride of place on my kitchen table—the colours are a bright splash of colour in the wintery days we have been having. Thank you too to Margaret Kent for hosting the afternoon. I wish Sue Robb as much pleasure as I have had in this ministry role. ....Leigh Craythorne

### **Grand National Service**

This traditional service will be held here on Sunday 5th August at 9.30 am. The Racing Chaplain, Andrew McKerrow, has been invited by our Vicar to take part in this service. Our Canterbury Jockey Club and racing fraternity have been very generous to the Parish in the past; particularly with sizeable donations to the church restoration project. It would be good if you can bring a plate of food for morning tea. ....Corin Murfitt

### **Garage Sale—29th September, 9 am**

This is a reminder of things we can't sell—electric blankets, TVs, any computers or parts thereof including printers, video players, children's car seats, chipped or broken crockery. Our September sale is being led by Jo Winfield and Gwen Guild with assistance from others. Further down the track we will be looking for helpers and bakers. ....Jo 322.8723

### **Plant Sale—13 October, 9 am**

Now that gardens are drying out a little, there is still time to divide and pot up plants for the sale - e.g. paeonies, hostas, iris, chrysanthemums, violets, polyanthus, alstromeria (but not pink), day-lilies - to suggest just a few. There is plenty of potting-mix available in the shed - and a selection of pots also. We still need larger pots, and also small and extra-small pots. Six-cell seed-troughs are NOT needed—there are plenty in the potting shed. ....Jill 3581115, Janet 3486473

### **Restoration Fundraising**

As has been mentioned previously we have been contacting St. Peter's churches internationally with invitations to contribute to our project and two of these from the UK replied this week. St. Peter's in Croydon have passed our request on to their appropriate committee for consideration but in the meantime assure us of their prayers. They have also asked that we might pray for them as they seek a new Vicar, so let's do just that. Further work in and around the church this past week continues to provide signs of progress so could we redouble our efforts to meet our shortfall. ....David Winfield 322.8723.

### **Grief Support Group**

Nick would like to start one. Please talk to him to register your interest.

### **Parish Hall Chairs**

Thank you very much for your flexibility in using the hall as a Church and a meeting place. The Health and Safety Committee ask that if you are stacking chairs only go 5 high as the bottom ones become too squished to get out. ....Nick

### **Missing**

Lots of white tablecloths from the Parish Hall have gone astray. If you know where they are stored, or have taken them to be washed please let Pamela at the office know.

### **Events Organised by Theology House**

Please see the noticeboard for four events coming up.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** are here now for you to fill. By the York Room door.

## **This Week's Diary**

### **Monday 16 July**

Sharing & Caring—10 am.  
Walking Group—1.30 pm,  
Riccarton Domain.

### **Tuesday 17 July**

Morning Prayer—9 am.  
Staff Meeting—9.30 am.  
Exercise Class—9.30 am.  
Maples Service, 11 am.  
Create With Fibre—1 pm, York  
Room.

### **Wednesday 18 July**

Morning Prayer—9 am.  
Holy Communion—10 am.

### **Thursday 19 July**

Morning Prayer—9 am.  
Walking Group—9.30 am, Burnside  
Park.  
Coffee & Chat—10 am.  
Choir practice—7.30 pm.

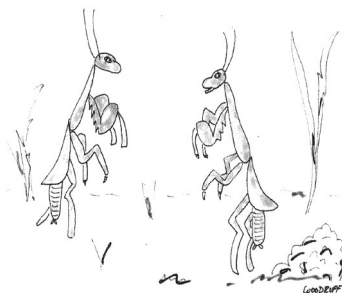
### **Friday 20 July**

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.  
'A Team' volunteers—9 am—noon, near Parish Hall.  
St. Allisa Service—10.30 am.

**Sunday 22 July, Pre Synod Meeting, 7–9 pm at St.  
Silas, Redwood, 237 Main North Road.**

**Newcomers - We have Welcome Packs** full of information about the Parish, or a shorter version, a pamphlet with pics of the church on the front, for you. These are on the table by the entry doors.

'Next of Kin' forms are available on the table. Please fill out and drop into the office.



"Sure, everyone thinks we're praying, but do any of us actually make the time for it?"

### **Bulletin**

If you want to receive the Bulletin by email, please let Pamela know.



### **Coming up - For your diaries**

**Commitment Sunday—**  
29 July  
**Tree Talk—29 July**  
**Racing Service—**  
5 August  
**Gateway in Church—5**  
August  
**Quiz—31 August**  
**Spring Service—2 Sept,**  
10 am, here.  
**Garage Sale—29 Sept**  
**Plant Sale—13 Oct**