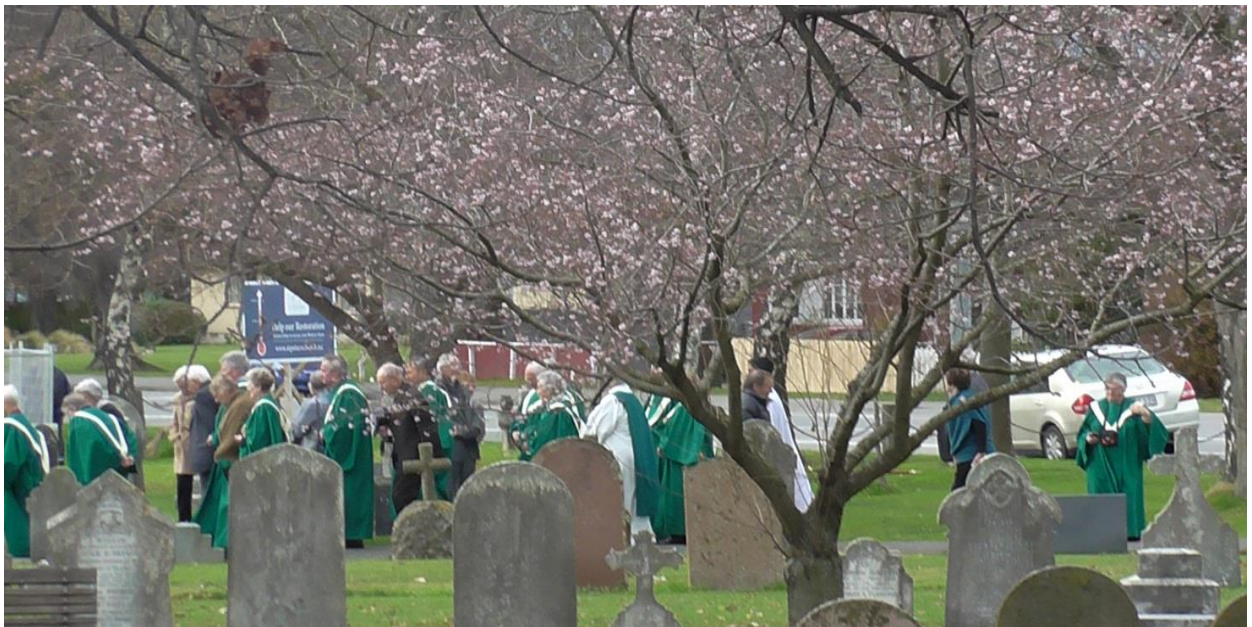


# The Gateway



2 Corinthean 2 5:17: Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.



Cover Page: Inland Scenic Route (top ) and St. Peter's Church yard (bottom) .

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St Peter's and St Luke's Church  
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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **St Peter's Church Parish Hall**

8.00 am Eucharist

9.30 am Eucharist with church choir in attendance followed by morning tea.

Good News Club for children: 9.30 am

### **St Peter's Church Bowden Hall**

11.00 am Family Service (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) with youth orchestra.

## **Mid- Week Worship Service Parish Hall**

10.00 am Eucharist (Wednesday)

## **Weekday CHURCH HALL**

Church Choir 7.30 pm (Thursday)

Mainly Music 11 am (Tuesday during term time)

Youth Orchestra 6.00 pm (Friday term time, Bowden Hall)

Coffee & Chat 10.00 am (Thursday, York Room)

Morning Prayer 9am (Tues – Fri, York Room)

## **St Luke's Church Worship Service**

9.30 am Eucharist (1st & 3rd Sundays)

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## **FROM THE VICAR'S DESK- DISCIPLINE FOR THE FUTURE**

Eli had finally got to sleep that night. It had been a long day, with a particularly frustrating meeting of the Temple oversight committee. He can remember saying to himself, "I'm getting way too old for this stuff." But his old life was not without its joys. One of his greatest joys was the boy Samuel. Samuel had been dedicated to the Lord at a young age, and given to Eli to mentor. Even though Eli was almost blind he could still see the enthusiasm and the energy that Samuel had for the Lord.



Anyway Eli had just got to sleep and then the boy started waking him. "Are you calling me?" he said. Eli knew he wasn't, he was asleep after all. "Go back to bed, he said, I didn't call you." A second time he woke him, "Are you calling me?" this time he was even firmer, "go back to bed!" Then a third time. Eli was almost ready to give him a piece of his mind when he sensed something. Maybe it's God who is calling him, this is the Temple after all. "Go back to bed," he said, only this time say, "Speak Lord your servant is listening." Maybe God has honoured my heartfelt prayer to have someone carry the faith after me, Eli thought, God is like that and Eli went back to sleep contented.

I love this story from the book of Samuel. It is beautiful picture of intergenerational encouragement. An old man almost at the end of his journey, taking the time and the trouble to bring a boy into a life of pray and faith. "Speak lord your servant is listening," is such a good way for us to begin to pray. The story also serves to remind us that God is in the business of calling younger people, if we are in the business of mentoring them.

I really enjoy St Peter's and St Luke's. One of the reasons is that we do mentor our young people. Recently at our Parish Confirmation service we witnessed six of our young adults make a public commitment of faith. It takes a whole village to raise a young person, and our thanks goes to their parents, the Good News Club, the Youth Group, the Family Service but most especially to the whole congregation.

We are that village; all of us like Eli have the task of mentoring our young people. Whether its sports or hand crafts or faith. Nurturing the next generation is one of the most rewarding activities you will ever do.

*Nick*

## GATEWAY EDITORIAL

The Gateway, is an invaluable tool of communication to the parishioners of St Peter's & St. Luke's Anglican Church of Upper Riccarton – Yaldhurst, as well as all others who are interested in the life of the church. Every issue will have a particular theme and the theme for this issue is *Baptism & Confirmation*, culminating in the *Confirmation Service on 1 July 2018*. As you read through this issue, you will realize that different gifts, talents and skills are at work when it comes to building God's Kingdom; and these together with caring, love and kindness.



I am thankful for the request from the parish to have something that will encourage the soul through Gateway. We therefore encourage writers to contribute articles, reflections, reports, events, notices, and news which will edify the readers. They can also write on Biblical teaching which will strengthen faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Adeline, the Editor, will be sourcing and compiling articles for this magazine while Carol, the Publisher, will lay out these articles for printing. A big thank-you to all who wrote and all who contributed; in one way or another to this issue.

Readers having read the Gateway magazine are encouraged to pass them on to other family members, friends or contacts who might be interested in the magazine. This will help to introduce the ministry of the Church to the wider public.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-5: "Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord." Colossians 3: 17: "And whatever you do in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

We need one another in order to be what God wants us to be as a Church of Jesus Christ.

Happy reading and writing!

God's blessings,

*Adeline Hill*

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## **A WORD OF THANKS**

### **Gateway**

The last issue of the Gateway was the final one for Jen, our Editor. She will be moving to Kuwait with Khin Wee in September. We thank her most sincerely for the fantastic job she has done over the two and a half years. She has brought our church news alive with her design and expertise and we have appreciated this very, very much. We wish her and Khin Wee all the very best in their future pursuits and hope that one day soon they will come back our way to live and join with us once again.~ Pamela

### **Spectacle Drop off**

Leigh Craythorne is very thrilled with the response and would like to thank all those who donated unwanted spectacles to be given to those in need of them. So far, a total of 281 pairs have been contributed and they have been delivered to the Islands to folks who are very appreciative of them. Please keep them coming, and drop the spectacles in the drop off bag (marked) in the hall.



### **Book Sale – 21-23 June 2018**

Thanks to all those who assisted with the book sale in a variety of ways. The total sales amount of \$1,715 collected over the 3 days will go towards the church restoration funds.

### **Rest home**

On behalf of the Parish and volunteers, the Vicar and Parishioner's Warden thanked Leigh Craythorne for her work with the Rest Homes who retired after 18 years. Sue Robb was welcomed as she takes over the work. Appreciation was also expressed to Margaret Kent for her hospitality in hosting the tea at her home during the handover.

### **Synod Rep**

On behalf of the congregation, the Vicar and the Parishioner's Warden thanked Bobbity Murfitt with a big bouquet of flowers at the Vestry Commissioning Sunday as Bobbity retires after 10 years of being Synod Rep.

## FEATURE

CONFIRMATION SERVICE - ADELINE HILL / MARGARET MAHAN/

VEN. NICK MOUNTFORT /YOUNG PEOPLE WRITERS

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.30 am service, we were privileged to have Bishop David Coles taking the service as he confirmed six young people. Three adults - Margaret Mahan, Lynn Shearing, and Jillian Oliver - also had their confirmation vows renewed at the same service. We rejoice with all of them as they took the step of faith in the Son of the Living God and promise to follow Jesus.



Young people at confirmation class: Abbey Meiritz-Reid, Caed Fallon, Ethan Wilson-Bruce, Kathryn Shearing, Sophie Butler, Sophie Meiritz-Reid. Christiana Talbot was there to support. Ven. Nick Mountfort took the class.

“Following the example of Jesus’ own baptism by John in the river Jordan. Baptism has for Christians always been the sign of entry into the Church and joining to Christ. Following baptism all may receive communion the bread and the wine, as they are full members of the church. When you are baptised in any denomination, and as long as the baptism is done by water and in the name of the Trinity, then you can be welcomed into full membership of the Anglican Communion. Many misunderstandings surround baptism. There is not a two tier baptism that is, just a “christening” when you are young. Christening is baptism. Nor are you baptised Anglican or Presbyterian or whatever, you are simply baptised a Christian. There is an opportunity for anyone to affirm their baptism when they are an adult. At this service the Bishop lays hands on them to ask the Holy Spirit to be present in their lives and they agree to live as followers of Christ. This is confirmation.” ~ **Ven. Nick Mountfort.**

## FEATURE

### A FEW LINES OF SHARING FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

**Abbey Meiritz-Reid, 18** “When the classes were offered, I decided I wanted to be confirmed because I wanted to confirm my faith with God. I really enjoyed breaking down the messages within the Bible stories, and gaining more understanding about what it means to be a Christian.”

**Caed Fallon, 20** : “Leaving home for the first time felt like a new chapter was beginning for me. Nick invited me to Church. I enjoyed the confirmation classes where we read a passage from the Bible, paused, then re-read the passage and chose a significant sentence to reflect on. It is also interesting to hear other peoples’ ideas and perspectives on the same passage.”

**Ethan Wilson-Bruce, 20** say” Moving out of my home on the West Coast and starting a new chapter of my life in Christchurch has forced me to become independent. Being independent has made me want to move closer to God. This is why I wanted to be confirmed. An exciting part of the confirmation class has been experiencing the growth of the group. As we have worked through the books, I have seen growth in confidence in myself and all confirmation candidates.”

**Kathryn Shearing, 16** “ I chose to go for confirmation class to understand my faith better and through the sessions I have enjoyed knowing everyone including myself better.”

**Sophie Butler, 17**” I’m in year 13 at St Margaret’s College. I decided to go for confirmation classes to take the next step in my journey with God. Something I really enjoyed about the classes is learning different aspects of the Bible each Friday night. I also enjoyed meeting new people on the journey.”

**Sophie Meiritz-Reid, 15** “I heard that Abbey would be joining confirmation classes and I decided it would be a great thing to do to confirm my faith. I enjoyed getting to know everybody in the group better. I also enjoyed being able to listen to everyone’s views and thoughts on the Christian faith.”

**Christiana Talbot** “I came along to be a support at the confirmation classes when I have a Friday evening off work as a nurse in ED at Christchurch. I was confirmed when I was 16 years old, and that was a real important moment for me in the development of my faith as an adult. It’s been a real pleasure to know those getting confirmed and I can’t wait to see where their journey will take them from here.”



## RENEWING CONFIRMATION VOWS - Margaret Mahan

“Following the confirmation of six young people at St Peter’s Patronal Festival, there was an opportunity for others to renew their vows made some years before. Lyn Shearing confirmed at St Peter’s in 1980, Jillian Oliver at Hornby, and me.

Right from my childhood I have always attended church along with my family, sung in several church choirs, taught Sunday School, been a Bible Class and Youth Group member, played the organ, and been a member of firstly Young Wives and later AAW. My faith in a loving God has always been important to me.

I was confirmed 63 years ago in 1955 at St Luke’s Church, Oamaru, by the Right Reverend Alan Johnson, along with a large group of Bible Class members and boarders from both Waitaki Girls’ and Boys’ High Schools. Girls wore white dresses and white veils while the boys wore their school uniforms.

Renewing my vows was something I wanted to do and it was a special moment when Bishop David Coles laid his hands on my head and prayed. I’m sure Lyn and Jillian felt likewise. He then shook our hands and gave each of us a kiss – a touching, lovely gesture.”

### **Matthew 16:13-17 (NIV) reads:**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”

The confirmation candidates have also declared their faith in Jesus, the Messiah. They have also decided to follow Jesus Christ.

Bishop Coles reminded us in his sermon to keep close to Jesus, so close that Jesus call can become our call and His cause can become our cause and that the world can see Jesus as we walk with Him. The Bishop shared that he was confirmed when he was 20 years old and he has been in ministry for 50 years now, and encouraged the confirmation candidates to think about where their faith journey with Jesus will lead them.

## FEATURE



The Director of Music, Haydn, gets the choir and youth orchestra ready to lead the congregation in worship. Bishop David Coles preaching at the Confirmation Service.

Haydn, with the choir and youth orchestra, led the service in the following hymns: I heard the voice of Jesus, To God be the Glory, Be Thou my Vision, You called us, Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord, In a byre near Bethlehem, O Lamb of God, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, Come among us, Lord, In the Lord I'll be Thankful, and Will you come and follow Me?.

### HYMN – I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (HORATIUS BONAR 1808-89)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto Me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in Him a resting –place, and He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of the life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.



## FEATURE

### REST HOME AND HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY – MARGARET MAHAN / LEIGH CRAYTHORNE



Thank you to Leigh Craythorne for 18 years of this ministry. Recently many of us involved in this ministry enjoyed afternoon tea at Margaret Kent's home to mark Leigh's stepping down as co-ordinator. Vicar Nick spoke about her 18 years' contributions, and in her reply, Leigh told us how it all began:

*"ST ALLISA'S - February 1992 – June 1993. Shopping for what we called the "Golden Oldies" at St Allisa's. Another parishioner (Pauline Soper) and I called into the residents' rooms at the rest home on a Wednesday, week about, to take their grocery orders. This usually took about 1½ hours as it was a social visit as well. (St Allisa's at that time had one two-storey wing.) We shopped at the local supermarket with all the little orders in our trolley (we got to know what brands etc. the residents preferred and the cashiers at the check-out grew to know us!) and we delivered the groceries back to their rooms. Sometimes the residents paid "up front" and we brought back the docket with their change and sometimes they paid on delivery. Some left their money in their drawer for us to pick up if they weren't going to be there, and we left the docket and their change, along with their order!*

*Once I was asked to pick up name tapes from Riccarton Mall (as it was then) but after doing the grocery shopping and going further afield, it proved too much, so we decided to keep it to one-stop groceries only.*

*As the rest home grew, going into all the rooms proved too much for us, so we devised a way to collect the orders – notices to hang on the door handle of the rooms if orders were required. Sadly (for us) a little shop was opened at the home, run by a resident, so we decided to finish to avoid any friction.*

*August 2000-2013 - Assisted clergy at the monthly Communion Services.*

**MAPLES** - September 2007    Assisted Don Donnithorne at the monthly Communion service until his retirement in 2012 when I took over leading the service – this is ongoing. Early services were held in the corridor with no music, singing a cappella.

## CAPTURED

### EASTER DAY SERVICE AND TURNING OF THE SOD FOR CHURCH REBUILD

(1 APRIL 2018)



### REV. SIMON BALLANTYNE'S FUNERAL (11 MAY 2018)



### PENTECOST SUNDAY



### THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY





# ST. PETER'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

(1 JULY 2018)



## NURSE MAUDE SUNDAY (8 JULY)



## FEATURE

*October 2007 – ongoing. I am the neutral chairman of Maples Residents' Meeting, (approx. four times a year).*

*January 2018 – ongoing. Leading a monthly Bible Study Group.*

**ST NICHOLAS/PARKSTONE and THE OAKS** - November 2008. Assisted David Kent at the monthly Communion Services at both homes until his retirement in February 2012 when I took over leading the services – to March 2018.

*May 2008 – March 2018. Parish Rest Home and Home Communion Co-ordinator."*

Few of us realised how this ministry began, and how many hours Leigh devoted to it. Parishioners' Warden, Jo Winfield, presented Leigh with flowers, and two representatives from one of the homes gave her gifts. Leigh's quiet and dedicated attention to the ministry shone through in all she did, the preparation she put into her reflections for each service, and her friendly personality. She has been assisted by other volunteers in Bible reading, playing music for worship and administering Holy Communion to the residents.

Every Christmas, Leigh and Margaret Kent arranged for St Peter's Church Choir to sing at a couple of these Rest Homes. The Church Choir led by the Director of Music, Haydn, bring Christmas carols and cheer, greeting and joy to the residents and staff of the Homes. It is a joyful time of goodwill and interaction among all the participants.

Following this, the new coordinator, Sue Robb, was introduced and welcomed, and amidst much laughter, was presented with a crutch (borrowed from Bobbity Murfitt) to help her on her journey – it was promptly returned of course!

Although others have conducted services at the various homes over the years, Leigh has been the coordinator. Thank you for your many years of devoted service. You deserve to "put your feet up" and spend more time with Tony and the family.

You will see Leigh from time to time as Worship Leader at mid-week services, and she is still taking services, at the Maples and a Bible Study.





## REFLECTION

### PRAYER - IT'S NOT ALWAYS THAT EASY – DAVID WINFIELD

It was a typical evening's routine as mother directed her young son off to bed and shortly after followed to his room to ensure that all was as it should be. Popping her head around the door she was pleasantly surprised to observe that he was kneeling beside his bed in prayer. Pausing to listen, she became puzzled as she overheard the youngster's request, repeated over and over again: *"Let it be Tokyo! Please dear God, let it be Tokyo!"* When he finished his prayers and eventually tumbled into bed she entered the room and, over-come with curiosity, asked him, *"What did you mean, 'Let it be Tokyo'?"* *"Oh,"* the boy replied with embarrassment, *"We had our geography exam today and I was praying that God would make Tokyo the capital of France."* We smile at such naivety and the impossibility of such a request, but then recognize that it's not only children who struggle with how and what to pray. I doubt if there has ever been a Christian who didn't wrestle with prayer at some time or other, acknowledging its importance in theory but feeling a sense of failure in its practice. As the great twentieth century Welsh preacher, Martyn Lloyd-Jones, summed up, *"Of all the activities in which the Christian engages, and which are part of the Christian life, there is surely none which causes so much perplexity, and raises so many problems, as the activity we call prayer."* Or as celebrated Christian writer Philip Yancey has put it, *"In theory prayer is the essential human act, a priceless point of contact with the God of the universe. In practice prayer is often confusing and fraught with frustration."* It was in fact that very discrepancy that Yancey credited as the reason for writing his recent book, *Prayer; Does It Make Any Difference*.



But as I pondered this dilemma, as I reflected on my own personal strivings and disappointments, as I began reading Yancey's work, over three hundred pages of it, and reflected on the multitudes of volumes published on the subject, so it became glaringly obvious that a brief article could never hope to do more than scratch the surface. But perhaps our editor might allow me to continue this topic in further issues, it is important, of that there can be no doubt.

In the meantime let me leave you with some words from a former Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey: *"When you have a great friend you may plan to spend a time with them and be careful not to miss it. The use of the time is unlikely to be planned, but within the time news may be shared, requests may be made, regrets or gratitude may be spoken, and minds be exchanged, sometimes by talking and listening, and sometimes with a little word or gesture ... To be with God wondering, that is adoration. To be with God gratefully, that is Thanksgiving. To be with God ashamed, that is contrition. To be with God with others on the heart, that is intercession. The secret is the quest of God's presence: Thy face Lord, will I seek."*

**After note:** Watch out for David's future articles as he continues his series on prayer for future Gateway issues.

**Micah 7:7:** As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me. (NLT)

PSALM 23 – ANONYMOUS

*Contributed by Dr. Corin Murfitt.*

The Lord is my Shepherd – That's Relationship!

I shall not want – That's Supply!

He makes me to lie down in green pastures – That's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters – That's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul – That's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness – That Guidance!

For His name sake – That's Purpose!

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death – That's Testing!

I will fear no evil – That's Protection!

For Thou art with me – That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me – That's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies – That's Hope!

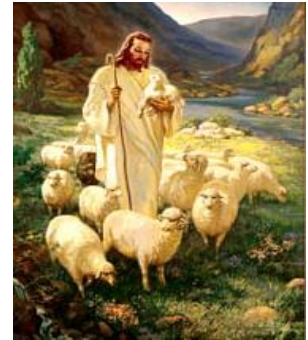
Thou annointest my head with oil – That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over – That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life – That's Blessing!

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord – That's Security!

Forever – That's Eternity!



## REFLECTION

### READING OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK – KATHY DOUGHTY & MAX ANDERSON

It is Friday evening and we were going to listen to a reading of the whole of Mark's gospel. It had been an extra busy week – would we just drop off to sleep during the evening? There was no fear of that, however, as the five readers brought the gospel to life, making it interesting and exciting. For the first time we heard the story in its entirety – and for both of us it revived youthful memories!

Reading from The Message, David Winfield narrated, Ben Truman read Jesus and John McLister was one or more rather confused disciples. Fiona Gilmore and Bill Grubb shouldered a variety of roles, from Fiona's gentle Pontius Pilate who really didn't want to have Jesus crucified but had to make one of these difficult decisions that often face people in leadership, to Bill's very effective and very noisy evil spirit.

Like any good book where a second reading enables us pick out things we hadn't noticed before, we certainly noticed things that we hadn't seen before. Hearing the Gospel in bits, you can be misled into thinking that Jesus, who might not play a significant part in every reading, wasn't very important. So for me it punched home the centrality of Jesus in the Gospel and the significance of his message. It was an evening both of us would have been sorry to miss.

The evening finished with a cuppa and some rather delicious nibbles. We were able to chat to the different readers which were helpful and enjoyable. It had been a very worthwhile way of spending an evening and we recommend that you don't miss it should it be offered again.



## REFLECTION

### INVOLVEMENT IN CHURCH - JO WINNFIELD THE PARISHIONER'S WARDEN

One of the best reasons for involvement in some way is to get to know other people. Like a lot of folks, I am not an extrovert to whom speaking to others comes easily. That's why I join others in helping out in church.

We are always looking for people to do things in church – it could be as simple as taking up communion once in a while, meeting people at the door as they come into church, serve at the altar - maybe read a lesson, or do the prayers.

Mainly Music is looking for helpers - that's an hour or so a week on Tuesdays in terms of time. If that's a stretch maybe you can bake for the children on occasion.

The choir is always looking for new (and younger) choristers. Similarly, the youth orchestra is also looking for more to come on board.

Volunteers are always welcomed to the A Team and Garage Sale Team – they meet on Friday mornings. And there is so much more - AAW, Walking Group, Sharing & Caring Group, Exercise Class, Retirement Homes Ministry, Coffee & Chat, Create with Fibre, Card Making, Mission Table, English Conversation Class, and the list goes on - just look at the Church Diary or at [www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz)

If you are physically unable to help with these things then we ask that you pray for them. All our parish groups are enhanced by prayers - we really welcome and encourage yours.

Please offer to help - we'd love to have you.

**1 Corinthians 12: 6:** “And there are different activities, but the same God is active in everyone and everything.”



ST PETER'S CHURCH CHOIR

## **REPORT**

### **ST PETER'S RESTORATION FUNDRAISING – DAVID WINFIELD**

Recent events have included our annual Book Sale which raised over \$1700 and an evening with Archbishop David Moxon, formerly “The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Representative to the Holy See and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. This was a stimulating and entertaining presentation much appreciated by the good-sized audience and we sincerely thank the Archbishop for giving us his time and encouragement.

As mentioned in the last Gateway, our latest project just launched is a Living Bequest programme allowing parishioners, and friends, to move us significantly towards our final goal. This will leave a legacy of support for all those who follow to cherish and appreciate. By committing to donate \$25 per week over sixty months participants’ generosity will be acknowledged in several ways in the restored church, grounds and website and, in addition, will receive an A2 print of John Brasell’s painting of the church as a thank-you. Information brochures are now available or you can contact one of the committee or [kylie@barrer.co.nz](mailto:kylie@barrer.co.nz).

The “Blocks and Stones” scheme continues very positively and we would also 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.

Coming up soon will be another Quiz Night on 31st August, always a great night’s challenge and fun. As always, we welcome further contacts you may be able to provide for potential donors to our restoration.

*Committee- David Winfield, Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing, Nick Mountfort*

### **AAW REPORT – BARBARA FLEMING**

Our June meeting was held on a very cold and wet winter morning but this didn’t deter our members from turning out to celebrate 160 years of St. Peter’s after Communion. After Communion, we had a posh morning tea with the best China courtesy of Coffee and Chat and a chocolate birthday cake minus the 160 candles. We also used the occasion to thank Olga Holloway for her many, many years of service to St. Peter’s and the AAW. Unfortunately, Olga was unable to attend but we took her flowers and food after the meeting. Dorothy Pennington as our next longest member cut our cake and as nobody was in a rush to go home, it must have been a good party.

July is “soup and rolls” month and David Winfield will be our guest and bring us up to date on the fundraising efforts. We will give him a cheque for \$500 to buy a block on behalf of the AAW.

## **REPORT**

### **WHO'S NEW (FROM APRIL 2018)**

#### **New People in The Following Ministries:**

- Vestry members 2018 (commissioned on 20 May 2018) : Adeline Hill, Ann Taane, Bruce Williams, Corin Murfitt (Chairman) , Daniel Chien, Denise Gullery (Minutes), Dennys Guild, Fergus Gillion, Heather Caspersen, Fiona Gilmore, Joe Motoi, Jo Winfield, John McLister, Nick Mountfort, Paul Coleman, Sue Chappell, Sue Robb.



- Gateway magazine (June 2018): Adeline Hill (Editor) and Carol Carryer (Publisher)
- Rest Homes (April 2018): Sue Robb
- Synod Rep: Paul Coleman
- Plant sales (May 2018): New Committee Members Jo Winfield, Ann Taane and Sue Robb
- Welcome to Tas and Carol Carryer at St Luke's.
- Welcome to Hannah (June 2018), Heather Duffy & Margaret Duffy (June 2018) at Choir practice.



## NOTICES

### **UPCOMING EVENTS – WATCH OUT FOR THEM**

**Electoral College Sitting (for new Bishop) :** 17-18 August 2018

**Spring service:** 2 Sept, 10 am at St. Peter's Church Parish Hall. This is a combined service between St Peter's Anglican Church, Church Corner and Upper Riccarton Methodist Church. All are invited. The Rev. Dale Peach will be the preacher.

**Church Outing 2018:** Parishioners of St. Peter's and St. Luke's Church are invited to this outing. So, keep this date free for a time of friendship and fellowship.

St. Peter's Church at Kaikoura gave St Peter's Church at Church Corner a donation for our Church Restoration in 2016, when they themselves were undergoing the stress of the Kaikoura Earthquake.

On this trip, we are going to Kaikoura St Peter's Church to thank them for helping St Peter's Upper Riccarton with their donation for our Church restoration. We do that on 16 September 2018, at the 10 am morning service. Haydn Hill will be then be leading the Choir and the Youth Orchestra will also be contributing items. This overnight trip from **15-16 September** will also give our parishioners the opportunity to visit this beautiful coastal town and support them through our presence, friendship and prayers. Transport and accommodation can be arranged. For planning purposes, interested parishioners can sign up at the back of the Parish Hall. Cost of outing and other details will be made known once available. Closing date: 12 August.



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**Gateway for October** – November issue closing date: 19 September 2018.

**Garage Sale:** 29 September, 9am - 12 noon at Parish Hall & Church grounds

**Annual Plant Sale:** 13 October 9 am – 12 noon's at the Parish Hall. Flowers, shrubs, vegetables will be on sale.

For those who would like to help with this Plant Sale, potting mix and pots are available for your use in the little shed next to the Garage Sale garage. There is still time to lift and divide any plants that is too big for your garden such as Hostas, Irises, Peonies, and Winter Roses. Or you might like to raise some vegetable seedlings where seeds may be planted from end of August or early September. We will have some available at our services around that time. Watch out for the sale signs near the Church gateways in early October and do tell family and friends about it. Any queries please phone Jill Lyall, 3581115 or Janet Noonan, 3486473. Thank you for your support. -- Jill & Janet

### **TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday, 31st August  
7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

Teams of up to 6 members  
\$10 a head admission (\$5 school students)

Good prizes  
Multi-draw raffle  
BYO refreshments

... but still the same old quizmaster we're afraid !  
Register with team name on the list at the back of church  
or email [jo.winfield49@gmail.com](mailto:jo.winfield49@gmail.com)

**All proceeds going to St. Peter's Church Restoration**

*Join us for a fun(d) raising evening's entertainment.*



**Christmas Shoe Boxes** are now available from the Parish Hall for you to fill for the children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel to be spread. Many recipients enrol in our 12 lesson follow-up discipleship programme – “The Greatest Journey”, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. You can be part of this worldwide effort to help others grow in the Kingdom of God even in places where the Gospel has never been heard. Please take an information slip with your box. This will tell you what to put and what not to put in the box. Do label it with the appropriate sticker, i.e. Girl or Boy. And bring joy to a child's life. ~*Operation Christmas Child*.

The Church Halls can be used for your event ~Please Do Enquire at the office ~

Donations for Church Restoration Funds ~ [www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz)

If you wish to visit the church or have queries in our events, please contact the church office for information at [stpeter@world-net.co.nz](mailto:stpeter@world-net.co.nz) or call 348 5653/3485608.

## LIGHTER MOMENTS

Nannies hear the funniest things:

"A five-year old instructing his younger brother: 'When you die, your body will be put in the churchyard, all except your feet. They will go straight to God.'

Nanny: "Not your feet, your soul".

Five-year old: 'That is just what I was saying; you cannot take your soles off your feet.'

Five-year old: "Do you know what I should do if I was going to die? I should get lots of string and I should tie it all around my new wheelbarrow and then I should tie it around my waist so when I was caught up to the clouds to meet Jesus, it would simply have to come too."

*`From Tuppence for Paper and String, by Brenda Ashford, a nanny in 1950s England.*

A story was told of a man who died. He stood outside the Pearly Gates, asking St. Peter for entry into Heaven.

St Peter asked "How many points have you, out of the 100 points?"

Smiling, he replied "I am a good man." The man continued "I married one wife and remain married to her for 50 years; no adultery and no womanising."

St. Peter said "Very good! For that, you get 3 points".

Then the man looked disappointed and replied, "I am a regular in Church and I give to the Offertory."

St. Peter nodded, "Good! That's 3 more points."

The man looked puzzled and said "I was an active in Church, actually I also started the Shelter for the Homeless."

St. Peter replied, "Excellent! That's 2 more points."

By now, the man looked worn and sad. Bowing his head down, he whispered "I'll never get there then, I need the grace of God. Jesus, please save me."

He then heard "Welcome"

*Adapted from` Dr. David Jeremiah's sermon (10 July).*



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