

## Worship Details

### St. Peter's Church

8.00 am—Holy Communion

9.30 am—Holy Communion



#### Readings:

Isaiah 35.4-7a

Psalms 63.1-8

James 2.1-10

Mark 7.24-37

#### Sentence:

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'Jesus has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.' (Mark 7: 37)

#### Collect:

God of freedom,  
you make the deaf to hear,  
and the mute to speak:  
move among us again,  
free our ears to hear another's pain,  
and loose our tongues  
to speak words of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
Amen.



#### Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalms 63.1-8

James 3.1-12

Mark 8.27-38



#### Prayer Focus - Please Pray:-

- \* Give thanks for the St Peter's Pre-School.
- \* For Hilary Henderson—Advisor, our partners—M'anukau Christian Trust and for a successful recruitment of staff.
- \* For the family and friends of David Dixon—Martin and Maureen's brother who died recently.
- \* For those known to us who are sick, especially Craig.
- \* For the generous support of all towards our Restoration Fund.
- \* The parishes of Linwood and Lyttelton; NZ Church Missionary Society and Staff; Diocesan Council for World Mission.

#### Mission Focus

Our Mission Table last week raised \$363.20 for the 'House of Sarah' in Fiji which helps Anglican Missions in the ministry of Christian Counselling and Support. Thank you all for your wonderful support. Also, a very big thank you to Francie Courtney who has supplied plants and baking for many years. Much appreciated.

...Irene Coman.

If you are using the York Room please remember to turn the heaters off when leaving.

Sermons are on the web



is available

# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper  
Riccāton-Yaldhurst

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

Ordinary Sunday XXIII—9 Sept 2018

Theme: The excitement is  
"BUILDING"

#### From our Vicar Nick....



You may not have seen the opinion piece in Saturday's Press. It was very good. The anonymous author highlighted the growth of social isolation in our society. They stated that in the last 4 weeks 650,000 kiwis (people not birds!) felt lonely. Or 14% of the population. Those aged 15-24 are the loneliest. The writer demonstrated how in a time of increasing "connectedness" with technology there is alongside it a growing disconnectedness. Simple human contact can be hard to find, as banks have fewer tellers, businesses go online and supermarkets have automatic tellers. (Which I find so hard to use!)

The opinion writer rightly points out that we need others. What they didn't or couldn't point out is that we are made in the image of God, who as trinity, is a community of love. We therefore thrive best in community.

People suffering from poor mental health often are disconnected from others.

Church fulfills many human needs, not least of which is our need for others. When we come to church, **we are doing a radically counter cultural thing.** We are gathering with others. There is no other community (that I can think of) that the only prerequisite is to be human. You can come to church if you are young, old, rich, poor, male, female or whatever. Every other gathering either requires money to get in, or is based on a common interest, e.g. sport.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, has his mind changed. He has his vision expanded to connect the non Jew in his mission. That's good news for us.

Church is about being connected. Being connected to others, being connected to God. Coming to church forms part of God's plan for our wellbeing.

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## News in the Parish

**Welcome** to The Rev. David Dell from the Anglican Mission Board and who is speaking to us today.

### **Bishop-Elect**



The Primates have announced the new Christchurch Diocese Bishop-Elect—**The Ven. Dr. Peter Carrell.**

Local, well-known and well-respected, Peter is currently the Archdeacon for Pegasus (east Christchurch), Director of

Education and Director of Theology House. He has also previously been the Archdeacon for South Canterbury, 2014-2018, and Mid Canterbury, 2015-2018.

Ordained here in Christchurch under Bishop Maurice Goodall (deacon in 1986, and priest in 1987) Peter is primarily known for his outstanding teaching and preaching. If you have done a Lenten study course anytime since 2013 you will most likely have used his material; as well he's a prolific author and also writes three different blogs.

Peter is married to Teresa Kundycki-Carrell, Lay Chaplain at Cathedral Grammar School. They have four adult children. Peter is the son of Bishop Brian and Mrs. May Carrell. *See more info on website—[anglicanlife.org.nz](http://anglicanlife.org.nz).*

### **Restoration Fundraising**

We have been immensely grateful for the contribution our professional fundraisers have made to our task, something they have viewed as a very personal commitment and not just a job. However Vestry has now concluded their contract in anticipation of raising the remaining sum ourselves. They have written to the parish: *"Barrer & Co has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Parish of Upper Riccarton - Yaldhurst to raise the funds to restore St Peter's Church, and we wanted to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations. Over the last eight years your congregation has kindly donated over \$250,000. The combined impact of these gifts will help St Peter's reach its fundraising goal. You have made a huge difference! The team at Barrer & Co is immensely proud of what we have achieved together with your community in the last two and a half years. We look forward to visiting the restored church in the near future! Again, our most grateful thanks. Sarah, Kylie and Rocio - The team at Barrer & Co"* We have passed on the parish's sincere appreciation.

**Keeping Good Company** was very successful with 'Dominico Hall' at the regional finals of Theatrefest in Havelock recently and were to be included in the national finals in Wellington next weekend. Unfortunately a number of factors meant we had to make the hard decision to withdraw from that - not the least being that All Black supporters had booked all the beds in the capital. But along with the comedy 'Bad Form' these are now being performed locally as a double bill with the final performance at 2.00 pm today in the theatre at Riccarton High School. Admission will be \$10 adult \$5 school students, but you will need to book with David Winfield this morning as seats are very limited.

**Quiz Night** Thank you so much to all who participated, contributed prizes to, and helped run our recent quiz, a great success with a hall full of teams. The outcome, alongside much enjoyment, was over \$1500 going towards our restoration. Excellent result!

### **Gateway Magazine**

Please email articles to Adeline Hill before 19 September for the next issue of Gateway Magazine. ([adeline1232010@gmail.com](mailto:adeline1232010@gmail.com))

### **Kaikoura Trip — 15, 16 September**

Today is the last day for signing up for the trip to Kaikoura to attend their 10 am Church Service on Sunday 16 September. Registration list on the table. *See the last few Bulletins for details.*

### **Garage Sale—29 September 9 am.**

We are still receiving goods for the next sale. Cut off for electrical items will be 21 September. There will be another baking/produce stall at the garage sale—goods needed.

Also, help still needed on Thursday (set-up), Friday (pricing) and Saturday (sale).

*Please ring Jo 322.8723, or Gwen 357.4204*

### **Theology House Events Coming Up....**

1. Prophets in the Cathedral—Sunday 16 Sept
2. A NZ Prayer Book—Past, Present and Future
3. Introduction to Te Reo Maori for Liturgy 2018

*See details on the noticeboard.*

## **This Week's Diary**

### **Monday 10 September**

Sharing & Caring, 10 am 111a Yaldhurst Road.

Walking Group—1.30 pm,  
Riccarton Domain.

### **Tuesday 11 September**

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Staff Meeting—9.30 am.

Exercise Class—9.30 am.

Mainly Music—11 am.

Homestead Ilam Service—11 am.

Create With Fibre—1 pm, York Rm.

Mayfair Service—3 pm.

### **Wednesday 12 September**

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Holy Communion—10 am, Parish Hall.

### **Thursday 13 September**

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Walking Group—9.30 am, Millbrook Reserve.

Coffee & Chat—10 am.

Care Bears—7 pm, York Room.

Choir practice—7.30 pm.

### **Friday 14 September**

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.

Synod.

'A Team' volunteers—9 am to noon, near Parish Hall.

English Conversation Class—4 pm Bowden Hall.

Youth Orchestra—6 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group—7 pm, Bowden Hall.

### **Saturday 15 September**

Card Making—10 am—4 pm, Bowden Hall.



### **Talking to God**

"By entering this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is less probable that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to see him, send him a text while driving."

