

The Gateway



Cover picture: Hagley Park

O Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth. Psalm 8:9

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St Peter's Church, Parish Hall

8.00 am Eucharist

9.30 am Eucharist with Church Choir in attendance followed by morning tea.

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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK- GIFT OF LIFE

Imagine the scene for moment. It's the very first time humans have been so far from home. Apollo 8 is circling the moon and is on the dark side - all is grey. The surface of the moon is totally lifeless and totally without any colour, and totally silent. Space is totally silent. Then as the spacecraft comes around the side of the moon, it is greeted by the planet earth. Like a radiant jewel, set in the vast blackness of space. In all its beautiful deep blues. No countries are visible, no tribes, no races, no



nations, just a hanging giant orb teeming with life. There is our home like we have never seen it before. With eyes welling up, the astronauts take the most famous photo of all time. Known simply as "Earthrise." I have tried to reproduce it here. This one photo has done more to shape our sense of where we are, who we are,

and our duty of care for this planet, than any other single image. It also fills my heart with gratitude. Who am I, to have such a beautiful home crafted with such care and love? Who are we to have such a home? We have done nothing to deserve life and yet here it is, in all its beauty and fragility.

Cunning Astrophysicist Erik Zackrisson from Uppsala University in Sweden estimated that the likelihood of life appearing in the universe is 1 to 7 followed by 20 zeros. What words would you choose to do justice to this scene, had you been in that space craft? The words the astronauts choose to beam back to earth are these...

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:1-4



On Sunday, 2nd Sept. we gathered at St Luke's and St Peters with our Methodist neighbours, for our annual spring services. The Spring Service is an opportunity to give thanks for the new life of spring, but also I believe for life itself. God has breathed life into being and the only response that can really do the gift of life justice; is gratitude. Gratitude and very quickly follows a sense of wanting to cherish that gift. Being grateful for life and cherishing the giftedness of it all, is as old as humanity itself. The Biblical witness aches with gratitude, every time we gather for worship we have Eucharist, which means to give thanks. We proclaim every time we gather, all is gift, and we O God are your grateful people!

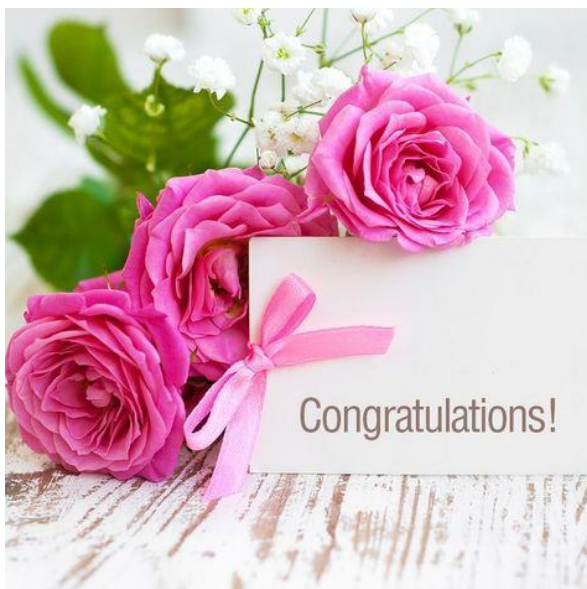
Nick

Ven. Nick Mountfort

Vicar Upper Riccarton, Yaldhurst

Archdeacon Selwyn Tawera

On behalf of St. Peter's Church Parish, Gateway Editorial congratulates Nick & Rosemary on the engagement of their daughter, Christiana Talbot to Tim Heine. Best Wishes.



GATEWAY EDITORIAL

As early as 23rd August, the colorful blossoms and daffodils in the park can't wait to come out. Canterbury's spring is so cool - the sun is in the sky but without the heat of the summer, the crisp air of winter still hangs around, bringing the Garden City alive with vibrant colors, fresh air and chirping birds. The beauty of spring is a testament of God's hand of beauty and loving care for His creations.



Psalm 65:9-13 tells us *You visit the earth and water it abundantly. You crown the year with Your goodness; Your ways overflows with plenty. The wilderness pastures overflow, and the hills are robed with joy. The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys covered with grain. They shout in triumph, indeed they sing.* Haydn led the choir in the rendition of this beautiful anthem "*Thou Visitest The Earth*" in thanksgiving to God at the Combined Spring Service in September.

Over these last two months, St. Peter's Church has had the privilege of welcoming guest speakers to its pulpit. They had preached the Word with conviction and engaged the congregation with their personal account of God's work in their personal lives and through their ministries. If you missed them, or would like to revisit and ponder on what they said, you can do so in this issue of Gateway. Chaplain Andrew McKerrow preached on Racing Sunday (featured in Gateway) and Revd. David Dell preached on Mission Sunday. Revd. David Winfield also preached on Sunday, 16 September (sermon @ www.stpeterschurch.nz).

It is amazing and beyond the comprehension of the human mind how the God of Glory who is all mighty, all powerful, all majestic would choose to love sinful people, die for their sins, and then choose to accomplish His purposes on earth through them by the power of His Holy Spirit. Always loving and forgiving through it all. Knowing His love in our lives brings gratitude, joy and thanksgiving of His loving kindness. This loving God is a personal God who tells us "*And even the very hairs on your head are all*

numbered.” (NLT) Luke 12.7a. And this same God revealed His love to us through Jesus Christ, His Son, Word and Holy Spirit.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created. Life was with Him, and that life was the light of men. That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it. ~ John 1:1-5.

“”Be reconciled to God. He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:20b-21

To God be the glory, great things He has done.

Adeline Hill

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Picture: Spring~ Mona Vale, Christchurch. Can you spot the bird nest amongst the branches?

A WORD OF THANKS

Gateway

Thanks to all writers for all articles shared and also to all who have in one way or another contributed to this issue of Gateway magazine. The closing date for the December issue Gateway will be 5 November 2018. Please email all articles, notices, invitations for Christmas program/events to adeline1232010@gmail.com. ~ Gateway Editorial

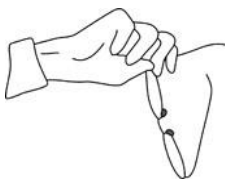
Mission Table

A very big thank you to you, Francie Courtney for many years you have supplied beautiful flowers, jams, pickles, baking and decorations for our Mission Table. Thanks for the wonderful support over the time. Best Wishes as you and your husband move to a retirement village. ~ Irene Coman.

Donation

Thanks to David and the Keeping Good Company for the proceeds of \$500 which will go to the Church Restoration Funds. Keeping Good Company was very successful with one of the plays "Dominico Hall" reaching the regional finals of Theatrefest in Havelock recently and was included in the national finals in Wellington for 15.16 Sept weekend. David Winfield is the author of two of the plays. Alongside the other comedy "Bad Form", they were being performed in the Theatre at Riccarton High School for three days from 6 Sept to 8 Sept.

Spectacle Drop off



Keep the spectacles coming! Your response has been great! Your unwanted spectacles are being passed on to those in need of them in the islands where they are much appreciated. So far, you have contributed 314 pairs! (33 more since the last Gateway). Thank you. Please keep them coming, and drop the spectacles in the 'drop off' bag (marked) in the hall. ~ Leigh Craythorne

Parish of Kaikoura

Thanks to the Parish of Kaikoura for hosting the Vicar, and a team of parishioners who were there on 16 Sept. as a response to their generosity to us after the Earthquakes.

FEATURE

RACING SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S - ADELINE / ANDREW MCKERROW



Have you ever wondered what Racing Sunday is all about?

Racing Sunday at St. Peter's Church is a Sunday which is dedicated to welcome, interact and pray for the Canterbury Jockey Club & Racing Fraternity. On August 5th at the 9.30am service, St Peter's Church welcomed Chaplain Andrew

McKerrow from the Salvation Army and also the Racing Club) and the members, staff and friends from the Canterbury Racing Club. The Chaplain also came with many boxes of chocolates to share with the congregation. It was a good service stirring lots of buzz, following a good sermon, worship time and warm fellowship amongst the congregation and guests. The Chaplain preached a sermon entitled *The Blessing of the Calling of God*. Andrew's personal testimony is a thanksgiving to a personal God who sees, calls and guides.

Introduction

Andrew when young was one of those who did not like school and studies. So he wanted to quit school and his teachers agreed with him. However, his wise parents would only allow him to quit school if he got himself a job. He looked at job advertisements and landed himself in a job as a jockey in the racing industry. But God had a bigger plan for his life. He worked as a jockey for a while, but his arm and leg were a tad too short and he retired from that role after 4 years. He went on to eventually train to be a minister with the Salvation Army after an unexpected meeting with God one day in the toilet of a pub, where he heard God asking him "Have you gone low enough?". After close to 10 years of co-pastoring churches with his wife Kim, Andrew had an opportunity to re-enter the racing industry as a chaplain. A role he is passionate about, given he could have done with a chaplain to steer him the right way in his racing days. An excerpt of his

sermon on Racing Sunday is reproduced here to allow us to revisit and ponder and for those who might have missed it that day.

“The apostle Paul writes: “I urge you then to live a life worthy of the calling you have received”.....my paraphrase would go something like this: “I urge you then to work out what you best do for God and then get stuck into it.”

Often we think of a “calling” as a special task that God gives to a select few. Ministers, missionaries, and travelling evangelists - these are the “called ones” right?

The truth is that Paul implies that we are all called. Called to what? To be what? To do what? That’s for you and God to work out together but here’s a few questions to ponder if you’re not sure.

Who am I? (What is my story? What are the experiences and circumstances that have shaped me?)

- 1. What do I carry? (What are my skills? My spiritual gifts? My talents?)*
- 2. Where am I placed? (Who is around me? Family? Friends? Workplace? Interest groups? Acquaintances? Networks?)*

As you think on these things, then ask:

- How could my story be used to serve God and others?*
- How can what I carry be put to use?*
- Where/who can I reach to?*

If you ponder those things and still aren’t sure where God is pointing you and what opportunities he is opening for you, then try this:

Imagine that Jesus turns up at your house knocks on your door and gives you a blank cheque, not a financial cheque but a mission cheque. In other words, he wants to choose what you would want to do for him for a whole week. No limitations - whatever you need He’ll give you, you can’t be stopped by lack of skill or time or confidence, whatever you need for the job, He’ll give you...what is it that you’d choose to do for Him for that week? The answer to that question should give you more clues as to how God has wired you and what He has wired you for.

Nothing is more exciting. God’s people working in their sweet spot, spiritually it brings you alive and practically, it energises you.

May God bless you as come to discover (if you haven't already) that there is no bigger blessing than walking in your calling."

Hymn: Will you come and follow me? (Tune of Kelvin Grove)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name; will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name; will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare- should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name; will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4 Lord, Your summons echoes true when you but call my name: let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show; thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Thessalonians 5: 24~ *Faithful is He that called you, who also will do it.*



*O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more
dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day
~ St. Richard.*

REFLECTION

THE MASTER'S HAND

CONTRIBUTED BY DR. CORIN MURFITT



Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took the small boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the house lights dimmed the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that her son was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." At the moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit, and keep playing."

The leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right hand reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful. Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit, and keep playing." Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are playing the concerto of your life. Remember, God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we do not faint. ~ Galatians 6:9

REFLECTION

MISSION SUNDAY: ADELINE REFLECTS ON THE SERMON BY REV. DAVID DELL (ANGLICAN MISSIONS)

The Reverend David Dell from the Anglican Mission Board spoke at the 9.30 am service on the 8 September 2018. He is also the Chaplain to the Police Force in NZ.

The Anglican Missions is committed to bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to places where the people do not yet know Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and bringing in the harvest. Anglican Missions is a small agency and depends on the giving of local churches for its mission.. St Peter's Church has been giving to their Fiji project where the Anglican Mission Board supply tanks of water to Fijians. In addition, the church is also giving to the Tonga Project where aids were brought in after a disaster.



Adeline's notes on Revd. David Dell's sermon can be found at St Peter's Church @ www.stpeterschurch.nz

ANGLICAN MISSION 2018 SPRING APPEAL

The Appeal is for three very important and worthy projects:

First Project

Support for Anthony and Anne McCormick, NZCMS Mission Partners based in Battambang, Cambodia.

The McCormicks have been in Cambodia since 2011. At the end of 2014, they began partnering World Mate Emergency Hospital where Anthony set up a social work department. Anne also works for the hospital where she started an activity programme for the patients and caregivers.

Second project

This project supports the Diocesan Boys Hostel in Pakistan. The education rate in this place is very low so a large proportion of the boys do not have access to school. The boys participate in educational studies as well as

religious and sports activities. Life- long skills such as personal budgeting, micro-enterprise and laptop skills, programmes for social and spiritual growth are also conducted. Many of the Hostel boys become local leaders and Christian role models in their communities. Without the support, the Hostel ministry would not be able to continue.

Third project

Dawn Daunauda, NZCMS Mission Partner serving in Vanuatu. She is an ordained priest with the Diocese of Nelson, currently on a year's leave to serve in this mission. She teaches English at Talua Theological College Institute, run by the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. She also encourages the students to be all that God called them to be.

For further information or clarification about the Appeal please do not hesitate to contact Linda Dear at Anglican Missions office on (04) 473 5172 or email info@angmissions.org.nz or refer to www.angmissions.org.nz

James 1:17~ Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and come down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.



Please respond to the **Anglican Missions Spring Appeal** through any one of these ways:

1. Mission Table @ St. Peter's Church for 1st Sunday of October 2018.
2. Monthly envelope giving of St Peter's Church. Indicate under "Missions – for Anglican Missions Spring Appeal". You can also indicate which project you would specifically like to give to.
3. Give directly to the Anglican Missions office.

CAPTURED



ANNUAL SPRING SERVICE 2018 on **2nd SEPT 2018** was held at St. Peter's Church Hall; a combined service with the Methodist Church, Upper Riccarton. We welcomed our Methodists Neighbours at the 10am Spring Service. Revd. Dale Peach preached that morning. The Readings were taken from the book of James 1:17-27 and Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9. The Gospel reading was from Mark 7:1-8,14-15.

Anthem "Thou Visitest The Earth" – Maurice Greene (1695- 1755)

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it and blessest it: and crownest the year, the year with Thy goodness, and crownest the year, the year with Thy goodness. (2x)



Service on 16 September (Mind your language ~sermon @ www.stpeterschurch.nz)



CAPTURED

QUIZ NIGHT 31 AUGUST 2018

The Quiz night was a success. Alongside much enjoyment, a total of \$1,500 was raised for the church restoration fund.



21 Competing tables



David Winfield, Quiz Master in action



Groups all ready to go!



Family time – its all for the fun of it.



Congrats Jill – a raffle winner



Congrats Kerry & Champions!

REPORT

SAVE OUR WORLD – ANN TAANE



On the 9th July Ebony and I went to the Anglican Center for their Zero Carbon Act pizza party. There we learnt

about how to submit a submission to encourage the government to sign a Zero Carbon Bill.

We talked about:

Climate Justice

The principles of climate justice and equity embedded in the Zero Carbon Bill. There will be an inevitable and necessary economic cost to taking meaningful action on climate change, but this cost will be far less than the cost of not acting. We must make sure that vulnerable communities are not unfairly burdened, and that people in transitioning industries are supported.

The 2050 Target

A long-term target that is ambitious, backed up by the latest science, and is in line with the aims of the global Paris Agreement to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

2 degrees warming is too much for our Pacific neighbors, who are already facing the loss of their homes and cultures. New Zealand must be a leader in striving for 1.5 degrees, thus doing everything we can to get to net zero carbon by 2050 or sooner.

New Zealand must meet our 2050 target by reducing our domestic emissions, and not by relying on international carbon credits.

Climate Change Commission

A Climate Change Commission should be set up to provide expert advice to Government, monitoring progress towards our targets; and to act as a watchdog in keeping Government accountable to the people.

The Commission should be made up of experts in the field of climate science and should not have the power to make final decisions, as this is a task for our elected representatives.

Adapting to the impacts of climate change

Adaptation should be included in the Zero Carbon Bill; and that the Climate Commission should contribute its expertise in this area. Our communities need central Government support to plan ahead and protect ourselves

against extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and other impacts of climate change.

I also submitted the prayers that the Good News Club wrote together and the power point that we showed in church.

Dear Lord

We offer our praise for all the beauty that you have given through the creation of our earth.

Guide us in using its resources more wisely and enable us to become better protectors and guardians of this planet.

Enable us to think more wisely about our actions and behaviours so that we may be better at using our natural resources in more efficient and effective ways.

Give grace and grant wisdom to all those who are in positions of power as they discuss and enact ways in which we can reduce our influence in the polluting and slow destruction of this earth.

Help us to remember that each one of us has the power and the

responsibility to change behaviours and actions which will be of benefit to all now and in the future.

We ask for this in your name...

AMEN

Fiona and Mackenzie Gilmore

Dear Lord

We give thanks for this plentiful and bountiful world that you gave us.



We ask that you help us to reduce our carbon foot print.

Help us to look after this world, remembering that we are only caretakers.

Give us the wisdom to make less rubbish, reduce our pollution, plant more trees and preserve our water.

We ask this in your name.

AMEN

Francis Liebert

Amie Richardson shared tips on saving the earth through her article "What's one less plastic bag in the ocean?"

"When I was 9 years old, the Young Person's Guide To Saving The Planet dubbed me an "eco-warrior." As a child in Central Otago, milk came to the gate in glass bottles, fruits and vegetables were grown and used in season, and plastic was the cool thing Action Man and Barbie was made from.

My green living amounted to recycling aluminum cans and fizz bottles for coins, walking for the whales, and becoming a member of the Greenpeace and World Wildlife Fund for Nature.

A few years later, I became a vegetarian (before the variety of food choices was a thing), brushed my teeth in the shower to conserve water, attended beach clean-ups and most of my wardrobe was second-hand.

But three decades later, I've lost my way. Earlier in the year, when my friend Wendy turned down a takeaway coffee after forgetting her keep cup, I thought she was an extremist. Imagine denying yourself the pleasure of a coffee for one little takeaway cup?

For years, I've left my stack of reusable shopping bags at home, barely blinking when I ask for five plastic bags to pack my groceries – what's an extra 30c, even 60c?

Then my 9-year old Oli tells me that if everyone lived the way our family did, we'd need three Earths. That can't be right, I say. Five of us live in one-bedroom (plus sleep out) school-house. We recycle. We buy local. We're minimalists. It's OK, Oli says. One of the other kid's family needed six. I felt sick.

There are more micro-plastic particles in the world's oceans than stars in the Milky Way. If present trends continue, the UN predicts that by 2050, oceans will have more plastic than fish.

So, in the past month, I've bought my own keep cup. If I don't have it, I don't get a takeaway coffee. My grocery bags are now permanently housed in the back of my car and I turn down plastic bags in other stores, exposing our teen's new undies and socks to the world as we walk around town.

I've started to notice excess packaging in everything- from the tiny condiments at a hotel breakfast bar or coffee pods to the plastic-upon-plastic coverings in kid's toys. So much so that it all seems suddenly hopeless. What's one less plastic lid or bag when so many millions around already?

But just as human kind has pillaged and destroyed, wiping out whole species, so too do we have the ability to bring others back from the brink of extinction when we work together.

I'll never undo the damage I've already done with single-use plastics, but I can make changes that will mean I'll stop adding to it. And that's something."

REPORT

MAINLY MUSIC – LYN FITZGERALD

Mainly music has been operating at St. Peters Church for seven years now. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m. for half an hour of music and movement followed by morning tea which allows for social interaction between the adults and children.

Currently we have between twelve and sixteen children who turn up regularly with their mothers, grandparents and even a great-grandmother! It is an ideal opportunity for inter-generational activity in a child focused environment.

We have a number of people we need to thank for their support and encouragement in keeping this group

going. It requires a team of people to set up before sessions and clean up afterwards and to provide and serve morning tea – home baking much appreciated by everyone! Thank you team for all the special things you do for Mainly Music. Judith, you are a legend- your musical abilities and talent for



providing us with varied and interesting programmes; Tuesday mornings wouldn't be the same. Thank you also to Nick for frequently finding time to fit us into your busy schedule reading stories to the children and chatting with their parents. Any members of St Peter's Parish who would like to learn more of what Mainly Music does, you are very welcome to visit us on Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m. except during the school holidays.

Enquiries to: Judith Bylett @ 3324134 or 0272514772 or Pamela at Parish Office @ 3485653/3485608

Matthew 19:14 (NLT): But Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.

REPORT

YOUTH MEETING – VICAR /YOUTH GROUP STAFF CO-ORDINATOR

On 12 August, at the Vicarage, the young adults group met together with some parents and the Vicar to brainstorm for new direction to conduct the youth programmes for the year.

“The Youth Group meeting had a breakthrough moment when it was suggested by Adeline that they look at service to the community opportunities. You could feel the energy lift in the room. They are going to work on customising the room. Then designing a welcome pack, and having a youth corner, further they are going to invite others, to join them in their community service, e.g. baking for old folk, (and the Vicar.)” ~ Vicar Nick Mountfort

“From this meeting we decided that for the remainder of the year we would work on a few projects. The first of which would be to create welcome packs for any newcomers. We would also like to display some of the things we do, so we will be putting up pictures on the wall in the Parish Hall showcasing all the fun that we have on a Friday night. The upstairs room will be getting a transformation to better suit a youth group. This means that our young people will have control over what new things we get for this and how we best use this space. Finally, we are planning to team up with the Youth Orchestra to hand out homemade baking whilst the orchestra plays Christmas carols at an old persons home towards the end of the year.

If anyone in the parish knows of any young people in secondary school who would like to be part of something like this, please do not hesitate to tell about what we are doing and invite them along! Overall we are excited about the remaining months of the year and where this new direction will lead us.” ~ Ethan



REPORT

ST PETER'S RESTORATION FUNDRAISING

Recent events have included another Quiz Night which raised over \$1500 and the staging of two one-act plays by Keeping Good Company which brought in \$500.

A number of parishioners have joined our Living Bequest programme moving 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.

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.

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.

Looking ahead we anticipate running another monster Christmas raffle after the great success of last year's. If you have good new items or services that could be included please speak to one of the committee.

David Winfield, Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing, Nick Mountfort

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

Donations for Church Restoration Funds ~ www.stpeterschurch.nz

If you wish to visit the church or have queries about our events, please contact the church office for information @ stpeter@world-net.co.nz or call 348 5653/348 5608.

REPORT

WHO'S NEW (FROM AUGUST 2018)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BISHOP-ELECT FOR CHRISTCHURCH – ANGLICAN LIFE 10 AUG 2018

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 (2014–18) and Mid Canterbury (2015–18).

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 Lent 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, all in their twenties. Peter is the son of Bishop Brian and Mrs. May Carrell.

For more information about Peter, and to read the announcement by the Primates, go to the [Anglican Life](#) website.

Blessings in Christ
Edwin Boyce, Diocesan Manager



REPORT

THE ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN PRESCHOOL is currently being built off-site. The site has now been cleared. Expected to open in the New Year, the buildings are being built at Keith Hay Homes and when they are nearly finished they will be transported to this site below. The Advisor, Hilary Henderson is recruiting staff.



AAW ST PETER'S CHURCH - BARBARA FLEMING

Earlier in the year, one of our members had asked question about Fellowship of the Least Coin. In August, Jennifer McKinnon was our guest and explained what our money is used for. We gave her the \$50 we had collected so far for this year and the rest will go to the Fellowship of the Least Coin in November.

In September our guest was Marie Gallanher from the Citizens Advice Bureau. We were all given a list of questions which tested our knowledge on the most asked consumer issues. I don't think we were very good at it!

October is our "Stir up" meeting when we will all come together to make our own Christmas cake. Then it is AGM time in November, and Christmas in December. After that it will be goodbye 2018!

Barbara Fleming's contact: 342 8982

NOTICES



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*.

ST. LUKE’S PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2018 will be celebrated on **21st October (Sunday), 9.30 am service at St. Luke’s Church**. It is also St Luke’s Church 125th Anniversary. This will be a special service. Do stay back for morning tea after the service. All are welcome.

HERITAGE WEEK

Tour of Our Graveyard by Richard Greenaway

2 pm, 20 October 2018

Come along and hear interesting stories of people who are buried in our Graveyard.

Some extracts from a talk given by Richard recently....

“Mr. & Mrs. Bowen and their children emigrated on the Charlotte Jane. Elder son, Charles Christopher, was a resident magistrate, then in 1875-81 Kaiapoi M.P and Architect of the 1877 Act which provided free, secular and compulsory primary education. In England he married Georgina Markham. Much later, Georgia’s brother, Clements, mentored Robert Falcon Scott. Scott and his wife, Kathleen, were guests at the Bowen home, ‘Middleton’ prior to the 191-12 Antarctic venture. Sir Charles Christopher Bowen, died in 1917 aged 87.

Younger son, Croasdaile, a lad of 18, fresh from Rugby School, loved rugby - the game, which embraced a disregard for personal safety and

epitomized the doggedness and pluck that were elemental facets of public school sport. His attempt to introduce the game to Christchurch failed; it was successfully established in Nelson in 1870.

Croasdaile was ordained Deacon at Bishop Harper's first such ceremony in 1857. The Bishop acceded to Archdeacon Octavius Mathias' request to appoint a young man Vicar of Riccarton and the neighboring Halswell. (Octavius gave land at Riccarton for a church, vicarage, graveyard, 20 acre glebe and school – St. Peter's)

Croasdaile drew plans of the Halswell Church, opened in 1863 and the Riccarton State School, chairing the committee.

Newspaper reminiscences note interesting facts about him.....

'An unusually gifted clergyman, planting the trees surrounding the church and glebe and stamping the impress of his character upon the place – we see him riding his sturdy well-bred horse of a beautiful rich cream color.'

'We have one of the prettiest school grounds in the district and a fine area of four acres largely due to the work of Croasdaile Bowen.'

About 1876 in an old-world romance in England, Croasdaile met the charming Annette Laura Wiles of Denny Abbey, Cambridge shire. He brought her across the seas – he 48 and she 31".

Etc. etc....You won't be disappointed and will learn many interesting facets of our forebears.

Pamela O'Brien.

REGISTER

FUNERALS: Condolences

William James Spencer – 26 July 2018

Colin Graham Hill – 27 July 2018

Mary Eleanor Scott- 4 August 2018

Interment Ashes: Harold Thomas Surgenor – 22 Sept 2018

LIGHTER MOMENTS

Proverbs 15: 13-A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord. Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life.

Do you know the Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with many Crowns.

100 KPH.....God Will Take Care of you.

Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.

140 KPH.....Nearer My God to Thee.

Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation.

150 KPH.....This World is Not My Home.

Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy.

180 KPH.....Lord, I'm Coming Home.

Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away.

200 KPHPrecious Memories.

Politician's Hymn...Standing on the Promises!

Optometrist's Hymn....Open My Eyes That I Might See.

IRD Hymn.....I Surrender All.

Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light.

Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye.

Realtor's Agent Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion, Just over the Hilltop.

Massage Therapist Hymn.....He Touched Me.

AND for those who like speeding – a few hymns:





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