

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 am—Holy Communion

9.30 am—Holy Communion
with Baptism

11.00 am Family Service



Readings:

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 12: 4b-8

John 18: 33-37

Sentence:

Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world'. (John 18.36)

Collect:

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people
that, richly bearing the fruit of good works,
they may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm 84

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-36

Prayer Focus

We pray:-

- * For the families and friends of the recently departed....
Edward Gould, John Carmody, Peter Dinwiddie.
- * Giving thanks for Ethan turning 21 and for his ministry
as Youth Leader, Youth Orchestra Leader and Verger.
- * For the Church—the Parish of Shirley and Diocese of
Waikato and Taranaki.
- * For the beginning of the restoration of St. Peter's.
- * For a cessation of war in Syria and the fires in
California.
- * For the community— St. John Cadets who use our hall.
- * For those who are sick—especially Craig R and those
know to us alone.
- * For our own ministries, especially for Lucy baptised
today.

Mission Update

Our Mission Table next week is for the CWS Christmas Appeal "Be the Lifeline". We will have a lot of Christmas goodies to sell. This appeal focusses on the United Nations Agenda for SDGs commonly known as the Sustainable Development Goals.Irene Coman

Newcomers

We have Welcome Packs for you full of information
about the Parish, or a shorter version, a pamphlet with
pics of the Church on the front.

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's & St Luke's

25 November 2018

Ordinary Sunday XXXIV

Theme: The excitement is
"BUILDING"

From Our Vicar



A friend of mine is a recovering alcoholic. He makes a point of saying, "recovering" because there is no cure but he has been "dry" for many years. To talk to him about his story is a very worthwhile conversation, there is something for all of us in his story. Firstly he had to admit he had a problem and to seek help. But what for him was a massive turning point was that moment when with the help of Alcoholics Anonymous he was directed to admit without God's help he was powerless to overcome his addiction. Point 3 of the 12 step programme reads, "Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God".

Today at the 9:30 am service we are witnesses to Lucy making a decision to turn her life over to God, in baptism. That's not to suggest for one second that she is an alcoholic! Rather she is doing what we all must do. Admit that we need God in our lives and that with God we can have a more fulfilling and abundant life. Paradoxically in our human nature we need something more than ourselves. We need a higher loyalty. On our own we can't do it, even with the best self help books.

Hans Kung the famous German theologian is quoted recently as saying, "I am a Christian in order to be fully alive". God wants only the very best for Lucy today and for all of us too.

...Nick

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News in the Parish

We welcome today to Jesus' Family through Baptism— Lucy Shirley Veint, supported by her family and friends. *Lucy is the late Shirley Rhodes' great granddaughter.*

Congratulations to Leigh & Tony Craythorne who celebrated their **Golden Wedding** on 16 November. They were married in All Saints, Burwood by the Rev'd B.A.W. Beckett.



Congratulations also to

1/ John Strachan who has been awarded a Sapphire Pin to his previous Paul Harris Fellow Award. This award is made by Rotary to Rotarians or members of the community who have given service above self within their Club or community.

John has given particularly to the Order of St John and in his recent recommendation for the Order's awarding of the Sovereign's Medal to Nurse Maude.

John might care to tell us about this very special award after a service sometime.

2/ Barnsewood Farm Ltd for S.C.Green & G.C.

Beemsterboer for their Media Sensation winning the NZ 1000 Guineas at Riccarton last Saturday.

They acknowledged the blessing of their colours in August. Barnsewood Farm has been an extremely generous donor to the rebuild of our church.

Free Plywood

We have offcuts of untreated three ply left over from recovering the folding trestles in the hall to give away to budding toy makers. Five pieces 500mm x 1200mm and five pieces 400mm x 1800mm. *Please ring Dennys on 357 4204 if interested.*

A Bargain—Mobility Scooter for Sale

A generous parishioner has donated a brand new Invercare Orion series Mobility Scooter to the parish. We are inviting parishioners to offer \$3,000 or more to purchase this brand new machine, worth \$5,000 if you were to buy it over the counter. Full details and handbook are in the office with Pamela. Offers must be received prior to 30th November. The money will be put towards the restoration of St Peter's Church.

Restoration Fundraising

1) Another grand **Christmas raffle** - thank you for donations towards this - twenty prizes on offer. Books of tickets are now available and we would ask all parishioners to be our sellers. 10 tickets @ \$5 each in a book and judging from last year's effort these will not be difficult to sell. See me after church this morning or pick up from the Parish Office. 2) A Christmas **Quiz Night** on Friday 7 December - gather your team members for a fun evening. \$10 a head or \$5 school students. Registrations can be made on the list by the church door or by emailing jo.winfield49@gmail.com. Raffle prizes for this event have been generously provided. Please pass the word around about this event. 3) A new stock of engraved pens **has arrived** and these can be purchased (\$5 each) from the Office, Fay Mangos or David and Jo Winfield. Our attractive card packs and church prints are still available and make ideal small gifts for Christmas. Thank you again, *David Winfield Ph 322 8723.*

The Christmas Edition of our Gateway Magazine will be ready for delivery on Sunday 9 December.

News beyond the Parish

Middleton Grange Evening Market

Friday 30 Nov 5-8 pm, 30 Acacia Ave. For sale: food, cakes, sweets, plants, books, toys, clothes etc and an auction.

Passion Play Information Evening

At All Souls Church, Merivale, Wed 5 Dec 7 pm. Find out about this Passion Play which is held every 10 years in Oberammergau - next one 2020 - A Superb musical enactment of the Easter story. Questions to Adrienne on 027 513 5119.

Handel's Messiah—City Choir Concert

Saturday 8 December, 7.30 pm in Charles Luney auditorium. Great soloists including Simon O'Neill with CSO. Discounted tickets through Martin Dixon: Adult \$49, Senior \$45, Child/Student \$20.

Advent Readings

This is a resource with Bible readings and prayers that follow thematically through from expectation to encounter with Jesus—God with us. You can order a copy of this from Laidlaw College. No charge. Also they send a list of their course offerings for 2019. *Ph. 0800 999 777; or email: jmackie@laidlaw.ac.nz*

See details of all the above on the noticeboard.

This Week's Diary

Monday 26 November

Walking Group—1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

Tuesday 27 November

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Staff Meeting—9.30 am, York Room.

Exercise Class—9.30 am.

Mainly Music—11 am, Parish Hall.

Create With Fibre—1 pm, York Rm.

Wednesday 28 November

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Holy Communion—10 am, Parish Hall.

Thursday 29 November

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Walking Group—9.30 am, Millbrook Reserve.

Coffee & Chat—10 am.

Choir practice, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 30 November

Morning Prayer 9 am.

English Conversation Class—4 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Orchestra—6 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group—7 pm—Bowden Hall.



Coming Up.... For your diaries

All Welcome to join The Rev. John & Family at his Induction as Vicar of Lyttelton - Lyttelton Parish—St. Saviour's at Holy Trinity Church, 17 Winchester Street, next Sunday, 2nd December 4 pm,

Lots of carol singing to be enjoyed... You choose

Riccarton Bush, 9 December, 6 pm
Lyttelton, with Youth Orchestra, 14 Dec, 7pm
Transitional Cathedral, 15 Dec, 7 pm
St. Peter's Church, 16 Dec, 9.30 am
St. Luke's Church, 16 Dec, 9.30 am
Community Carols, Crosbie Park, With Keeping Good Company, 16 Dec, 6 pm.

