

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 am—Holy Communion

9.30 am—Holy Communion

St. Luke's Church

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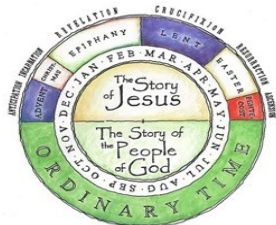
Readings:

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalms 85: 8-13

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

Luke 21.25-36



Sentence:

The time is coming when I will fulfil the promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. (Jeremiah 33.14)

Collect:

Liberating God:

when all around is shaken
and fear is on every side,
help us to stand up,
raise our heads and watch
for our liberation is close at hand;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Next Week's Readings:

Malachi 3.1-4

Psalms 85.8-13

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

Prayer Focus

We pray:-

- * Giving thanks for John, Yaeko, Joseph & Caeli and pray for them, especially John, as he takes up his position at Lyttelton Parish.
- * For the families and friends of the recently departed... Edward Gould, John Carmody, Peter Dinwiddie.
- * For the Church—the Parish of Sumner-Redcliffs.
- * For the beginning of the restoration of St. Peter's.
- * For world peace.
- * For the community—Alcoholics Anonymous & Drug Addiction Services.
- * For those who are sick—especially Craig R, Owen, Wendy, Anne and those known to us alone.
- * For our own ministries.

Mission Update

Our Mission Table today is for CWS Christmas Appeal "Be the Lifeline". In 2015 the UN made a commitment to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which follow on from the eight Millennium Development Goals. This Appeal highlights some of the contributions our partners are making. These include ending hunger, taking action on the climate and reducing violence.

....Irene Coman

Leprosy Mission—Enclosed with your bulletin today is a book mark for you and an envelope if you wish to give to this cause.

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's & St Luke's

2 December 2018

Advent 1



Theme: The excitement is
"BUILDING"

From Our Assistant Priest



Happy New Year!

December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent - the beginning of the new Church Year.

We Anglicans (and a few other churches) follow a year that is out of sync with the Gregorian year which begins January 1st. This secular year merely marks days of the week on a calendar.

Our Church Year follows the life of Christ.

I recently saw this explanation of the Church Year on a Sunday School whiteboard:

Advent = Jesus is Coming

Christmas = Jesus is born

Ordinary Time = Jesus teaches

Lent = Jesus journeys to the cross

Three days = Jesus is crucified and dies

Easter = Jesus Rises

Pentecost = The Holy Spirit comes.

It is a good explanation but misses one important element. The church year is not just about what happened to Jesus, It is also about what happens to us as his followers.

Out list could also read:

Advent = We long for life and light

Christmas = We are born anew

Ordinary Time = We grow in grace

Lent = We recognise our weakness

Three days = We die to sin

Easter = We are risen with Christ

Pentecost = We are filled with the Spirit.

It certainly will be a happy new year.

.....John



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Sermons are on the web



is available

News in the Parish

A Special Thank You to Edwin and Essie who have so beautifully decorated the Church for the Advent/Christmas Season.

St. Peter's AAW. Our meeting on Wednesday 5th December will start at 10 am with Holy Communion. This will be followed by our Christmas morning tea, so ladies a small party plate please. There will be a raffle but no sales table. All welcome.*Barbara Fleming* 342.8982.

Dry Firewood. We have a small pile of firewood cut from old wooden pallets to give away. Suitable for kindling. Has been cut to fit in fire place. Some nails. *Ring Dennys 357 4204.*

Restoration Fundraising 1) our **Grand Christmas raffle** is underway and thanks to all who have taken books of tickets. The butts and \$50 can be returned to David or Jo Winfield or the Parish Office. We are now looking for items to add to the hamper prize, please bring to church or the office. 2) a Christmas **Quiz Night** this coming Friday 7 December. It would be good to encourage a couple more teams to join us - register on the list by the church door or by emailing jo.winfield49@gmail.com. 3) a new stock of engraved pens **has arrived** and these can be purchased (\$5 each) from the Office or 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.*

Vicarage Main South Road. For Vicarage privacy can parishioners please refrain from using this entrance. I know it is tempting to avoid the judder bars on the main driveway to enter the grounds. Respecting the Vicarage privacy will be appreciated.*Corin Murfitt (Vicar's Warden)*

Local Churches Christmas Services Flyer. We have on the table some red flyers (prepared by St. Christopher's Church) displaying Christmas Services. Please give some out to your friends and neighbours.

Rosters for Church Duties and Morning Tea Helpers are on the table for collection.

Picnic—On 9th December, following on from the Good News Club final service we will be having a Parish family picnic on the Vicarage Lawn. If wet, Parish Hall) beginning about 11am. Please bring your own picnic lunch and seating. There will be a BBQ with sausages for all. There will also be some games and fun. Tea and coffee provided. Everyone very welcome.

Remembrance Service. Also, on 9th December our Remembrance Service is at 7 pm when with family and friends we remember those who have died. Everyone is welcome to come along to this special time of remembrance. Please bring a flower.

Carol Service, then Christmas Cake and Sherry After the Carol Service on 16 December, please join us for Stir-up Cake, mince pies and sherry or lemonade on the Glebe. If you have some Christmas cake, mince pies or other goodies to share, please bring them along as well.

Fridge Required—for Ethan's flat in the New Year. Please phone him on 021 082 99760 if you can help.

Keeping Good Company will be performing at the Community Carol Event at Crosbie Park on the evening of Sunday 16th December, 6.30 pm. (Picnic 5.30 pm)

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.

This Week's Diary

Today at 4 pm

All Welcome to join The Rev. John & Family at his Induction as Vicar of Lyttelton, Lyttelton Parish, St. Saviour's Church, 17 Winchester Street.

Monday 3 December

Sharing & Caring—10 am, 111a Yaldhurst Rd.

Walking Group—1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

Tuesday 4 December

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Staff Meeting—9.30 am, York Room.

Exercise Class—9.30 am.

Parkstone Care Service—10 am.

Mainly Music—11 am, Parish Hall— last session for the year.

Oaks Service—11.15 am.

Create With Fibre—1 pm, York Rm.

Wednesday 5 November

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Holy Communion—10 am, Parish Hall.

Ilam Life Care Service—1.30 pm.

Thursday 6 December

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Walking Group—9.30 am, Ray Blank Park.

Coffee & Chat—10 am.

Choir practice, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 7 December

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Middlepark Service—11 am.

Youth Orchestra—6 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group—7 pm, Bowden Hall.



The English Conversation Classes have concluded their lessons for the year.

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

Lyttelton, St. Saviour's Church, 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, 6.30pm. (Picnic 5.30 pm)



Please note there will be no Wed service on 26 Dec.

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

Please save your Christmas stamps for Missions.