

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 am—Holy Communion

9.30 am—Holy Communion with the
Good News Club



Readings:

Malachi 3.1-4
Psalm 85.8-13
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6

Sentence:

A voice crying in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'
Luke 3:4

Collect:

Surprising God,
a wilderness wanderer
spoke your truth:
call us again to hear your voice,
in the deserts of our making,
and in the wilderness of our hearts;
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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 Church— Tikanga Maori; Bishopric of Aotearoa; Diocese Of Wellington.
- * For a sharp price for the restoration of St. Peter's.
- * For world harmony.
- * For the community— school pupils as they wind down for the year.
- * For those who are sick—especially Craig R, Owen, Wendy, Anne and those known to us alone.
- * For our own ministries, of bearing hope.

Mission Update

Our Mission Table last week raised \$560.90 for the CWS Christmas Appeal, "Be the Lifeline".

Thank you for a wonderful year and all the support.

Our Total raised for the year is \$4,763.50.

Next year our first Mission Table will be on 3 February for the St. Andrew's High School in Tonga....Irene Coman

From the Riccarton Horticultural Society

"The Committee and Members of the above Society wish The Rev Nick and Rosemary Talbot, St. Peter's Staff, parishioners and families all the very best for a merry Christmas and for health and happiness in the New Year. They thank all for the co-operation and friendship during 2018 and look forward to continuing this happy relationship in 2019 and beyond."



The Parish would like to thank Mr Bill & Mrs Hilda Girl, from the RHS, for looking after the Church roses—pruning, dead-heading, spraying and fertilising. The roses are splendid this year.

Sermons are on the web



is available

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's & St Luke's

9 December 2018

Advent II

Theme: The excitement is
"BUILDING"



From Our Vicar Nick...

If you have ever travelled by ferry to Picton you will have travelled through the Tory channel.



The Channel is equipped with leading lights, two identical pyramidal structures with a window on the front face, 151 metres apart. One is 7m above and 11m behind high water mark, and the other 27m above and 166m behind high water mark. When a ship's master aligns them the ship is able to enter the Channel, safely.

The Lights were updated over the years – to gas in 1930 (after which manning was no longer required) then to electric batteries in 1945, the method still used today. As part of the coastal safety system installed by the Government 128 years ago, they still provide a vital service allowing the narrow entrance to Tory Channel to be used for shipping.

What leading lights do you use to guide you in stormy weather? Take a moment to think on this before reading on.

Rev'd Craufurd Murray in his book A Handful of Change, Journeying Through Advent suggests, "I have found trust without reserve that I am profoundly and deeply loved by God. Secondly that building good relationships is at the heart of a fulfilling life; with God, with others, and with the natural world." Connecting well with others, the natural world, and God, is at the heart of good mental health too.

When we line these two lights up, and trust in God and good relationships, they guide us through even the most choppy seas.

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News in the Parish

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

We congratulate Bob Shearing, a valued member of our Restoration Fundraising Committee, who is to receive a Christchurch Civic Award for Community Service. A well deserved recognition for his selfless commitment to many groups.

Picnic—TODAY, following on from the 9.30 am 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.*

Also, tonight is our Remembrance Service 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.

Next Sunday is our Carol Service

After the Carol Service next Sunday, 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.

Combined Christmas Services Flyer—Green We have on the table some green flyers which advertise the Methodist and Anglican Churches Christmas Services. Please help us get these out into the community. You can deliver them with your Gateway Magazines. Also with the Gateway Magazines would you please take the equivalent number of Anglican Life magazines. *Thank you all for your time.*

Coffee & Chat

The final day this year is 13 December 2018 and we resume on 17 January 2019. Anyone connected to our group would be very welcome to join us for our wind-up on 13 December. Christmas Greetings to all.
....Helen Easterbrook 348.3679

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 Denny's 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) Many thanks to all those who supported our **Quiz Night** on Friday evening and especially those who provided items for the raffles. 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.

With John becoming Vicar of Lyttelton he will now have Thursdays as his day off. Nick will continue trying to have Mondays.

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

Found: A pale blue coat has been left in the hall. Please contact the office if it is yours.

Mission Notice

Thank you to all the parishioners who have supplied jars and bottles but until further notice please do not supply any more as we are overstocked. ...Irene & Pete

This Week's Diary

Monday 10 December

Walking Group—12 Noon, Christmas lunch.

Tuesday 11 December

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Staff Meeting—9.30 am, York Room.

Exercise Class—9.30 am—last day for year.

Resumes 22 January.

Homestead Ilam Service—11 am.

Mayfair Service—3 pm.

Wednesday 12 November

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Holy Communion—10 am, Parish Hall.

Ilam Life Care Service—1.30 pm.

Thursday 13 December

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Walking Group—9.30 am, Princess Margaret.

Last one for year resumes on 7 January.

Coffee & Chat—10 am.

Choir practice, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

Friday 14 December

Morning Prayer—9 am.

Youth Orchestra—6 pm, Bowden Hall.

Youth Group—7 pm, Bowden Hall.

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)



The Youth Orchestra will be playing in Church at the 9.30 am service on Sunday 23 December—do come along.

The Christmas Edition of our Gateway Magazine is ready for delivery TODAY.

**IN THE NEW YEAR
Garage Sale—2 March**

Bring along all those unwanted Christmas gifts you don't think you will use!