

A message from our Vicar Nick... Suzy couldn't sleep. She was scared of the dark. Her desperate parents had tried everything. Night lights, lullaby music boxes, even a glow bug. In the end the only thing that seemed to get her to sleep was one of them sitting with her. She said it best, "I just needed someone, not something". This is the message of Christmas in a nutshell. God realises our need of someone. God realised that we didn't need more stuff, but a person who showed us what love is. That person is Jesus Christ. God's love enfleshed for us. That's what we celebrate at Christmas. The birth of love. Our need is for someone, not something. I pray you will know that love which is God's gift to you at Christmas.

St. Peter's Church

Church Corner, Upper Riccarton

Sunday 9 December - Advent II

8 am - Holy Communion
9.30 am - Holy Communion followed by a parish family picnic on the Vicarage lawn.
7 pm - Remembrance Service - a quiet time amidst the bustle of the Christmas season to remember loved ones who have died. *Please bring a flower.*

Sunday 16 December - Advent III

8 am - Holy Communion
9.30 am - Carol Service. Afterwards a special morning tea on the lawn with Christmas cake, sherry and lemonade. *Please bring some Christmas cake or mince pies to share.*

6 pm—Community Carol Service, Crosbie Park.

Sunday 23th December - Advent IV

8 am & 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Christmas Eve - 24 December

11.15 pm - Candle Lit Carol Singing & Holy Communion

Christmas Day - 25 December

8 am - Festive Communion & Carols
9.30 am - All Age Christmas Celebration & Communion.

Sunday 30 December

8 am & 9.30 am - Holy Communion

Sundays in January 2019

8 am & 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesdays in January

10 am - Holy Communion

St. Luke's Church

School Road, Yaldhurst

Sunday 16 December - Advent III

9.30 am - Carol Service
Afterwards a special morning tea on the lawn with Christmas cake, sherry and lemonade. *Please bring some Christmas cake or mince pies to share.*

Christmas Eve - 24 December

5 pm Service - Children may take part, costumes provided, or they can come dressed up.

Christmas Day - 25 December

9.30 am - Festive Christmas Celebration & Carols

Sundays in January - 1st and 3rd

9.30 am Holy Communion

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*The Staff wish all a blessed Christmas
and Happy New Year.*

The office will close on Monday 24 December 2018
and re-open on 23 January 2019



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