

*St. Luke's Church*  
9.30 am—Holy Communion

**Readings:**

Isaiah 55: 10-13  
Psalm 35: 6-11  
1 Corinthians 15: 51-58  
Luke 6: 39-49



**Sentence**

Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

**Collect:**

Generous God,  
you long to give us good things:  
pour out your grace  
that we might be slow to judge, quick to forgive;  
help us to be aware of the log in our eye,  
well before the speck in another's;  
then we will receive the good measure,  
pressed down, shaken together,  
running over and poured into our laps;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Next Week's Readings:**

Deuteronomy 26.1-11  
Romans 10.8b-13  
Luke 4.1-13

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*Prayer Focus*

*We pray:-*

- \* For Lent and its opportunity to journey close to Jesus.*
  - \* For our world.*
  - \* For our Pre-School and those working on it*
  - \* For the community—Riccarton Primary School.*
  - \* For those who are sick especially Olga Holloway, Noeline Coutts, Wendy Spragg, Judy and those known to us.*
  - \* For the study and prayer groups this Lent.*
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**St Peter's & St Luke's**

3 March 2019

*Ordinary Sunday V111*

*From our Assistant Priest,  
John*



The Bible Says .....

There are two distortions that are common in how the Bible is used these days.

One is some Christian group berating another Christian group with; 'the Bible says "X" and you are being disobedient to God because you don't do "X"'.

The other is the antagonistic atheist or secularist who will scornful say the Bible is unscientific, bigoted, misogynist and homophobic.

But the Bible itself proclaims a different way it should be encountered – not as words to harm and criticise with, but as words that bring forth life.

In today's first reading, Isaiah declares God's word goes out to complete what God desires. And what is it that God desires?

*That you'll go out in joy;  
and you'll be led into a whole and complete life  
(Isaiah 55.12)*

The Bible says God is leading us to a life of joy and fullness. When we read the scriptures, this is the message the Holy Spirit inspires us to hear.

....*John.*

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**Ash Wednesday Services – 6 March**  
10 am and 8 pm, Imposition of Ashes Service, at St. Peter’s Church. The **8 pm Service** will be celebrated with parishioners from Our Lady of Victories and Christchurch West Methodist Church.  
**Please bring your Palm Crosses to the office prior to Wednesday.**

#### **St. Peter’s AAW**

Our meeting on Wednesday 6 March begins at 10 am with Holy Communion. Following morning tea our guest will be our Vicar, Nick. There will be a raffle and sales table, also subs are due in a named envelope please. ...*Barbara Fleming 342.8982.*

#### **Lenten Studies**

There will be several studies this year to choose from:-  
Sundays—8.50—9.10 am, Bowden Hall, Leader: John (This study will be on ‘prayer’— Lectio—an exciting way to pray)

The following studies will be taken from the booklet “Holy Spirit” - “Through Lent with 1 Corinthians”, written by Kelvin Wright and Peter Carrell  
—*Cost \$8 from the office.*

Sundays, 7.00 pm, Margaret Kent’s Home— Leader: Nick.

Tuesdays, 7.00 pm in the York Room—Leader: Kofe  
Wednesdays, 11 am in the York Room—Leader: Kofe  
Youth—27 Yaldhurst Road, Ethan’s home, Leader: Nick—dates and time to be decided.

**For all these studies please put your name on the list provided on the table in the church.**

**Gateway Magazine** closing date -15 March

Please email your articles to Adeline (adeline1232010@gmail.com) or hand into the office by this date. Thank you.

#### **Youth Event here —29 March, 7—8 pm**

Bowden Hall. Come and join the Family Orchestra for a night of Celtic Psalms.

#### **“A Team” Volunteers**

People of all ages are invited to join the men and women volunteers who spend their Friday mornings as part of the “A Team” in fellowship and light maintenance work around the church grounds. Look out for them round the Parish Hall anytime between 9 am and midday on a

1.10 pm and 6 pm. The Mayor will officially open proceedings. Martin Setchell, Organ Curator, will introduce and play a programme of entertaining music in his inimitable style. These concerts are free, no tickets are required. The doors of the auditorium will open 50 minutes prior to the commencement of the concerts. There will be a glossy 16 page souvenir programme for sale at \$10. Copies of Martin’s new CD “Resounding Aftershocks”, recorded in the Town Hall only last month is \$20. ...*David Towns, Friends of the Christchurch Town Hall Organ Trust.*

#### **Christchurch Christian Meditation Community. “Be Still and know that I am God”**

Day of reflection and meditation. Sat 9 March, 1-4 pm, Chapel Street Centre. Also Fr. Barry Malone will speak on setting up meditation groups in Brazil. Koha \$10. For more info - wccm.org or call 029 357 8433.

### *This Week's Diary*

#### **Monday 4 March**

Walking Group—1.30 pm, Fendalton Park.

#### **Tuesday 5 March**

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.  
Staff Meeting—9.30 am, York Room.  
Exercise Class—9.30 am, Parish Hall.  
Parkstone Service—10 am.  
Mainly Music - 11 am, Parish Hall.  
Oaks Service—11.15 am.  
Create With Fibre—1 pm, York Room.



#### **Ash Wednesday 6 March**

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.  
Holy Communion—10 am, Imposition of Ashes & AAW Holy Communion, Parish Hall.  
AAW Meeting—after Church Service.  
Ilam Life Care Service— 1.30 pm.  
Ash Wednesday Service— 8 pm, Imposition of Ashes.

#### **Thursday 7 March**

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.  
Walking Group— 9.30 am, Millbrook Reserve.  
Coffee & Chat— 10 am, York Room.  
Choir—7.30 pm, Parish Hall.

#### **Friday 8 March**