

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church
8.00 am—Holy Communion
9.30 am—Holy Communion
11.00am—Family Service



Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm 130
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

Sentence

God is faithful, and will not let us be tested beyond our strength. (1 Corinthians 10.13b)

Collect

God of the second chance,
while others condemn, you continue to tend and nurture us
to bear good fruit:
help us to trust you to bring us to life;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Next Week's Readings

Joshua 5.9-12
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 5.16-21
Luke 15.1-3, 11b-3



Prayer Focus

We pray:-

- * For those who have lost family and friends to the shootings
- * For Colin and Eileen who were married at our church yesterday.
- * For those fearful of the further racial hatred.
- * For our Pre-School and those enrolling.
- * For the community, especially the uni drop-in centre.
- * For those who are sick especially Olga Holloway, Wendy Spragg, Judy and those known to us.
- * For the study and prayer groups this Lent.

Mission Focus from Irene Coman

Better World Gap Year Programme. There is an exciting new initiative being promoted by CMS. It is for young people around school-leaving age to provide a year of "immersion" experience in missional learning and experience, with an emphasis on social justice areas.

Garage Sale:

A huge thankyou to all those who gave of their time to assist with the garage sale. We had an excellent result, even with fewer customers attending than is usual.

Our next garage sale will be in October. We are collecting goods for sale and we are looking forward to it keenly. Anyone who can give some time to the sorting of goods for the sale, please come along to the garage on Friday mornings 9am on. We would love to see you.

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's & St Luke's

24 March 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent

Theme: Passing The Baton

*From our Deacon
Assistant, Kofe*



Last weekend I spent quite a bit of time with a Muslim family in Spreydon, listening to them as they shared their fears and uncertainties and just being a Christ-like presence in their grief over what had happened in this city they now call home. It was an amazing experience, sharing their space and being allowed to pray over them!

God reminds us this week that He doesn't inflict pain and tragedy on us, His creation, and we cannot place blame on Him for the choices humanity makes. The challenge for us here, is to remember this as the days move in to weeks and the weeks in to months.

An immigrant who moved here with her family from British Columbia after the Earthquakes was asked what she liked about our city:

"I like the people! New Zealanders are happy people always ready to lend a hand. From the moment we arrived, we have met so many incredibly kind people. Kiwis are so friendly and they care about their "neighbours". There is also quite a sense of community. It might be part of a city coming together after such devastating earthquakes all those years ago, but it makes you feel a little less homesick."

On top of that Christchurch is a very diverse city with people from all over the world living here and the weather is pretty nice too."

Let us continue to hold our city in prayer and remember that we can get through this difficult time if we stand together: unity in diversity!

Your friend and Deacon, *Kofe*

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News in the Parish

**AGM—Sunday 7 April, 11 am
Parish Hall**
Reports to be into the office by
Sunday 24 March please.

Is God calling you to stand for Vestry - please speak to the Wardens.

Lenten Studies

You can still join a Lenten Study Group.
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.
Wednesdays, 11 am in York Room—Leader: Kofe

Palm Cross Making

There will be an opportunity to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday very soon. Watch this space.

New Chipper

If anyone would like some leaf mould suitable for use as a soil conditioner or chips for mulch for their garden, at \$1.00 per bag or \$20.00 per trailer load (delivered) please contact Dennys on 357 4204.

Tax Rebates

Donations to the parish or to the restoration are tax deductible. If you get them in before 31 March you will receive 33.3% back. T & C’s apply

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Letters received from friends overseas -

You guys were very much on my mind the past week. The whole incident was tragic and it sent a chill all the way around the world. The people of Christchurch responded in the most amazing way and it reminded me so much of the love and acceptance Jen and I experienced when we were there. I had the opportunity to share with my students my positive experiences when I was in Chch and they were impressed too. Please convey my regards and love to everyone in this difficult time. Khin Wee

We’re sad and worried about the dramatic situation lived in Christchurch recently.

We can’t believe like happened, couldn’t be real. NZ is a great country and the people will find new ways to recover the tranquility and peace in their lives.

We need to continue working to build a new world, more fair and safe for all. Your work with migrants is very important. We loved our experience with the class. We learned the love, acceptance, and kindness. Our life in Chiapas is good, we had the opportunity to share our experience with our family and colleagues.

All the time are in our thoughts. Maria, Antonio, and Paulo

From St Peter’s, Delamare I send you greetings and love from the church family here as your beautiful city is once more wracked by tragedy. We are thinking of you and holding you all tightly in our prayers.
Revd Elaine Ollman BTh

News beyond the Parish

Seasons For Growth

This course begins on 9 May at 1 pm and will consist of 4 two hour sessions—always at the same time. This is an opportunity to share your experiences of loss and your strategies for coping. We lose jobs, independence, loved ones, homes and it is healthy to acknowledge such loss. The venue is Petersgate Group Room and the facilitators are Don Rowlands and Margaret Morton. *Please ring 342 8101 if interested.*

Petersgate News

See on the noticeboard the Petersgate News Bulletin.

This Week’s Diary

Sunday 24 March

Lenten Study—Margaret Kent’s home, 7pm.

Monday 25 March

Walking Group—1.30 pm, Riccarton Domain.

Tuesday 26 March

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

Wednesday 27 March

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.
Holy Communion—10 am, Parish Hall.
Lenten Study —11 am, York Room

Thursday 28 March

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

Friday 29 March

Morning Prayer—9 am, York Room.
‘A’ Team - 9 am, by the hall.
English Conversation Class—4–6 pm, Bowden Hall.
Youth Orchestra—6 pm, Bowden Hall.
Youth Group—7 pm, Bowden Hall.



Te Waiora House : Open Day

Sunday 31st March 2:30 pm– 4:30 pm

Feeling tired, worn out, wondering where you could go to be refreshed?

Come and join us for afternoon tea and find out what this special place near Hororata has to offer.

236 Hororata Road, next to St Johns Church on the road between Hororata and Coalgate – approximately 40 minutes from Christchurch.