

Worship Details

St. Peter's Church

8.00 am—Holy Communion
9.30 am—Holy Communion
11.00am—Healing Service

Readings: Joshua 5.9-12
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 5.16-21
Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Sentence But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. (Luke 15.20)

Collect

Prodigal God,
when you were still far off,
you surprised us with a banquet of forgiveness:
may we who have a place at your table
now make room for others,
willingly sharing what we have received
that all may dine with you;
now and for ever. Amen.

Vesicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord of compassion
in your mercy hear us.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm 130
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8



Prayer Focus

We pray:-

- * For healing for those who have been shot and are still in hospital.
- * For the first responders who are recovering from the shooting.
- * For those fearful of further racial hatred.
- * For our new administrator Shyuan Wong as she settles into her new role.
- * 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.
- * For St Peter's Anglican Preschool as the builders finish the deck.



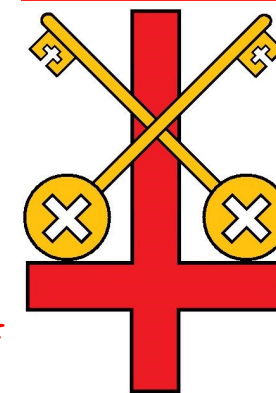
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper
Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's

31 March 2019

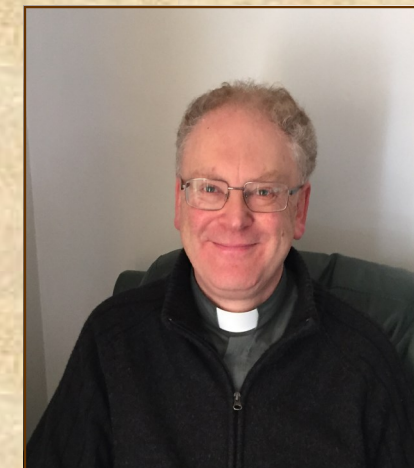
4th Sunday in Lent



Theme: Passing The Baton

From our Vicar, Nick

There's a woman with her hands trembling
And she sings with a mountain's memory
There's a cloud the full length of these isles
Just playing chase with the sun
And it's black and it's white and it's wild
All the colours are one
So welcome home, I bid you welcome, I bid you welcome
Welcome home from the bottom of our hearts
Welcome home, see I made a space for you now
Welcome home from the bottom of our hearts
From the bottom of our hearts



These words form part of Dave Dobbyn's song welcome home. It has become a kiwi classic often sung by Dave himself, on occasions of great national significance. Dave a Christian knows the power of a home coming and a welcome.

The Gospel today gives us again the Prodigal son. But it's really the father who is prodigal. He welcomes the son home, even before he can finish his lines of apology. The father runs with outstretched arms. In a time and place when fathers, heads of families, didn't run anywhere. Such is the love that God has for us, such is the love that Jesus has for us, such is the welcome that we find in God's embrace. However much we might wander, God seeks us when we are still far off, and longs to bring us home.

May we know the welcoming embrace of God.

Nick

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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.



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.



This Week's Diary

Sunday 31 March

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

Monday 01 April

Walking Group—1.30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 02 April

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room
Staff Meeting—9.30am, York Room
Exercise Class—9.30am, Parish Hall
Parkstone Care Home—10am
Oaks Lifestyle Care & Village—11:15am
Mainly Music - 11am, Parish Hall
Create With Fibre—1pm, York Room

Wednesday 03 April

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room
Holy Communion (including AAW)—10am, Parish Hall
AAW Meeting - after Church Service
Lenten Study - 11am, York Room
Ilam Retirement & Care—1:30pm

Thursday 04 April

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

Friday 05 April

Morning Prayer - 9am, York Room.
'A' Team - 9am, by the hall
Middlepark—11:15am
English Conversation Class - 4-6pm, Bowden Hall.
Youth Orchestra - 6pm, Bowden Hall.
Youth Group - 7pm, Bowden Hall.

News in the Parish



AGM — Sunday 7 April, 11am

Parish Hall

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

Lenten Studies

You can still join a Lenten Study Group.
Sundays—8.50-9.10am, 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, 7.00pm, Margaret Kent's Home—
Leader: Nick.
Wednesdays, 11am 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 Denny 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

St Peter's AAW

Our meeting on Wednesday 3rd April begins at 10am with Holy Communion. Following morning tea our guest will be Senior Sergeant Kelly Larsen from the police force.

There will be a raffle and sales table and if you have forgotten to pay your sub could you please bring it in a named envelope.

--- Barbara Fleming 324 8982

Changes in Parish Office

This last week, Pamela O'Brien resigned as the Parish Administrator. Pamela has served the Parish for 26 years of dedicated service. I first meet Pamela 26 years ago, when we were living in 31 Yaldhurst Road, and she brought us a gift for our new born. The same one about to be married soon! This was typical of her thoughtfulness and caring, we will miss her in this role. I'd like to give her a gift to acknowledge her years of service, if you want to contribute towards the gift please hand it in to the office.



Our new Parish and preschool Administrator is Shyuan Wong. Shyuan (pronounced "shoearn") has many gifts including the ability to speak and write in Mandarin. She is also very gifted with graphics as can be seen in

this bulletin. Shyuan worships at the Chinese church, but we will get her along to worship here to introduce her. We welcome her, and hope she has much joy in this her new ministry.