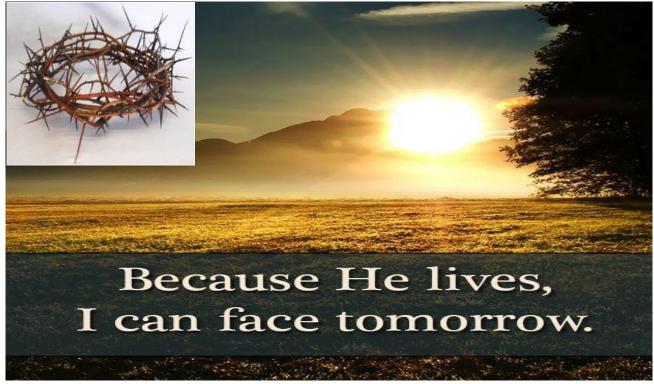
The Gateway









He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God (NLT) \sim Roman 4:25

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St Peter's and St Luke's Church

EASTER ISSUE 2019



HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

14 April Palm Sunday

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8.00am & 9.30am Eucharist worship service

9.00am Tuesday – Thursday Morning prayer

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

7.30pm Station of the Cross

18 April Maundy Thursday

UPPER RICCARTON METHODIST CHURCH

7.30pm Worship service

19 April Good Friday

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

9.30am Devotions around the cross.

Hot cross buns to follow.

21 April Easter Day

ST PETER'S CHURCH

8am & 9.30am Eucharist worship service

Please bring greenery or flower to transform the cross.

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

9.30am Eucharist worship service

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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK: Putting the church and the children back into church corner.



There is a lot of new life around church corner. I refer to the new preschool which is being fitted out as we speak, and the work being down on historic St Peters, to restore it. It's not well known but in 1859, Bishop Harper opened the first school in Riccarton, a church primary school at St Peter's Upper Riccarton. This school educated the children of the area until 1872, when it became a state school; Riccarton Primary School.

Once again the same site will be alive with children's voices. The Parish has built a modern pre-school, which is to be open for business

in the second term this year. The pre-school will have 3 main points of difference. It will be unashamedly Christian, we won't shy away from our faith, secondly we will teach Mandarin in the afternoons, there is a real demand for this language, and thirdly we will have MPVs available to pick children up from their homes and bring them to the centre and return them at the end of the day. This has also been shown to be a real draw card. We are recruiting multilingual staff, who can make people of all races feel at home here. Every effort is being made to integrate the life of the pre-school with the life of the Parish. Our hope is that the same vans and the same friendly approach will bring families to worship too.

New life is happening as St Peters is being restored too, by the very able team from Higgs Construction. Their site office is by the big hall. They are delighted to able to do this work coming off the back of their successful restoration of the Rose Chapel and Knox Church, among other projects in town. Although we don't yet have all the money we need, my hope is that as people see the work being down, the remaining monies that we need will come in. To be honest we really need our halls to be dedicated to serving the community, and we are constantly moving chairs and juggling bookings to try and accommodate everyone.

Thank you for your patience with this. The Church at Church Corner will be better than it was, as it will include a lounge for welcome and hospitality, a kitchen, toilets, a restored organ and better access. The first Easter was a time of new life too. The crucified and dead Jesus passed over from death to life on Easter morning. Putting to death forever our fear of death, and demonstrating that the love of God is stronger than any kind of death. This is the kernel of the churches 2000 years old message; that love is stronger than death. It's this hope that is putting children back into Church Corner, the church back into Church Corner, also brings us new life and hope. May I personally invite all to join us in celebrating Easter day, at St Luke's at 9:30am or at St Peters at 8am and 9:30 am. Please bring some flowers or greenery to transform the cross from a symbol of death to new life. Our hope in offering our Easter worship is that we too may be transformed into people of Easter hope.

May you know the joy of Easter.

Nick

Ven. Nick Mountfort
Vicar Upper Riccarton
Yaldhurst
Archdeacon Selwyn Tawera

GATEWAY EDITORIAL

Easter is the season of great hope, victory and celebration for Christians because our Lord Jesus is

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risen and today He sits at the right hand of God the Father – the cross and tomb are empty- Hallelujah!



Roman 10: 12 tells us. But this man after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. Because He is alive today, we have a future and a hope. We don't see the physical forces of energy and power like the wind and electricity but we are

very certain these exist. Hence, even though we don't see Jesus's resurrection, historical evidences confirmed Jesus has risen. After Jesus arose, He appeared to His disciples and to one of His disciples- doubting Thomas- Jesus said, *Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.* ~ John 20:29. Our belief is built on faith in God's Word – the Bible.

In this issue of Gateway, we read about building – building of faith through Lenten Studies, building of the St Peter's Anglican Pre-school, St Peter's Church rebuilt, and re-building of lives, amongst others.

An ancient story was once told of a man walking by a construction site. He saw a man laying bricks and he went to the man and asked him "What are you building?" The man looked up and replied," I am building a wall." The man walked on and he came to another man down the same construction side and he asked him the same question, "What are you building?" This man replied "Who? Me? I am building a church." The man walked on and he came to the third man. The man asked the same question, "What are you building?" This man said with a big smile on his face," I am building the House of God." This third man looks joyful and calm. The first man was doing a job, the second man was doing a vocation, and the third man was fulfilling a calling. God gives the general call to every creature on earth-called to turn away from sins and towards God and His plan for our salvation, to live according to His Word, to a life of Christian service to God and our fellow man. Galatians 6:9 encourages us: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Proline Hill

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A WORD OF THANKS

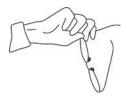
MISSION TABLE On 3rd February Sunday, Simon & Rachel Tipping spoke about their work for the Hornsby Trust in Tonga. They made a little presentation to the congregation on how the funding from the Mission Table donated to them were used last year.

The Mission Table manned by Irene & Peter Coman runs on the 1st Sunday of each month; selling nice crafts, food stuffs and cards made by the kind and beautiful ladies and donated to the table for sale to raise funds.

Simon & Rachel thanked St Peter's Church for their support through the Mission Table. The money goes to sponsor the education of three students at the St Andrew's High School in Tonga. The three beneficiaries, Takui Vaisingano, Unaloto Tohi and Latai Mafile'o all did pretty well in their studies with merits, excellence and distinctions in their results. A new project, where TESOL teachers from VSA will be based in the school and teaches English to St Andrew's teachers and other mission school teachers. As fluency in spoken and written English is a pre-requisite for Tongan school leavers to gain employment, this project will be helpful to equip the children there in English. And they are recruiting people to help in this project. More details would be available from Irene & Peter or from the website www.hornbytrust.org.nz or email tippings@xtra.co.nz.

On the same Sunday 3rd Feb, the Mission Table raised \$458.90 and two parishioners volunteered to sponsor two students making the total collection to \$958.90. "Thank you for this wonderful support and a great start for the year." ----Irene Coman.

SPECTACLE DROP OFF- Leigh Craythorn



I am thrilled with the response to the request for unwanted spectacles that are being passed on to those needier of them. They are being delivered to the Islands to folk who are very appreciative of them. So far you have contributed 383 pairs since we started collecting them late 2015!

Keep them coming!

There is a (marked) drop off bag in the hall for any that can be spared.

Lenten Studies 2019

"The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged swords, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." – Hebrews 4:12

Join a group, and have fun studying God's Word together. Contact us or Adeline at adeline1232010@gmail.com.

Theme of this year's Lenten Study is very exciting ~ Holy Spirit, taken from 1 Corinthians.

The bible study guide is written by Peter Carrell & Kelvin Wright. Peter has been the Director of Theology House and Director of Education in the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch. On 9 February 2019, Peter was ordained and installed as the Bishop of Christchurch. Kelvin is an educator and spiritual director who lives on the Otago Peninsula.

Why the theme "Holy Spirit'? - extract from the bible study guide.

"The simplest observation to make about the Holy Spirit is that the Holy Spirit is talked about a lot in the New Testament (NT). The Holy Spirit works powerfully in the life of Jesus, according to the Gospels. Jesus tells his disciples that after He leaves them the Holy Spirit will come upon them (see Luke 24/Acts1; and John 14-16). Although we call the stories of the first apostles "The Acts of the Apostles", when we read how many times the Holy Spirit does this or guides the apostles to do that, the book could fairly be renamed, The Acts of the Holy Spirit.

Even if no other book of the NT mentioned the Holy Spirit, from the Gospels and Acts we would have a strong sense of the Holy Spirit as the dynamic, powerful, personal, immediate presence of God in the world. But other NT writings go a little further, especially in the writings of St Paul and particularly in his first Epistles following Acts: Romans, 1 Corinthians, and Galatian. Through these writings we understand that the Holy Spirit is God's life being lived our within our lives. The transforming power of God poured into each believing Christian's life is the Holy Spirit. The continuing presence of the risen Jesus Christ dwelling in each of us is the Holy Spirit.

If we read these scriptures and think this talk of the Holy Spirit sounds more "experiential" rather than "doctrinal" that is a fair comment. The dynamism of the Holy Spirit erupts in people's lives as they demonstrate the gifts of the Spirit, some of which, such as speaking in tongues, seem a bit weird (read again the first part of Acts 2 and note the reaction of the crowd). Paul tackles questions and controversies about the Holy Spirit's gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 and 14. The transforming power of the Holy Spirit can manifest itself in amazing miracles of healing and deliverance (repeatedly through the Gospels and Acts), but

it also quietly works in each of us to change our lives so that we become more and more like Christ. Paul has quite a bit to say about this and offers a memorable image of the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self- control, patience) in Galatians 5.

If 1 Corinthians is interested in any single aspect of the Holy Spirit's presence in the world and in people's lives, it is focused on the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. Who teaches the church the deepest things of God? Who binds the diverse, even divided members of the church into one body of Christ? Who brings words of knowledge and prophecy to the congregation for its benefits? Who makes us into a living temple and dwells in us as the presence of God? Who enlivens us with the same power which raised Jesus from the dead? **The Holy Spirit.**"

Sundays:

7.00 pm at Ludecke Place (led by Nick) & 8.50 am at Bowden Hall (John McLister)

Wednesdays

11am York Room (led by Kofe)



Wednesday group at 11am



Sunday group at 7.30am

VESTRY QUIET DAY

Vestry quiet afternoon - praying and planning retreat- focuses on choosing a theme for the church for 2019. Last year's theme was "The excitement is building." This year, the theme chosen is "Passing the Baton." This theme is about is sharing our faith and also about identifying and mentoring others into future succession in the ministry when the current leaders decide to retire. This does not mean that the current leaders in their respective roles are relinquishing their roles but it is about doing the work together; understudying and mentoring for transition into future roles – it's about future planning.

We see this kind of future planning in the Bible. In the New Testament, we see our Lord Jesus mentoring the twelve disciples, who followed Him - they saw Him performed miracles, healing the sick, performing miracles, preaching, praying, casting out demons, communing with His Father, leading people into the Kingdom of God, leading people to His Father through His works of love and miracles. Jesus is the Son of God, who can do all His wondrous work? Yet, when Jesus left, He told His disciples I will not leave you as orphans I am coming to you (John 14:18) and I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17). When Jesus left, His disciples went on continuing His work with passion and performing miracles.

We saw Paul mentoring Timothy whom he called "my true child in the faith (1Timothy 2). Acts 11: 1-26, Barnabas's mentoring relationship with Paul started when he recruited Paul (who became a believer) to help him teach the new followers of Christ in Antioch (Acts 11: 25-26).

In the Old Testament, we see examples of mentoring too. In Numbers 27:12-23 we see Moses prepared Joshua to receive the baton of leadership. Joshua was chosen for mentoring because he showed good potential (Exodus 17:8-16) and Joshua showed love and dedication to the Lord and the Tabernacle of the Lord (Exodus 33:9-12).

One of the greatest mentoring in the Old Testament is Elijah mentoring Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21). Over the years, Elisha served with Elijah. He learned through watching, helping and being with him. When the time came for Elijah to leave; Elisha became his successor. He would go on to be used in even greater ways than his mentor. God ultimately choose the person, but help is rendered to prepare the person that God chooses through encouragement for the successor to succeed.

Because of the successful continuity of the work of Jesus's disciples through the centuries; today more than 2000 years later, we are still seeing people all over the world, coming to the knowledge of God - believing, following and serving Jesus the Christ.

Installation ceremony of the new Anglican Bishop of Christchurch, the Revd Dr. Peter Carrell on the 9th of February 2019 can be viewed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kbTuafOR 8

Peter Carrell grew up in a vicarage, but did not come to the Anglican faith until he was 11. He was on holiday in Riverton Rocks in Southland. "I had a strong sense that to escape the judgement of God; I needed to commit my life to Christ. I was fearful of going to hell. As a young person I may have had too strong an imagination." It was the start of a religious



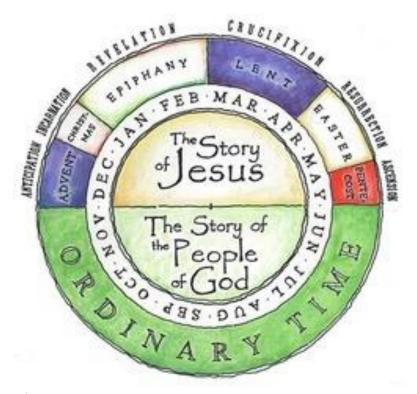
journey that on Saturday afternoon will see him officially become the new Anglican Bishop for Christchurch. Even though his father was an Anglican vicar and later an assistant bishop, Carrell took some time to decide on a life in the church. He was born in Christchurch, but lived in Hororata and Dunedin as a child before returning to the city at age 11. After completing a degree in Mathematics at the University of Canterbury, he went on to a bachelor of divinity at the University of Otago, before becoming an Anglican priest in 1987 at age 27. He lives in Christchurch with his wife, Teresa Kundycki-Carrell, who is a lay chaplain at Cathedral Grammar School. They have four children all in their 20s. Carrell is a board member at Christ's College and was director of education for the Anglican diocese before being appointed bishop.

Congratulations to Peter Carrell. As he takes on the task of feeding the sheep, tending and shepherding the flock of the Anglican Church in the days ahead, may the Lord God, the Good Shepherd fill him and the Anglican Church "with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that we may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God" – Colossians 1:9-10.



The Circle of Life ~ Ven. Nick Mountfort

The churches year is obviously a great mystery to many. I have been told that I was wearing green vestments because this looks best with my eyes, and someone else said I wore purple ones because I want to be a bishop! You may have noticed the changing colours of the seasons, but they have nothing to do with me. Rather the churches year is designed so that we celebrate the great events of Jesus' life and ministry, in order that we might become more and more like him.



The cornerstone of the year is Easter the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. This is always a Sunday. The colour for this day is white or gold. because Easter is so important to us we celebrating it for 6 weeks. Before his Resurrection Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit; we celebrate this gift on Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost means 50, so it is 50 days after Easter. Because the Spirit was seen as tongues of fire, the colour for that day is red. Next comes Trinity Sunday as we explore God as a trinity of love. The colour is white. Then comes ordinary time, the growing season

of the churches year. Because we're growing we have green as our colour. This includes a celebration of All Saints and for us St Luke's and St Peter's day, with gold Sundays. The last day of the churches year is stir up Sunday, taken from an ancient collect of the Anglican church, "stir up your people O LORD," this last Sunday of year also goes by the name of Christ the King Sunday.

Four Sundays before Christmas we begin the churches year again with Advent. We are preparing so the colour is purple, and we are looking for the advent or coming of Jesus. Christmas is the celebration of Jesus birth, which goes for 12 days until the wise men come at Epiphany. Christmas is gold and Epiphany green. Ash Wednesday begins a period of preparation for Easter; it's called lent, and is purple for preparation and repentance. Holy Week is the week before Easter and includes, Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday, Maundy means new, because on this night Jesus gives us the new commandment to love one another. Then we have Good Friday; good because Jesus died for us. Then we keep Holy Saturday or Easter Eve. These days are not Easter Friday and Easter Saturday

because Easter begins with the proclamation that Jesus is risen which happens on Easter morning.

Like a spiral the year is designed that each time we keep it, we grow closer to Christ and one another. Through the year we have saints and martyrs which we remember too. A notable one for us is Nurse Maude. No doubt you will have your own special days like birthdays and anniversaries. The songs, prayers and bible readings all match the churches year too.

I hope this helps and begins to make sense, even if the colour of the vestments doesn't match my eyes!

EXCITING TIMES~ Dr. Corin Murfitt

Corin, Vicar's Warden and also the liaison person of St Peter's Church with CPT writes.

The end of February and the beginning of March saw significant changes to our Parish's landscape. Firstly, the pre-school arrived from Keith Hay Homes and to those who witnessed its arrival late at night it was a memorable occasion. The enormity of the building's size and the million-dollar plus truck ferrying it was awesome.



Movement of the convoy along Yaldhurst Rd with

all lights blazing was reminiscent of the bright star in the east at Christmastide but in this instance it was in the west with all the wise folk already waiting.

Manoeuvrability on site of the truck being remotely guided by the driver from behind the vehicle was also something to be seen. Delivery had been delayed for several days owing to a fault in the so-called motherboard of the controls. Hence, we had the special breakfast without the school.

Since the delivery the school has been placed on piles and additional work to the building



and grounds has been undertaken. All should be in order for an opening to children in the second term once landscaping has been completed.

Equally exciting is that the rebuild of our beloved church has now begun. Higgs Construction's tender was accepted by CPT and was within the QS estimates allowing for an increase in contingency.

The builders moved on site 1st March and security fencing was quickly placed around the site. Containers have been placed close to the church and a builder's site ground will be set up south of the Parish Hall on the lawn.

It is anticipated that the rebuild will (hopefully) be finished in August 2020. Please be patient and tolerant during this period.

I ask that parishioners refrain from contacting the builders and architect during this period. Apparently, some parishioners have been contacting Hugh Tennent with questions and suggestions for the church.

More importantly we must continue to pray for both these exciting ventures so that they may serve our community.



Contact: 黃良璇 (Shyuan)

Introducing our new Deacon Assistant



Revd. Kofe Havea joins St Peter's Anglican Church on 1 Feb 2019. Her passion is for pastoral care. She was ordained to the Christchurch Anglican Diocese on 1 Dec 2018 thus becoming the first Tongan to be ordained in our diaconate. Friendly, open and a trained nurse, Kofe has worked for the Anglican Church for some time now taking up a variety of roles – ministry assistant, pastoral visitor/career, and Cursillo lay director – to name a few.

Kofe is a wife and mother to 4 adult children and grandmother to 5 beautiful granddaughters and a grandson. Her husband is Leni (an ordained priest) and she has lived in Christchurch for the last 23 years. Over the last 10 and a half years, she has worked in the Parish of St. Barnabas, Fendalton, before spending a year at St John the Evangelist College in Auckland where she so completed her Diploma in Christian Studies. She was a Lay Leader at St Barnabas as Pastoral Care and Ministry Assistant. Her work involved administration, leading a group of 40 volunteers, coordinating Home Communions, Rest Home Ministry, Hospital Visits, Home Visits, Prayer Ministry and Weekly Rosters, Sunday worship and preaching. She graduated from Laidlaw College with a Bachelor of Ministry in 2016. She looks forward to her time at St Peter's and meeting the different people here, learning from them and journeying with them on faith journey.

Kofe sharing on her commitment to Christ

This Commitment Sunday has forced me to look back and reflect on the level of my commitment to Christ over the years.

Several years ago, I went to buy a new computer for our home. Trying to install it, I kept hitting problems which frustrated me, so I called the computer company to ask if one of their technicians could come to my place and help me with this blasted piece of technology. Early that evening, as I was still fumbling around, there was a knock on our front door; agitated and clearly losing my mind, I rushed the guy through to my computer room and showed him where the brand new computer was. I then left him to it and started preparing the evening meals.

A little while later, the gentleman called out that everything was hooked up and ready to go. In the midst of my profuse thanks and joy, he stopped me and gently said, "I am X, vicar of XX, and I just dropped by to see how you were! "I could have died!

You see, at that time, I had turned my back on my faith and lived an angry life: anti everything to do with the church and God. But this gentle servant of God came to me and I couldn't do anything else but revisit the reasons I held on to, not to have any commitment to the Lord.

God invites us into that very special circle of faith and encourages us to share our faith with those around us. We are blessed and at the same time, challenged, to commit our lives to Christ, so that others may believe. What a privilege! Let us "rejoice in our day and leap for joy for surely our reward is great in heaven." - Kofe

We warmly welcome Kofe. As she takes on the task of feeding the sheep, tending and shepherding the flock at St. Peter's and St. Luke in the days ahead, may the Lord God, the Good Shepherd fill her "with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that we may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God" – Colossians 1:9-10.

CAPTURED IN DECEMBER 2018



What are these events at Church?



CAPTURED

Haydn & Adeline visited this place in New Zealand on a beautiful Sunday morning on 18 Nov 2018. Do you know the name of this place? Answer: the Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson



Bottom picture: Name the person (in yellow). What do you think the people are doing?





CAPTURED

This is one of the Outreach Ministries at St Peter's Anglican Church. Do you know the name of this ministry?







They are recruiting for volunteers who are able to help make marmite or vegemite sandwiches or bake a cake to help out once a month during school term. Interested volunteers can call Fay Mango at 942 8226 or 027 2663767.

CAPTURED

Did you miss this caroling at the Rest Homes at Christmas 2018? Look out for it this Christmas 2019 and join in the joyous occasion.







REFLECTION

Why Israel? ~ Jim Power

This month (March), Carmel and I are visiting Israel. This will be our second trip to Israel. I was talking with my sister-in-law and she said that a number of her friend travel, but we are the only ones she knows who have travelled to Israel. And now we are going again. Why Israel?

As I explained to Shirley. Israel is on my heart. It is the land where Jesus grew up. Where He lived and where He died. It is the land of the Bible. But Israel is more than that. Israel is where The Lord will return to. Jesus Christ will return to this world as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He returns to Jerusalem in Israel. And that event is, I believe, very near.

Jesus the Messiah of Israel will establish His Kingdom in Jerusalem and His Reign will extend over the whole Earth.

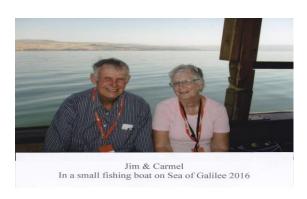
Jesus taught us to pray — "Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Your Kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."
We are to pray for the Kingdom to come to earth. When Jesus returns He will establish His Kingdom here on the earth. The Kingdom of "the lion and the lamb shall lie down together"

Isaiah 11:6 and "nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war anymore". Isaiah 2:4.

In that Age (which lasts for a thousand years - Revelation ch.20), we who live and die in Christ (or are alive when he comes) will reign with Him. We will all go up to Jerusalem in Israel to pay our respects to the King. (Zechariah 14:16.)

There are exciting times ahead. Israel is going to be the most significant nation in the world. Jerusalem (The City of God), the most significant city in the world. Carmel and I are looking and praying in anticipation.

On 6th March we fly to Israel to join a "Prayer Summit" organised by Missionaries we support over there. David & Josie Silver - they have been taking the Gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria for the last 27 years. (Acts 1:8)



Expect an Answer

As a drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the way of life of the townspeople.

As the problem became more acute, a local pastor called a prayer meeting to ask for rain.

Many people arrived. The pastor greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the meeting he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socializing with friends. When he reached the front his thoughts were on quieting the attendees and starting the meeting.

His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked for quiet. He noticed an eleven years old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The little girl's beauty and innocence made the pastor smile as he realized how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella.

All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer.

REFLECTION

REBUILDING LIVES - ADELINE HILL

New Zealand (NZ) will never forget 15 Mar 2019. The country will be changed for the better, after what happened on that day when 50 innocent people were horribly gunned down and killed and another 50 others were badly injured at a mass terror shooting in two mosques -. Masjid Al Noor at Deans Ave and Linwood Masjid in Christchurch.



The NZ police responded quickly. The gunman was arrested within 21 minutes from the police notification. Many people came to mind whom we would thank God for – these people who worked tirelessly over that week to save lives in this disaster. In particular, we are very thankful to God for those two policemen whose selflessness, courage and quick thinking saves many more lives from being lost and many others from living in fear should the gunman not be caught

and is still a fugitive on the run. Six days on, in this unthinkable massacres; NZ swiftly changes its firearm and gun laws. This wake-up call raised many issues in engaging the public in meaningful conversations and it is the hope that education of people through the media, television, schools, and other platforms can help educate communities. Issues which were once taboo and glossed over are now openly and humbly brought out in heartfelt conversations – issues such as racism, Islamophobia, gun laws that needed immediate change, hate crimes, racial attacks, tightening border control, violent hatred staged on internet and social media...As the conversations unfolds, it is the hope that NZ will regain some normality and hatred will be conquered with love, care without indifference, peace instead of violence and Zealanders will come together to be a safe country for its people. Two weeks on, the country is still on high security alert and lives are still mending and wounds healing. A National Commemorative Remembrance Service was held in Hagley Park on 29 March 2019, in support of and in remembrance of the 50 people in those who were killed and injured.

The support, solidarity and unity shown by country during this time has been tremendous, as they come together and stand in support, compassion, love, unity and prayers for the victims and their families.

In such a time as this, we need even more to keep safe, pray for each other, reach out and engage - helping each other see God's love in the midst of chaos and confusion.

2 Chronicles 29:15a For we are foreigners and so-journers in Your presence as were all our ancestors.

Jesus said Luke 6:32-33 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

At St. Peter's Church, a special service was carried out on Saturday 16 Mar and another on Sunday 17 Mar to pray and pay respect to the affected people.

Congregation members streamed forward to light a candle in remembrance of the affected people.



Some tips on what can be done:

- Behaving and actinging normally. Do not be extra conscious amongst people who are different in language or culture. Be yourself and act kindly with people
- Assist new people integrated into the groups/society/community.
- Be interested in people, and get to know them and their culture.
- Make people feel safe by living in peace.
- Listening to people . Be compassionate and emphatic.

Meaningful conversations and education need to continue.



NZ went to place flowers and messages outside the Botanical Garden for the affected community.

REPORT

ST PETER'S RESTORATION FUNDRAISING - DAVID WINFIELD



A major milestone has now been reached as work on the rebuild commences. This is not to say that our fundraising has concluded however, as you will be aware that some of the money has been guaranteed from our Glebe funds and we would much prefer not to call upon that. As this wouldn't be required until

towards the end of the rebuild we would earnestly hope that ongoing fundraising would have raised most (all?) of it by then. Approximately \$400,000 remains so we must redouble our efforts to achieve this goal. Obviously some major gifts would be extremely helpful but other smaller projects will continue to play their part.

In that respect a good number enjoyed our Christmas trivia quiz night in December and our grand Christmas raffle was most successful. The latter will be repeated a little later this year and a High Tea with entertainment will be run in July. An organ recital in the Transitional Cathedral will raise funds particularly for our organ's reinstatement and a major ball is already being planned for 2020.

We continue to commend our Living Bequest programme which will leave a legacy of support for all those who follow to cherish and appreciate. Information brochures are now available or you can contact one of the committee. While not specifically for the restoration there are now brochures available regarding bequests in general and you are invited to pick one up.

The "Blocks and Stones" scheme continues very positively and we would also encourage folk to participate in this way. Gifts of \$500 or \$1000 (or more!) will ensure that donors' names (or the names of loved ones) can be given a permanent record in the restored Church. Further details are on the website or descriptive brochures available in the Parish Office.

One scheme that we have been running has been an appeal to St. Peter's churches nationally and internationally and some responses here have been very generous. But we would now ask all parishioners who might have contacts in other churches, not just a St. Peter's, to seek support there. We can provide a letter and of course our Case for Support booklet

so please speak to a member of the committee about this. Many people world-wide still have a heart for our city's recovery and may like to assist it in this way.

At this stage in the process we are relying more upon the experienced assistance of the staff at Church Property Trustees. One of these, Morag Pringle, has been a very great help but as she heads off overseas for a time we now welcome Kerryn Mercer into that role. Within our own committee we have been delighted to welcome Fiona Gilmore to the ranks and Jo Winfield to see to the secretarial side. So we invite all parishioners and friends of St. Peter's to help make 2019 our big year to complete the task. As has been said elsewhere: WE CAN DO IT!

David Winfield, Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing, Fiona Gilmore, Jo Winfield, Bruce Williams, Nick Mountfort

AAW REPORT - BARBARA FLEMING (TEL: 3428982)

As of the first Wednesday in February was Waitangi Day, 2019 got off to an early start when we had our first meeting of the year on the last Wednesday in January. Our guest was Steve Jukes from Pathway Trust.

February was a busy with our Commissioning Service at 9.30 on the first Sunday and later in the month Lynn Ellis and I attended the Diocesan A.G.M.

March began with World Day of Prayer. This year it was held at St Theresa's and Slovenia was the country celebrated. Our own meeting fell on Ash Wednesday so it seemed appropriate that our Vicar Nick should be our guest. - Barbara Fleming (Tel: 3428982)





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NOTICES

Funeral

Peter Mayne Dinwiddie – 23/11/18 Howard Buss – 31/1/19 Esme Addey Felton- 11/3/19

Internments

Joy Elizabeth Pelling- 14/11/18
Edward Francis Gould-19/11/18
Margaret Allinghan-13/2/19
Mary Elanor Scott-24/2/19
Dextor Hodgkinson- 18/4/19

LENT APPEAL 2019

Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal booklets and envelopes will be made available. Funds are raised for projects in the Holy Land. This year, the funds are raised for: **Christ Anglican School in Nazareth**, founded in 1881 by CMS. School has 1100 students from Christian and Muslim families. The funds will go towards an internal communication system.

<u>Holy Land Institute for Deaf and Blind Students</u>. Founded in 1964 in Salt, Jordan, the School provides educational opportunities for hearing and sight-impaired children. Funding will assist in outreach services providing information and training for families, children and professionals.

<u>Water for ALL, Fiji.</u> An additional project that aims to provide safe and consistent water supply through installing water tanks in 5 rural communities plus Holy Trinity School in Suva.



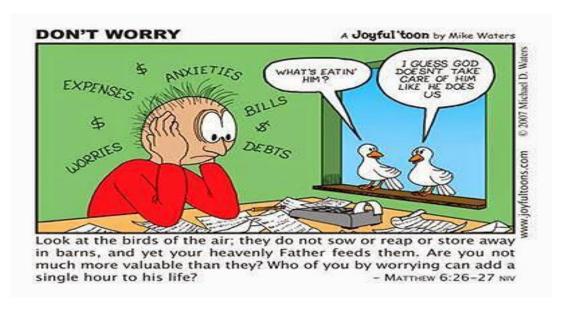
LIGHTER MOMENTS

Fun Facts - Did you know?

Did you know that "Allah" is the Arabic word for "God"? It is similar to the Aramaic word in the language of Assyrian Christians: "Elaha" or "Alaha". All speakers of Arabic in the Middle East, which includes Jews and Christians, use the word "Allah" to mean God. It is related also to the Hebrew words "El" and "Elah".

Did you know what the word "Islam" means? "Islam" is the Arabic word which means "submission to God."

From The Press 25 March 2019, Chris Watkins, St Albans

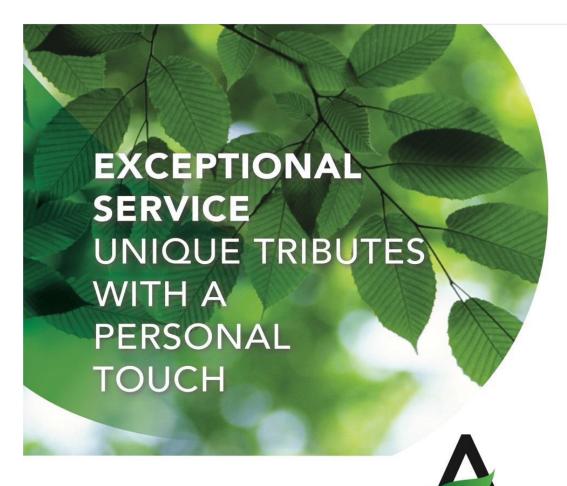


The Name of God of Christians

"Yahweh" the name God has chosen to be remembered through all generations. The English language doesn't have an exact translation of the word "Yahweh" so in our Old Testament we see it written as "LORD" in all capital letters. We see in Exodus 3:14 that God uses "I AM "and "Yahweh" interchangeably.

In the New Testament, Jesus came to reveal God's name as 'Father'. Father speaks of family, closeness and intimacy. God can be known as Elyon, the Most High. As El Shaddai, God Almighty. As Yehovah, the Lord, the covenant-keeping God. As Elohim, mighty Creator of the heavens and the earth. Every name is so significant as each reveals a wonderful aspect of God.

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