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Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst, St Peter's and St Luke's Church

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Weekly Services



St Peter's Church
Church Corner, Upper Riccarton

St Peter's Church

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Good News Club
11.00 am 4th Sunday Family Service in the Bowden Hall

Wednesdays:

10.00 am Holy Communion

Fridays during term time:

6.00 – 7.00pm Youth Orchestra
7.00 – 8.30pm Youth Group

St Luke's Church

1st & 3rd Sundays

9.30 am Holy Communion



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NOTICEBOARD

Fundraising Event

with Archbishop David Boxon

19 June
at La Vida Conference Centre

Book Sale

22, 23 June
9am - 4pm

St. Peter's Patronal Services

with Bishop David Coles, Confirmation & special lunch

Sunday, 1 July
8am & 9.30am

Nurse Maude Service

Sunday, 8 July, 9.30am

Garage Sale

Saturday, 29 September, 9am

Plant Sale

Saturday, 6 October, 9am

Coffee And A Chat

Thursday mornings at 10 am,
York Room
St Peter's Church Hall
All Welcome
Coffee \$2 Cake 50c

Next Gateway Closing Date

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(Proudly helping to put the church back in church corner)



St Peter's Anglican Church at Church Corner and St Luke's Yaldhurst

TREES TALK

The collection of trees at St Peter's can be called an arboretum. To me, this arboretum is my Cathedral, and in some ways is more important to me than the church building itself. We are hoping to add a page to our Parish website about the trees at St Peter's in recognition of the spirituality that trees contribute to this place.

For the past two years, I have given a one and a half to two hour talk on trees as we ramble through the church property. The first one in 2016 was in summer. Last year, it was in autumn. This year, it will be in winter, and the date chosen is Sunday, 29th July, starting at 2pm. I would welcome you to join me on this journey, even if you have been before. There is no fee – it will be my privilege to guide you on this event.

Dennys Guild

A Team

A Team meets on Fridays at St Peter's Church from 9am to 12 noon and continues to thrive, mainly as a result of Gwen and Dianne's morning teas. At present, leaves are raked, hedges trimmed, and mulch or soil conditioner from the large compost bins is being bagged and sold to raise funds for the Church restoration. So far we have made at least \$300 from this worthy exercise.

The parish community orchard and gardens produced well this year, with apples, pears, quinces and feijoas all bearing sufficient fruit to be sold for missions or restoration. In addition, there have been potatoes, sweet corn, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, pumpkin and rhubarb, with kiwi fruit and leeks still to come.

The fruit trees will need pruning in winter, when we will also tackle some of the heavier pruning of the parish trees that need to be cut back from time to time.

Thanks go to all who help out, no matter for how long or how many times – your contribution to the total effort is much appreciated.

Dennys Guild

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From the Vicar **NICK MOUNTFORT**

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

The children of today seem a lot brighter than I was at their age. We have just celebrated Pentecost Sunday. And in the kids talk at Church they told me, the reason I was wearing red vestments was because of the tongues of fire that sat on the disciple's heads when the Spirit came. They told me that Pentecost is exactly 50 days after Easter day because that's what the root Greek word means. They told me that Pentecost is the birthday of the church. Good grief! When I was that age, all I could do was number off the different thunderbirds.

But the kids talk at Pentecost testifies to a profound truth. Maybe it's not us grown-ups that have something to teach the children after all, but that we need what they have to offer us. Jesus was pretty clear about that when his disciples tried to push the children away, to take them to day-care or something. "Let the children come to me," he said.

As we celebrate the coming Holy Spirit we need to learn from the children - their energy, their spontaneity and their trust.

Singing the Psalms – Part 1

What do you like to sing at church?
Hymns? Contemporary songs? Both?

But what about the psalms?
Do you sing any of the psalms when you pray or go to church?

For nearly 2,000 years the psalms have been the hymnal of the church. Older church members will remember the beautiful tones of Anglican chant used to recite the psalms at evensong. Sadly, in many churches now, you will rarely hear the psalms sung.

But there is value in keeping our Anglican tradition of psalm singing alive. Our New Zealand Prayer Book has an excellent introduction to the psalms that is worth reflecting on:

The psalms have been treasured as a source of spirituality and devotion since long before the time of Jesus. Jesus himself knew the psalms, and used them. The Christian Church has continued throughout its history to use them in public worship and private devotions.

The wide appeal of the psalms rests on their ability to give words to some of our deepest feelings in the face of life's experiences. Whether for joy, worship and exaltation, or degradation and rejection, or hope, faith, love, anger, or despair, the psalms contain verses that reflect such moods. In them the various writers expressed to God the thoughts of their heart and spirit.

The richness of the psalms still speaks to us and in them we too can find words to match many of our moods and express them before God. In turn God can still address us through these psalms. (p 195)

Hopefully, we can find a place for the psalms in our prayer and worship.

Coming up through the rest of the year:

- another quiz night
- hopefully a recital by leading Christchurch organists in the Transitional Cathedral
- a performance by Ravil and Amanda Atlas and friends

We welcome further contacts you may be able to provide for potential donors to our restoration.

David Winfield

Corin Murfitt

Paul Rhodes

Bob Shearing

Nick Mountfort



Archbishop David Moxon at one of his meetings with Pope Francis in the Vatican

From the **PARISH REGISTERS**

Funerals

Colleen Louise Beswick
10 May 18

Simon Thorne Ballantyne
11 May 18



St Peter's AAW

It is hard to believe we are nearly half way through a busy year. In March, Dr Sue Bagshaw was our guest and brought us up to date with her achievements since she was our guest three years ago. In April, we heard about the work of the Family Help Trust and Islay Rackham the CEO from Kilmarnock Enterprises was our guest in May. She proved to be a most interesting and informative speaker. June is going to be “party time” as we celebrate our 160th birthday.

Barbara Fleming
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Little Susie used to fascinate her parents by going into the room of her newly born brother and talk to him. They asked her what she was doing, saying, “you know he is too young to talk back.” “I’m asking him what God is like.” she replied.

In the faces and the lives of our young people we do see God. But more importantly, old and young alike make up the body of Christ the Church.

Together, mutually we can be the body of Christ in the world. The Holy Spirit is radically inclusive.

*“I will pour out my Spirit on **all** flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men dream dream.”*

Acts 2:17

Nick

An Interesting Place in Rotorua

Rotorua, located in the Bay of Plenty area, in the southern shores of Lake Rotorua, is an interesting place to visit in the North Island of New Zealand. Famous for its geothermal activity, we found that this place has many other places of interest not found in other parts of New Zealand.

One of the many fun places which is also very educational for both adults and children would be the Bibleworld Museum and Discovery Centre. Another place would be the Redwoods, Whakarewarewa Forest. We shall elaborate a bit more on the Museum.

The Museum opened its doors to the public in April 2010. This 8 year-old museum interests its visitors about the Bible through its ten scale models, several interactive maps and activities, a life-size diorama, many ancient artefacts and replicas.

We enjoyed the hands-on activities identifying the food eaten during Jesus's time, using an interactive map to trace the lands our Lord Jesus travelled during His ministry on earth, and taking an interactive quiz on artifacts.

We tried to blow the Shofar like Joshua and pluck the lyre like David.

Psalm 33:2 says "Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre"; and Psalm 98:5-6 says "Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn- shout for joy before the Lord, the King."

Many incense and fragrances used in ancient times were displayed and we could test the smell of Sweet Calamus, Himalayan Cedar wood, Balsam, Myrrh, Cassia, Frankincense, and others for the best fragrance.



Our latest project just launched is a Living Bequest programme allowing parishioners, and friends, to move us significantly towards our final goal. This will leave a legacy of support for all those who follow to cherish and appreciate. By committing to donate \$25 per week over sixty months your generosity will be acknowledged in several ways in the restored church, grounds and website and, in addition, you will receive an A2 print of John Brasell's painting of the church as a thank-you. Information brochures are coming available or you can contact one of the committee or kylie@barrer.co.nz.

As previously intimated we are now looking forward to a fundraising evening with Archbishop David Moxon, formerly "The Archbishop of

Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome." on the evening of Tuesday 19th June at La Vida Conference Centre, 34A Hansons Lane, Upper Riccarton. Tickets are \$40 a single or \$75 a double and are now available from committee members or the Parish Office (eftpos available). Refreshments included.

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.

A Vision for the Future

A vision for the future

We are truly blessed in having this church of St Peter's set in this magnificent suburban park. Church Corner is really at the centre of Upper Riccarton, and is a visual focal point for the whole community.

- The wider public are free to wander through our grounds to enjoy the peace and tranquillity that they provide in spite of being surrounded by three ultra-busy thoroughfares. The trees – both the historic and the less notable – provide a sense of maturity to the site, as well as a verticality creating high vaults similar to those found in a cathedral.
- Eventually the public will also be able to enjoy a visit to our rebuilt church, and seek inspiration from the modern design that has been carefully crafted to integrate with the old church by an architect – Hugh Tennent – who is gaining a reputation for designing sacred places.
- Increasingly, the other buildings on the Church Corner site are providing space for those who are carrying out God's work in the wider community – Petersgate Counselling Centre, for those needing the non-judgmental services to get themselves re-centred; Youth Pathways, which helps to reprogram young people who have become known to the courts but who may never have been taught the basic life skills and values that you and I take for granted; and the two church halls that are used by more community and church-based activity groups than I can shake a stick at.
- The Parish Community Garden and orchard provides the opportunity for parishioners to grow food for enjoyment and consumption, as well as an opportunity to meet with others of like mind.
- And the Priests' Walk is as much an inspiration to those who use it now as it ever was to the Vicars who plod their weary way from Vicarage to Church and back again.

What else can we add or do to make this special place even more inviting and usable by everyone?

Thank you to the parish for giving me the opportunity of participating in these activities, and to our God who upholds me in the fulfilling work.

We found out that clothing worn during the time of Jesus was a simple functional tunic made from linen and wool offering not much of protection while the Roman soldier's attire is elaborate. Ephesians 6:10-17 can be visualized in the display of the full Armour of God with the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the shoes of the Gospel.

We walked through the New Testament Galleries looking at a model of a typical village at the time of Jesus, a 1:1000 model of Jerusalem, a model of the Temple, artifacts and coins; all of these during Jesus's time.

At the Old Testament Gallery, we saw a model of Bedouin life in the time of Abraham, and a Tabernacle model. After leaving Egypt, Moses was given detailed instructions from God about how to build the Tabernacle and its many furnishings.

The Tabernacle was used as a mobile place of sacrifice and worship, and was moved regularly as the people of God moved through the wilderness. The Tabernacle was used for several hundreds of years, until King Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem. The model shows the interior of the Tabernacle with the larger outer Holy Place, separated by the curtain from the smaller inner Most Holy Place where only the High Priest would enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. At the time of Jesus's death, a miracle occurred when the curtain in the Temple dividing the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place was torn in two from the top to the bottom. This signified that now everyone can have free access to God, through the atoning death of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary, who serves as our eternal High Priest.

Ref: The Bibleworld Museum & Galleries.

Haydn & Adeline Hill

THE HEALING POWER OF MUSIC

"SLEEP MY CHILD, MAY PEACE ATTEND THEE..."

On Ascension Day evening, 10 May 2018, our choir sang that traditional favourite, "All through the night" as the Rev. Simon Ballantyne lay in his coffin surrounded by family and friends, his "loving vigil keeping".

How we loved this man, so gifted in so many ways, who touched so many lives, and now missed by so many of us.

Have you noticed the words on the archway of the old original porch of the wooden church (now stationed as the lychgate) leading to the cemetery? It reads:

*"ON YOUR WAY TO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING,
ENTER HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE"†*

Certainly Simon did with great gusto! R.I.P... Simon, buried here with honour, along with others of your family.

Just think, maybe millions have passed under those old beams during the 160 years of St Peter's Church at Church Corner, celebrating life's beginnings and endings. Why not join in as we enter His Courts with praise and thanksgiving, especially as our building is being restored. We must go on...celebrating...even...

"ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT"

Maureen Dixon

The **Priest's Walk** is in a better state than it has been for a long time. Thanks must go to **Max Anderson** for his enthusiasm for this project and his ability to encourage others to assist.

The pest control work seems to be paying off, with far less sign of rats than we were having a couple of years ago.



Part of a thriving Parish Community Garden

The **Parish Community Garden** project in the Glebe has flourished with several gardeners participating. Fruit from the orchard has been gathered and sold at church to raise funds for the restoration. We held a successful soup (from garden produce) and roll event for the volunteers and workers at Petersgate and for those attending the English Speaking classes run by **Fay Mangos**.



Priests' Walk taken in Spring

An unprecedented amount of **maintenance work** to buildings has been carried out during the year by independent contractors. This includes

- Complete rewiring, new kitchen, electric range and dishwasher at **30 Main South Road** in readiness for tenant who moved in just before Christmas 2017 – total cost to the Parish, just short of \$56,000
- New heat pump for **31 Yaldhurst Road** – cost to Parish \$4,500
- Repainting the outside of 31 Yaldhurst Road. This was done by Youth Pathways using the job as a trade training exercise for some of the young people under their care. The only cost to the Parish was a modest \$1500 for paint and brushes etc.
- EQ repairs including repainting most of the interior of the **Parish Office and Bowden Hall**. In addition, volunteers repainted the office interior, and the parish paid for rewiring the office and a new carpet. Also, a single drawer dishwasher was purchased and installed in the Bowden Hall. Total cost to parish about \$3,000.
- EQ repairs and substantial additional Parish funded work on the main **Parish Hall** to bring the building maintenance up to date – cost to the Parish was \$25,000.
- All up, about \$90,000 of parish funds were needed to achieve this major renovation of parish buildings. This may seem an inordinate amount, but there has been a lot of deferred maintenance that had to catch up with us some time.



Repainted 31 Yaldhurst Rd

Garage Sale

Our first Garage Sale for the year was a great success raising over \$7000! What an amazing group of helpers we had on Sale Day and prior. We met most Friday mornings, wet or fine, down at the Garage Shed where one of us, as previous leader, Gwen Guild, guided us in the finer ways of sorting.

The fellowship which we had was so good with many new ones joining the team and then we always joined the A Team for morning tea.

We were so blessed with the weather on the day so even those outside were nice and warm; those on the clothing stall had no need to model some of the clothing items. Heather was so good on the barbeque that she sold out before time was up. A big 'thank you' to Dennys ably supported by the A Team for picking up heavy furniture items which were bargained for vigorously on the day.

Nearly all the leftovers were taken to St John's Lincoln Road, and they were so grateful. The clothing once again went to the City Mission. Hence we are starting again with a clean slate.

Our next sale is the 29th September. Mark your calendar. Helpers welcome. It is not all about making money – fellowship is important too.

Bobbity & Gwen



St Peter's

The lawns at both St Peter's and St Luke's continue to be mown by contractor Turf Technologies on an as-and when-required basis. During the year the ownership of Turf Technologies changed but the cost hasn't, and apart from a couple of small hitches caused by weather and machinery breakdowns, the service is still just as good.

Jason Olley has continued as the part-time **groundsman** for St Peter's. Jason has done a commendable job in maintaining all of our properties, including the cemetery, the glebe, 30 Main South Road (prior to tenanting), Petersgate and 31 Yaldhurst Road.



Groundsman Jason Olley with trusty lawnmower

Tree maintenance has been minimal again this year, but there is always the odd branches to cut off, fallen branches to pick up, and of course the never-ending leaf-fall to contend with. The leaves have been composted and are used in the parish community vegetable garden, the rose garden, the gardens at Petersgate, and other places, and we are now bagging sieved materials for sale as soil conditioner/mulch.



Keith and Peji sieving and bagging leaf mould for sale as soil conditioner/mulch

Our second **"Trees Talk – a walk in St Peter's arboretum"** was held on 14th May in which a number of parishioners and general public attended to hear me talk about some of the trees growing in our grounds at St Peter's.

The suggestion last year (2016) that we should plant a plot of **native trees** on the grounds of St Peter's using donated money has been put on hold as the only place suitable – the area where the portacombs were sited – may be needed for other purposes.



At the annual Trees Talk in autumn