

# the Gateway

July 2019



A new beginning for  
St Peter's Church

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## Sunday Service Times...

### St Peter's...

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Church every 4th Sunday

### St Luke's...

9.30 am Holy Communion every 1st and 3rd Sunday  
of the month.



## Welcome from the Vicar

A witty manager of an outdoor store in Napier put up a sign. "Now is the winter of our discount tent." It can be hard to sell tents in winter! Winter is also a time when we can find ourselves discontented. It's more important than ever, in winter, to look for signs of hope and new life.

One sign for us was the open day and blessing of our new preschool. It was lovely to have our Bishop with us and the amazing staff and many parishioners and workers on the building. But it gets better, because a number of families signed up on that day.

Another sign is the continuing work on the restoration of St Peter's church. There has been a church on our site since 1858, so why stop now? I admire the workers who, on these cold mornings work in all weathers preparing a place for our worship.

Another sign of hope and new life is the blossom trees in the cemetery. They blossom twice a year, right in the heart of winter to remind us of God's faithfulness, and then again in the spring. Even in the heaviest frost they stand for the beauty and the goodness of God's creation.

Another sign of hope and new life is the death and resurrection of Jesus. Not content to let his beloved son die, God raised him on the 3rd day. If ever we need proof of God's love the resurrection is it. Not content to leave us without hope, God gives us one another that we might be signs of new hope to each other and our community. When we search deep in our hearts, there we find that God is bringing new life and hope, because God's love never leaves us alone. God's love is always and everywhere stronger than any wintertime.

This is what St Peter's and St Luke's stand for. That at the heart of life is God. However dark our world and our lives might become in winter, God is drawing us ever on to new life and hope.

## The Challenge of Change

Life is constantly changing, bringing new challenges in both our physical and spiritual lives. Here at St Peter's we are all part of those changes as we witness the new beginnings around us. There are new faces on our staff, with Kofe and Shyuan joining us this year, as well as some parishioners being newly elected to Vestry. The excitement of seeing the Preschool take shape, and the reality of bringing a Christian focused education to those children is a real blessing. Our beautiful church building is at last on the way to being restored to us, as we are physically reminded when we see the busyness of those entrusted with this task.

However, as we look outward, there is one new beginning that is constant - the death and resurrection of Christ celebrated every year at Easter. It reminds us that we all have the opportunity for new beginnings. The gift of the Holy Spirit renews and refreshes us, giving us all the confidence to go forward and to embrace those things which may be challenging or hurtful in our lives. Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen.

*"You must learn, you must let God teach you, that the only way to get rid of your past is to make a future out of it. God will waste nothing."* Phillip Brooks

### New Vestry people



Gin  
McKenzie



Matt  
Melchert

## New people

This year, we welcomed several new people to play a part in the running of the parish and in its ministry.



*Parish & Preschool  
Administrator, Shyuan  
Wong*



*Vestry Secretary,  
Punita Punia*



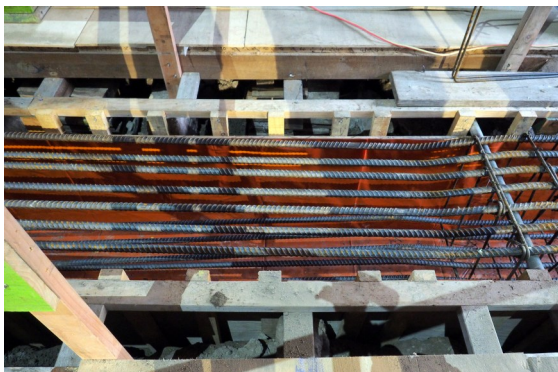
*Deacon Assistant, Kofe  
Havea*



Our precious old stone, brick and wooden “Church at Church Corner” is now, visibly, on the road to restoration. Fundraising, while still some way (\$400,000) to completion, has reached a point where the parish has let the contractors start work.

The work on the building is both to strengthen and enhance. The strengthening will be to run steel beams under the building, plus new bracing in the ceiling and the walls.

The earthquake damage requires so much repair effort and structural enhancements that it makes perfect sense to also add to the building those amenities that had always been missing. These include a kitchen, office space, toilets, welcoming area and clergy vestry room. Also, the smaller *high altar* space is being configured as a small chapel that is easy to partition off and heat independently.



Clearly, the finished project will deliver a building that is both very safe and highly improved as a modern church. It is an honest attempt to balance the wishes of parishioners (and people in the wider community) who strongly value the

heritage in the old building, against the comfort and social needs of both young and not-so-young people when gathering together.

As an illustration of the strengthening, the **picture above** is of the under-floor reinforced concrete beam that will hold the north and south extensions to the rest of the building in the event of another major earthquake.

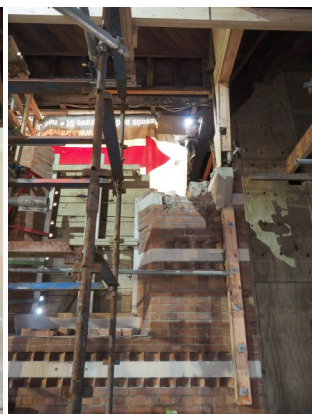


**Top left**—The south wall of the transept has been removed and the foundation steel for the south extension is being assembled.

**Top right**—The original organ space is being deconstructed to make room for a new kitchen. The organ will be reinstalled in the south transept.



**Left**—The outside of the old organ room, seen from a point that will be inside the new entrance foyer.



**Left**—Looking from the back of the nave, towards the high altar.

**Centre**—Looking from the high altar location towards the back of the nave.

Note the temporary steel bracing girders to stabilise the side walls

**Right**—Deconstructing part of the nave north wall near the choir seating.

What a thrill it is to see the work actually beginning on our beloved church's rebuild. Having raised around \$2 million for that purpose we can take a real pride in our efforts thus far. BUT we're not quite to our target and require approximately \$400,000 more and so your committee remains committed to their task and asks all parishioners and friends of St. Peter's to make one last effort. There are various ways this can be done:

- ◆ Personal donations (our website [www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz) has an online facility for doing so).
- ◆ Involvement through our Living Stones scheme (\$500 for a block, \$1000 for a stone) which will allow names to be recorded in the church in perpetuity.
- ◆ Giving a Living Bequest either by regular gifts of \$25 weekly (for 60 months) or as a one off payment of \$6500.
- ◆ Supporting special events such as the High Tea and Entertainment (all tickets now sold) or the next Quiz Night (watch out for a date).
- ◆ Participating in another grand raffle, probably prior to Christmas, for which we invite donations of good quality items which can be left at the Parish Office.
- ◆ Advise us of any funding sources that we might apply to, or individuals who we might optimistically approach.
- ◆ Suggest other organisations, businesses or churches (in NZ or overseas) whom we might appeal to along with your recommendation.
- ◆ Pass the word around all your contacts, friends and family, that we are well on the way to restoring one of the city's icons and that they can be a part of this achievement with their support.

Please speak to the Vicar or one of the committee at any time: Corin Murfitt, Jo Winfield, Bob Shearing, Paul Rhodes, Fiona Gilmore, Bruce Williams, David Winfield.



Our thanks to those who supported our recent Book Sale in the parish - donating, selling, buying, setting up and tidying away.

But wait .... there's more: as part of Kidsfest this year we will be combining with other parishes to run a Kids' Book Fair at St. Martin's on Lincoln Road, Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July from 10am to 4pm each day. You will find thousands of high quality pre-loved books for kids of all ages, from just 50c each. PLUS a huge range of great books for mums and dads. What you can do? Have a clean out of those book shelves at home and donate, and/or offer to help with the event. Please put your name on the list at church if you can volunteer.

## Proceeds to St. Peter's restoration.



Many of you will now have been inside the new Preschool building and noticed the Mandarin writing on the walls. Can you imagine, as an English speaker, what it would feel like to be confronted with those strange symbols and be expected to read them? Not only are the characters completely alien to our eyes, we have no idea how to make the different sounds each one represents. That's why we can only have deep admiration for those who choose to come to New Zealand, where many have to learn a new alphabet and language. Some of those who attend the English conversation classes are not young, so learning new language skills can be particularly difficult.

When asked, nearly all the students find that learning English is the most difficult part of their new lives, while attending the English classes at St Peter's has been the most helpful. Here are some further comments.

**James** is from Vietnam, and has been living here for 1 year. What does he enjoy most? - outdoor activities like walking, running in Hagley Park.

**Daoli** is from China, and has lived here for 4 years. Why did she come to New Zealand? - "Because my family likes clean air and quietly voice or sound".

**Kening** came from China 9 years ago to be with her daughter. What does she enjoy most? - the beautiful views.

**Cathy** has been here for 6 years and sees New Zealand as a place where people are kind and the environment is clear.

**Lin** and his son **Oscar** came out from China three and a half years ago so Oscar could attend school here. Both agree, the things they miss most are family, especially Lin his wife and Oscar his Mum.



James, Daoli, Heather, Kening & Cathy

**Grace** is also from China, and what does she enjoy most? - making friends with Kiwis.

**Mayu** has been here from Japan for just 3 months and chose New Zealand because she is interested in our agriculture, and also it is giving her an opportunity to improve her English

**An Byung Kuk** is from Korea, and came out 6 years ago to be with his daughter. What has he found most helpful? - “Free hospital”.



Lin, Grace, Evan, An, Margaret & Mayu

**Ken** left China 7 years ago to live in New Zealand, and, apart from the language, the thing he has found the most difficult is coping with the culture shock.

“Hello my name is **Theary**. I come from Cambodia. I came to the English class in 2015. I have learned about the Kiwi character and life style. I have also made a special friend. The class has helped me to improve my English and given me confidence. I am married to David and we now have a little girl called Nataline. We have been coming to Mainly Music since Nataline was 3 months old. Now she is 2yrs old and really enjoys the playing and dancing!



Theary & Nataline



Every class needs food!

I have met a lot of people at the English Class and Mainly Music. I am really happy”.



## English Conversation Class continued...

The English Class is a very happy community outreach activity from our Parish. The English Class is now very much at home in the Bowden Hall. It is great being so close to the church, which gives us a feeling of belonging. At present we have students from China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

Although we don't evangelize, we have people enjoying and taking part in other church activities. One young man from India has been baptized and comes to church when his work commitments allow. He often attends Friday morning prayers with Nick. Three of our young women now have children and have attended Mainly Music. *Theary* from Cambodia is still with us. *Oscar*, our young lad from China, plays in the orchestra. Both he and his father *Lin* attend the 9:30 service and family service, and of course we all love attending the garage sale! One of our recent members has now joined the A team on Fridays as he wanted to do voluntary work where he could speak English. In recent weeks 3-4 members of the class have been coming to *Coffee & Chat*, which they really enjoy.







# **GOOD NEWS** for Preschoolers **St Peter's Anglican Preschool**

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ECE**

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- Highly Qualified & Experienced Teachers

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able to respect other cultures.



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**St Peter's Anglican  
Preschool**

Proudly helping  
bring children back  
to Church Corner



At midday on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Dr Peter Carrell blessed the new preschool on the St Peter's parish grounds at Church Corner. Ribbons were cut by two parishioners, one very young and the other only 93 years!

Gazing back into the early days of the parish, we find that Bishop Harper, in 1859, opened the first school in Riccarton, a primary school, at St Peter's church. This early school operated until 1874 when the government opened a new state school nearby called Riccarton Primary School.

The new preschool is a joint venture between St Peter's, providing the land and building, together with the Manukau Christian Charitable Trust who run the preschool (<https://mcctrust.org.nz/>). The Trust was formed to establish relationships with local churches to help them operate Christian Preschools on their church sites. In practice, the Trust employs the preschool's staff, runs the school and pays rent to the parish.

This particular preschool is special in that it has a strong multicultural flavour. In the *Anglican Life* (June-July 2019), our vicar Nick Mountfort comments, *"Our preschool will have three main points of difference: firstly, it will be unashamedly Christian – we won't shy away from teaching our faith; secondly, we have the option to teach Mandarin in the afternoon using bi-lingual staff – there's a real demand for it; and thirdly, we will have vans available to drop off the children at their homes – a door-to-door service."*





Project Manager, Simon Winfield, with his father and daughter.



Bishop Dr Peter Carrell blesses one of the main rooms.



The St Peter's Family Orchestra in fine form!

The blessing/opening event was very well attended by friends and parishioners of the parish. We also welcomed Catherine Chu and Helen Broughton from the Riccarton-Wigram Community Board of the Christchurch City Council. Find out more about the school at <https://stpetersanglicanpreschool.org.nz/>.

St Peter's was privileged to have two hospital chaplains address the congregations on Sunday morning, June 2nd 2019. They provided the following description of their vocation...

- ♦ *Rev. Alexa Evenden* - Ordained Anglican Priest, Christchurch Diocese; Ecumenical Chaplain at Christchurch Hospital for seven years and works full time.
- ♦ *Rev. Mary Minson* - Ordained Anglican Priest, Christchurch Diocese; Ecumenical Chaplain at Christchurch Women's hospital for one year and works ¾ time.

We are employed by the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (IHC). Under Ministry of Health guidelines every patient is entitled to spiritual care while in hospital. There are 75 Chaplains nationally. IHC receive nearly 50% of funding for chaplaincy from the Ministry of Health and the balance comes from donations from churches and other sources.

In Christchurch there are chaplains also at Hillmorton Hospital and Burwood hospitals. We have Ecumenical (for those of any faith or no faith) Chaplains, Roman Catholic Chaplains and a Maori Chaplain. Chaplains are often ordained clergy who choose to minister to others outside the walls of the Church. They are well supported by a faithful group of Volunteer Chaplain Assistants (VCA).

The word "chaplain" relates to a story from the early history of the Church. A story is told about the compassion of a 4<sup>th</sup> century holy man called Martin who shared his cloak with a beggar. Upon Bishop Martin's death his cloak or "Capella" in Latin was enshrined as a reminder of the sacred act of compassion. The guardian of the "capella" became known as the "Chapelain" which in English became Chaplain. Hospitals were an extension of religious groups who provided care for their own followers. It was not long before doctors recognised the advantage for the patient in providing spiritual care in addition to medical care.

Chaplains offer a role of presence; a presence in good times, hard times and the times in between.



We are available to provide care for patients and their families and for staff.



Mary & Alexa help Nick speak with the young people at the start of the 9.30 am service.

We are privileged to be with and sit with others in the struggle, rejoice in the joys, to bring a smile, to laugh with people, to cry, to pray and to bring God into a place where it is difficult to feel God; to encourage, to see God in each person and to experience the depth and the strength of the human spirit. We can provide sacramental rituals and understanding the value of confidentiality.

Some visits may last a few minutes or some can be developed over a longer periods. These can be very intimate places in a person's life.

We are the hands and feet of Christ and do what Jesus would do. Those who believe in Christ do the work which Jesus himself did in the name of God. Love is a vital Christian value.

Where do we find Jesus? With the vulnerable, the hurting, the sick and the dying.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36*



Addressing the congregation.

It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through a busy 2019! In April, our guest was Senior Sergeant Kelly Larsen who told us about her life as a female police officer.

In May, Natalie Baird, from Trade Aid, gave us a glimpse of the work they do and the things they sell from their shop.

In June, we look forward to hearing two of our parishioners, Edwin Boyce (wearing his Anglican Centre hat) and Corin Murfitt (representing Church Property Trustees).

## Health & Safety

Heather Caspersen

The safety and security of members, families and friends visiting our church buildings and grounds is of the utmost importance to us here at St Peter's and St Luke's.

It is important that, in the rare case of an emergency, everyone is aware of our evacuation procedure. Approximately every six months we will be holding an evacuation drill on a Sunday during a service.

Please look at the evacuation plan of the hall to become familiar with our escape routes and where to assemble, so that, in an emergency, you will have the confidence to leave the building and help others exit safely too.

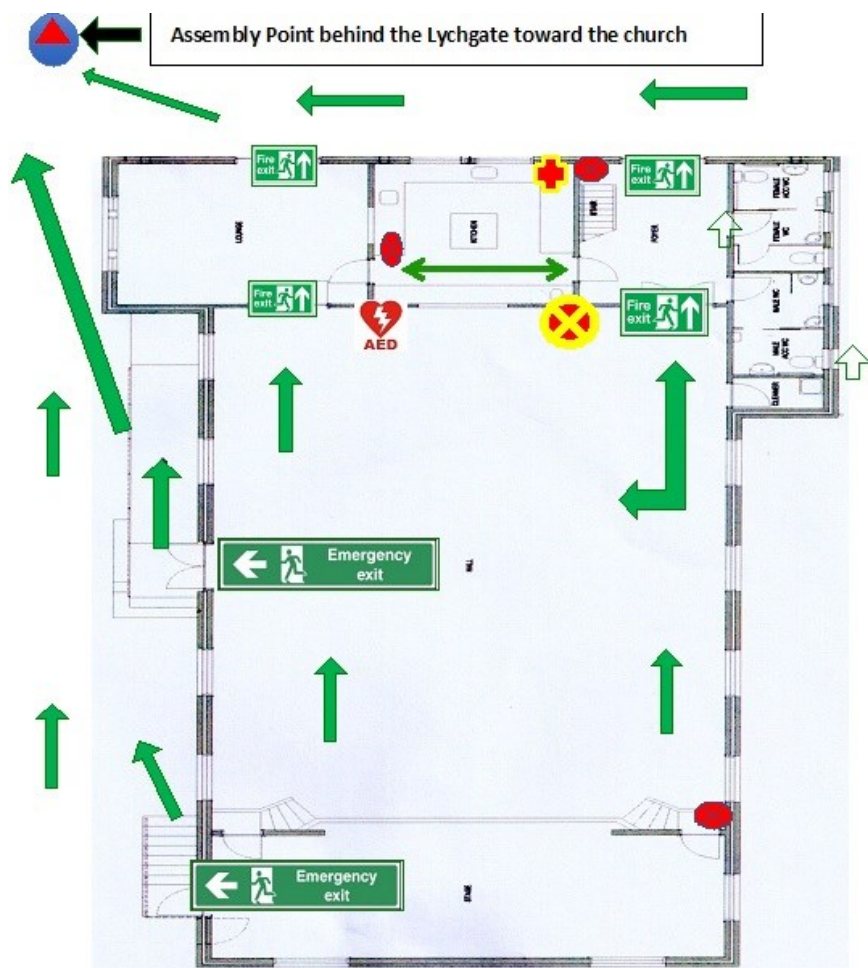
***Always remember that during an earthquake we remain in the building until safe to leave.***

In an emergency try to remain calm. Know what to do and listen to the Clergy and Wardens. They will guide you.



# Main Hall Evacuation Routes

Health & Safety



## Key

Emergency Exits  
Emergency route



Assembly Point behind Lychgate on path toward the church



Fire extinguishers



Fire hose



First Aid



AED

## The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



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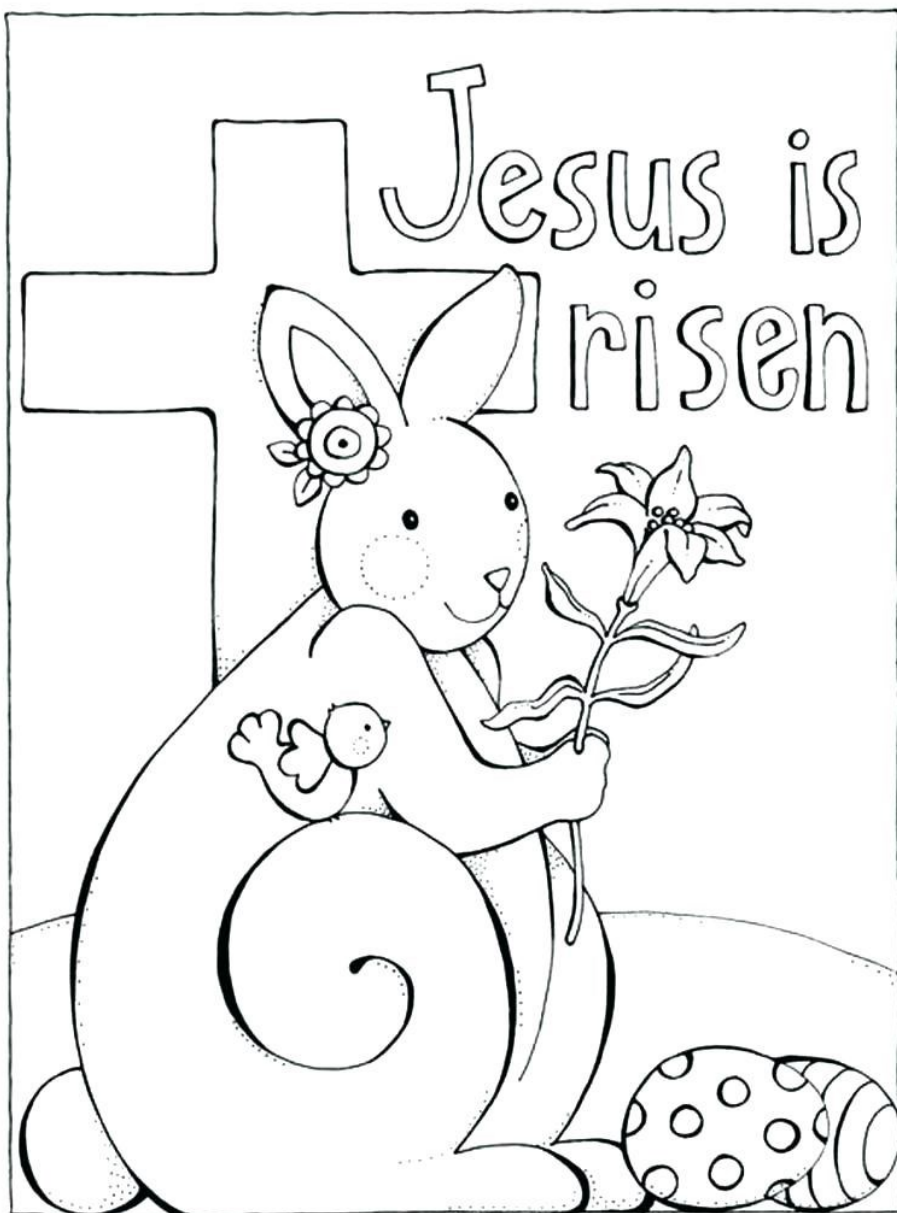
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Colour this in!



## St Luke's



The beautiful historic St Luke's church at Yaldhurst

Don't forget our lovely little country church! If you would like to worship occasionally in a small, intimate setting, then join the friendly Yaldhurst people on the 1st or 3rd Sunday of the month.

Remember, St Luke's is only a 10 minutes drive westwards from St Peter's (and a further 10 minutes to the Sheffield Pie shop.) Both worth a regular visit on a Sunday morning!

## God's Technology

The first ever  
Cordless Phone  
was created by  
God.

He named it  
"Prayer"...

It never Loses its  
Signal and U never  
have to Recharge it.  
Use it Anywhere...!



**FAITH**  
is like Wi-Fi,  
it's invisible but  
it has the power  
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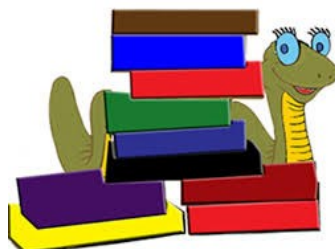
## Mainly Music

As a result of a number of 5-year olds moving on to school, we now have spaces for new enrolments in Mainly Music. We meet on Tuesdays in term time, 11am to 12 noon ending with a morning tea for all. Lots of fun for pre-schoolers. **All welcome!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Book Fair

Kids' Book Fair at St. Martin's on Lincoln Road, Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th July from 10am to 4pm each day. (See David's article in this Gateway edition).



### Other Upcoming Events

13 July—High Tea (sold out!)

14 July—Healing Service

28 July—*Instructed Eucharist* (where the service is explained) 9:30 am combined with family church

04 August—Racing Service

01 September—Spring Festival

12 October—Plant Sale

31 October to 02 November—Garage Sale

03 November—All Saints

15 December—Carol Service



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