

## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

11:00am—Family Church

**Readings:** Isaiah 58.9b-14  
Psalm 103.1-8  
Hebrews 12.18-29  
Luke 13.10-17

### Sentence

Jesus placed his hands on her, and at once she straightened herself up and praised God. (Luke 13.13)

### Collect

Wounded, healing God,  
we come to you burdened and bent over  
with the cares of the world:  
grant us such knowledge of you  
that we are made whole once more  
and walk with heads held high;  
in the name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

### Next Week's Readings

Genesis 1.1-5, 11-13  
Psalm 104  
1 Corinthians 3.1-9  
Matthew 13.24-30



## Prayer Focus

\* We continue to pray for the Diocesan Archdeacons, especially for Nick, Archdeacon of Selwyn - Tawera.

\* For preparations for Synod next week; for those involved in its organisation; for motions waiting to be introduced; for good governance.

\* For the many volunteers who bless our parish with their time and efforts to ensure the smooth running of our many ministries.

\* We pray for our elected MPs as they debate difficult matters.

\* For those who are sick, especially Wendy, Judy, Ashley, Margaret, Sheila, Grace; pray too for any others we know.

\* We continue to pray for our new groundsman, Peter Zyskowski as he settles into life here with us.



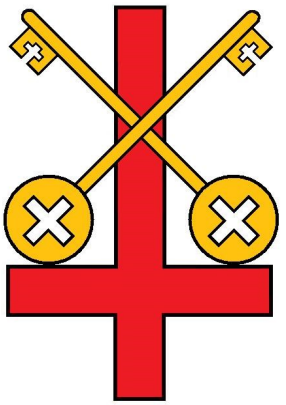
# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

**Theme of the Year: Passing The Baton**

**St Peter's  
&  
St Luke's**

**25 August 2019  
Ordinary Sunday 21**



## The Religion of Life

This week's gospel tells the story of a woman bent double by an affliction. She has been this way for 18 years. In the middle of the service, Jesus calls to her and heals her. The priest of the synagogue is scandalised by this action and berates Jesus for healing on the sabbath.



It is a sad story in many ways because we have a deeply religious person missing the whole point of what gathering for worship is about. It is not about following a set of prescribed rules, but for the giving of thanks to God for God's blessings, mercy, and liberation.

What occupies our thoughts when we gather on a Sunday? Are we peeved that someone is not doing things according to our religious patterns or celebrating God's presence to bless us. Is Sunday morning a time to be grumpy or to shout alleluia?

Actually, today's story is not just about the healing of a woman bent double by pain, it is also the story of God's compassion for us when we are bent double by our religiosity. The story nudges us to see again that what is central to our faith is the celebration of God's life-giving presence among us.

~ John

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## News in the Parish



This year's Spring Festival is next week, 1<sup>st</sup> Sep, at the Methodist Church across the road. The 9:30am becomes 10am, and the 8am is as usual.

PLANT SALE!

### October 19th (Sat)

Advertising for Plant Sale  
We are looking to expand the way we advertise for our events including the upcoming Plant Sale.

One way is to advertise through the neighbourhood websites, Neighbourly. These exist in various communities throughout Christchurch including Riccarton. If you belong to one we would love it if you could upload information about our upcoming Plant Sale. We will give you the information in an electronic form. For more info, contact Jill 3581115 or Janet 3486473.

~ Fiona Gilmore

### Important Mission Table Notice

Our mission table stall is usually the 1st Sunday of the month. The September stall will be on the second Sunday of September: **the 8th September**. It isn't practical to hold the stall on the 1st Sunday because of the Spring Service.

~ Irene Coman

### Preschool Staff

Rev Nick celebrated the Eucharist with our pre-school staff on Thursday morning, marking their 1st official day on duty. The Ministry of Education has now approved our license which means our preschool will start very soon!



### Help - Missing Plate

We have a plate missing, those who lent their China to please check if it's among the plates that was returned.



~ Bobbity

### Merge of the Parish & Preschool Office

From 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Monday), the Parish office will merge with the Preschool office. From this date, all parish enquiries should be directed to Shyuan who will be working in the pre-school itself. Praise the Lord, we now have more than 20 enrolments.

### Chasuble

In October our Deacon The Rev'd Kofe Havea will be ordained a priest. When celebrating the Eucharist, a priest wears a chasuble which represents the outer garment common in the Roman empire at the time of Jesus. Today the priest wears it in the colour of the season, i.e. red for ordination, feasts of the spirit, and martyrs, green for the ordinary Sundays of the year when we are growing more like Christ, gold for feasts of Jesus e.g. Christmas and purple for times of repentance and preparation. i.e. lent and advent.



Kofe needs a chasuble for her ordination and we would be grateful for any monetary contributions towards its cost. About \$550 is needed.

~ Nick and the Wardens

### Upcoming Events:

28 Aug - Vestry Meeting  
01 Sep - Spring Service  
19 Oct - Plant Sale  
20 Oct - Kofe's Ordination  
02 Nov - Garage Sale



### Petersgate News

The Petersgate Counselling Centre Trust Board has an opportunity for a Volunteer Minute Secretary to take Minutes at its meetings. Details on the noticeboard.

### News Beyond the Parish

**Thu-Sat 5-7 Sep Diocesan Synod**  
Transitional Cathedral and St Christopher's Avonhead.

### Diocesan Archives Opening

A reminder that the Saturday Spring-Summer opening hours will be from 10am-2:30pm on:

- \* Saturday September 21
- \* Saturday October 19
- \* Saturday November 9

### Diocesan Archives Volunteers 2020

We are searching for 1 or maybe 2 volunteers for next year

**Hours:** 9:30am-12:15pm each Friday as organised within a roster

**Skills:** Word and Excel, willing to learn how to read old handwriting and to be part of a team.

**Contact:** [archivesdi-ochch@anglicanlife.org.nz](mailto:archivesdi-ochch@anglicanlife.org.nz) if you would like to call in on a Friday and see what we do.



### Mission Focus from Irene Coman

Our Mission table on the 8<sup>th</sup> is for Jonathan and Tess Hicks. Jonathan and Tess live and worship at the Trinity School for Theology and Ministry on the island of Melaita, Solomon Islands.



## This Week's Diary

### Sunday 25 Aug

**Family Church**—11am, Bowden Hall

### Monday 26 Aug

**Walking Group**—1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

### Tuesday 27 Aug

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**Staff Meeting**—9:30am, York Room

**Exercise Class**—9:30am, Parish Hall

**Mainly Music**—11am, Parish Hall

**Create with Fibre**—1pm, York Room

**Fund Raising** - 1pm, Vicarage

### Wednesday 28 Aug

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**Wed Communion Service**—10am, Parish Hall

**Vestry Meeting** - 7:30pm, York Room

### Thursday 29 Aug

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**Walking Group**—9:30am, Princess Margaret (Coffee)

**Coffee & Chat**—10am, York Room

**Choir Practice**—7:30pm, Parish Hall

### Friday 30 Aug

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**A-Team**—9am, by the hall

**Conversation English Class**—4pm, Bowden Hall

**Family Orchestra**—6pm, Bowden Hall

**Youth Group**—7pm, Bowden Hall

