

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings (St Peter's): Exodus 32.7-14

Psalm 100

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

Readings (St Luke's): Ephesians 3.16-19

Psalm 100 (to be sung)

Luke 15.1-10

Sentence

Jesus said, 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that is lost.' (Luke 15.4a)

Collect

O God, you long and search for the one who is lost:

so fill our hearts with love
that we search out the lost
and bring them home rejoicing;
for Jesus' sake. Amen.



Versicle and Response for Intercessions (St Peter's)

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions (St Luke's)

Give thanks to our God who is gracious
whose mercy endures for ever.

Next Week's Readings

Amos 8.4-7

Psalm 100

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Luke 16.1-13

Prayer Focus

* We continue to pray for our Archdeaconry; this week for Northwest parish and for their Vicar Jo Latham.

* Give thanks for the baptism of Nathaniel, at St Luke's church today. May God always use him as a blessing to others.

* For the many decisions from Synod to bless our community.

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

* For those who are sick, especially Wendy Spragg, Judy, Ashley, Margaret, Sheila, Grace, Wendy, Suzanne, Geraldine Turner; and pray too for any others we know.

* For the people of Queensland, battling bushfires and floods; pray especially for our friends and relatives caught up in these situations.

* From Karen Koid in Laos:

Please pray for the 6 provinces in central and southern Laos with floods affecting over 54,000 families.



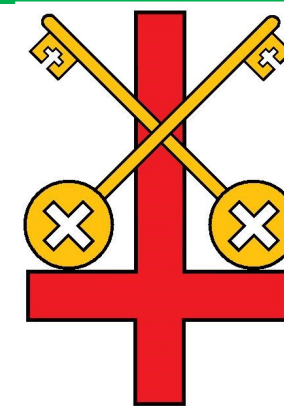
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

Theme of the Year: Passing The Baton

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

**15 Sep 2019
Ordinary Sunday 24**



Finding Joy

We have all had the experience of looking for something vital: the final piece of the jigsaw; the Allen key to complete the kitset furniture; the credit card to make the booking; the key to open the door. In our Gospel today, Jesus explains what the Kingdom of God is like by using the metaphor of a woman looking for a lost coin, and a shepherd (usually a woman too in Jesus' day) looking for a lost sheep. Once they have been found - oh what joy!



Sometimes the very thing we are looking for is right in front of us all along. The mighty Amazon river is 90 miles wide when it reaches the sea. And the fresh water from the river flows out for up to 200 miles. In fact the flow of the Amazon is so vast, it is more than the combined flow of the Yang-shi, the Mississippi and the Nile rivers together. Legend has it of a ship whose sailors were slowly dying of thirst sailing past the coast of South America. It wasn't until another ship signaled to them that they realised that the life giving water they sought was right beneath them all along.

We too are surrounded by what we need - **the life giving love of God**. We don't need to journey to find it. It is ours for the taking. And oh the joy when we discover it.

O God, the well-spring of life,
pour into our hearts the living water of your grace,
that refreshed by you,
we may live this day in steadfast reliance
on the strength you give;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

(The morning collect for Saturday, the prayer book page 92.)

~ Nick

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News in the Parish

Youth's Baking

Glen Estrada of the Lyttelton Seafarers Centre receiving some yummy cookies and muffins baked by the youth group from St Peter's church. "The seafarers love treats like this," says Glen. "It makes them feel welcome and helps us to offer them a home away from home while in port."



Emergency Whistle



One long Blast Signals Emergency Evacuation. Proceed to the Emergency Exit / Assembly Point behind the Lychgate on path towards the church.

~Heather

Christmas Shoe Boxes Arrived

Our annual supply of Children's Christmas Shoeboxes have arrived! Please take a shoebox (or 2) and fill it with some little things that could bring a child delight this Christmas. It does not need to be anything expensive - the "1,2,3 Dollar" shops are fantastic for these projects! Please return to the office when your box is ready. First collection date is 1st Oct.

For more information, please see Irene Coman.

~ Kofe

Parish Breakfast

A massive Thank You to all those involved in providing breakfast yesterday, and to those who attended. A good time was enjoyed by all.

thank you

~ Kofe

The Anglican Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers began in the days of sailing ships when men were press-ganged into working at sea; in conditions where many did not survive; and the captain could flog you into subservience.

An Anglican vicar in a port town was so moved by these atrocious conditions that he began a movement to practically care for the needs of seafarers and share the love of Christ with them.

150 years later, the Mission is still offering a warm welcome to seafarers arriving in ports like Lyttelton: proving a place to relax in while in port, free internet to contact home; and most importantly advocacy for seafarers' rights.

Sadly, this is still a dangerous and exploitive job. In one month alone in Lyttelton, we had a Chinese crew that had not been paid for 4 months; and a young Filipino seafarer being held on a ship against his will after his contract expired. In both cases the Mission to Seafarers was able to offer these men practical help.

From December, I will take up the role of the Mission to Seafarers' chaplain in Lyttelton. It is a real privilege to be part of this wonderful Anglican mission.

~ John

Celtic Psalms Evening

Friday 20th, September at 7pm in the Bowden Hall.

The St Peter's Family Orchestra will play a selection of psalms sung to traditional Celtic folk tunes. A joyful night of music and song - celebrating finding light in darkness.

~ John

Embellished Hand Towels for Sale

Small ones are \$7 dollars each. Will be sold on the back tables during Sunday services. All proceeds will be put towards Church Restoration Fund.

~Beryl

Upcoming Events:

19 Oct - Plant Sale

20 Oct - Kofe's Ordination

02 Nov - Garage Sale

Petersgate News

From our Bishop: "The Reverend Michael Baker, **Vicar of Akaroa-Banks Peninsula** has resigned from his position, effective from the end of November, in order to become the next Clinical Manager at Petersgate Counselling Centre, Upper Riccarton. I am delighted that Mike and Pip will remain in our Diocese with this change of ministry and am thrilled that leadership of Petersgate's important ministry in our city will be in such capable hands."

News Beyond the Parish

Blessing of the Animals

10am Sunday 22 Sept in the Transitional Cathedral.

Show your love and appreciation for your pet, and all animals great and small. Join the SPCA's Blessing of the Animals ceremony. For more info www.sPCA.nz



Mission Focus from Irene Coman

Our Mission table last week raised \$399.10. Jonathan and Tess Hicks work in the Solomon Islands. Jonathan is a lecturer in Theology. Tess is involved in a women's programme at the Seminary. Thank you for the wonderful support and for all the bottles and jars. We have plenty and will not need any more for quite a while.



This Week's Diary

Sunday 15 Sep

Baptism— Nathaniel Ian Gary Greaves, St Luke's

Monday 16 Sep

Walking Group—1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 17 Sep

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Maples Life Care Service—11am

Mainly Music—11am, Parish Hall

Create with Fibre—1pm, York Room

Wednesday 18 Sep

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Wed Service Holy Communion—10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 19 Sep

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Walking Group—9:30am, Crosbie Park

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

Choir Practice—7:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday 20 Sep

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

A-Team— 9am, by the hall

St Allisa Life Care Service—10:30am

Conversation English Class—4pm, Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra—Celtic Psalms Evening 7pm, Bowden Hall

Saturday 21 Sep

Card Making -- 10am, Bowden Hall

