

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

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Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5
Psalm 25.1-9
Romans 13.11-14
Matthew 24.36-44

Sentence

'The dwellers at the ends of the earth are awed by your wonders: you make the lands of sunrise and sunset resound with shouts of joy.' (Psalm 65.8 from ANZPB- HKMOA)

Collect

God of inspiration,
who calls us to worship,
we give you thanks for our prayer book
a taonga from the Church to your people.
When we use it in our homes and in our
churches,
may we find the nourishment we need to
journey in faith,
so that we can make real your love for each
other
and all those in need.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

O come, O come, Emmanuel
be our hope and our salvation.

Next Weeks Readings:

Isaiah 11.1-10
Psalm 25.1-9
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

Prayer Focus

***Pray for all our preparations for Christmas fellowship and services; pray for time management for clergy and warm spirits throughout the parish.**

***That our young people can secure the services of another adult to journey with them in the new year; pray for Ethan and everything he does with our younger generation.**

***For those who are sick, especially, Margaret, Marie, Wendy, Suzanne, Sue.**

***For more pastoral care volunteers as we journey towards the new year.**

***For those among us who have lost loved ones.**

***For a qualified reliever, and an on-call reliever teacher for our preschool as there are now 21 enrolments and counting.**

***For preparations towards Young Adults Alpha 2020; for parish involvement and encouragement.**



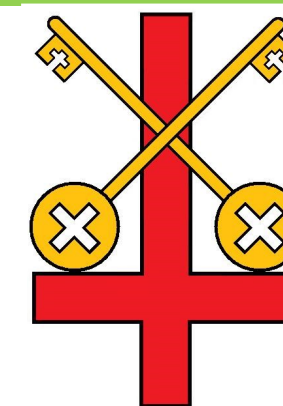
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

Theme of the Year: Passing The Baton

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

**01 Dec 2019
Advent 1**



Waiting isn't something that comes naturally to me. I read that the timer on my toothbrush goes off after 2 minutes. So I tried brushing my teeth until the timer went off. It was the longest 2 minutes in recorded history!



But waiting is exactly what the Church and the Gospel calls us to; in Advent. To wait on the Lord. The world wants Christmas now, but we wait, knowing that we wait not just for Christmas but for the return of Christ. The time will surely come, says the reading when the glory of God will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

In the meantime we are called to be God's expectant people, looking and longing for God's reign. As we do this we begin to realise that God's reign has already begun to break in. In the smile of a newborn, the beauty of peace after war, a meal shared, a sunset admired, a stranger welcomed...

These are the signs of a God that enters into our world, and these give us hope.

- Nick

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News in the Parish

Prayer Ministry during our services: We quite often shirk away from asking for prayer, forgetting that our time in conversation with God can be the most touching moments of our busy lives. Today, we begin our Prayer Corner, offering you 2 trained pray-ers who will sit with you and offer prayers for any specific needs or in general. They are also happy to just sit quietly and be your support for a few minutes. Please feel free, after receiving Communion, to join our pray-ers at our Ministry of Prayer & Healing corner. - *Kofe*

Advent Calendar Candles: These are now available at the back of the church, and are an excellent resource to use during our Advent season. They cost \$7 each, and come with a prayer, supplied by our vicar, for you to use. Correct change would be a great help! And if you miss out today, they will be available from Kofe or the parish office throughout the week.

Volunteers Required PLEASE!

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse Tower Junction: Sat 7th Dec 08:30am to 3:30pm. The Canterbury University Muslim Assn aim to raise enough to fund 51 start-up family businesses in Afghanistan as a living memorial to the 51 victims of the Mosque attacks. You don't need to stay the whole day. I need 2-3 people to help me throughout the day. If you can help, call Heather: 9428226 or 0297798800



Christmas High Tea

Christmas High Tea **TONIGHT** at 4.30pm; Church Hall. Entertainment from *Keeping Good Company* and a sing along. Dress in Christmas best. - *Bobbity*

New World Stickers

Many thanks for the stickers which has already enabled us to get half a dozen new glasses. If you have more please give them to me or the office. It is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Remembrance Service

Christmas is often a hard time as we remember those who have died and are no longer with us. On the 15th of Dec, at 7pm in the hall we will be holding a Remembrance Service. There will be songs and prayers and a chance to light a candle. If you would like the name of a loved one read out please get the name to me soon. All welcome. - *Nick*

Christmas Quiz Night

How's your team coming together for this evening of fun and challenge on Friday 6th December, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall? Teams of up to six members, entry \$10 a head, \$5 students, BYO refreshments. Good prizes and multi draw raffle (happy to accept donations towards this - leave at the Parish Office). Proceeds to church restoration so spread the word to friends and family. Registration form at the church door. - *David W*



Coffee and Chat

Last gathering of Coffee and Chat will be on Thu, 12 Dec and anyone associated with that group is welcome to come along on that date. The first session for 2020 will be on Thu, 16 Jan. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year! - *Helen*

Grand Christmas Raffle

After last year's very successful restoration fundraiser we are about to repeat the venture. Good quality prizes still being sought but could everyone please bring along an item or two for the Christmas Hamper and place in the box by the door.

Christmas Home Communion

As we head into what society calls the "silly season" and you feel you or someone you know, will need a pastoral visit with Communion, please let me know. I am happy to take Communion out to anyone who is house-bound or in hospital. - *Kofe*

St Peter's AAW

Our meeting on Wed, 4th Dec begins at 10am with Holy Communion. This will be followed by a Christmas morning tea so ladies a small party plate please. There will be a Christmas raffle and it will be taste test time for our stir up Christmas cake.

Upcoming Events:

06 Dec - Christmas Quiz Night
15 Dec - Carols service @ St Peter's
Remembrance Service @ St Peter's
20 Dec - Preschool final day for the year

Christmas Services:

24 Dec
5pm Children's service at St Luke's
11.15pm Carols and Midnight Mass: St Peter's
25 Dec
8am Christmas Day Eucharist: St Peter's
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Petersgate News

Please see details on the notice board in the hall.

News Beyond the Parish

The Messiah Choir Concert

The Christchurch City Choir returns to the Christchurch Town Hall for their annual performance of Handel's Messiah, joined by the Christchurch Youth Choir, conducted by Dr. John Linker and accompanied by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra.

Where: Christchurch Town Hall Auditorium, Canterbury.

When: Saturday, 07 Dec 2019 at 7:30pm

Book your tickets at ticketek.co.nz!



Mission Focus from Irene Coman

Our Mission table today CWS Christmas Appeal and a donation to the Leprosy Mission. The theme for the appeal is "Her need is clear" -- Give water for Christmas, the essence of survival. We may also be able to give an extra gift to help a widowed mother start a tea selling business.



This Week's Diary

Sunday 01 Dec

Advent 1 - Prayer Ministry within our morning services

Christmas High Tea -- 4:30pm, Parish Hall

Monday 02 Dec

Walking Group—1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 03 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Parkstone Care Service—10:30am

Mainly Music—11am, Parish Hall

Oaks Lifestyle Service—11:15am

Create with Fibre—1pm, York Room

Wednesday 04 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

AAW Service --10am, Parish Hall

Ilam Retirement Service—1:30pm

Thursday 05 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Walking Group—9:30am, Crosbie Park (Woodbury St)

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

Care Bears—7pm, York Room

Choir Practice—7:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday 06 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

A-Team-- 9am, by the hall

Middlepark Service—11:15am

Christmas Quiz Night—7:30pm, Parish Hall

Family Orchestra—6pm, Bowden Hall

