

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

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

Sentence

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace. (cf Romans 15.13a)

Collect

Loving God,
you send prophets to warn, disturb and revive your people.
Help us to listen to those who prepare us for your kingdom.
Give us courage to remove the chaff from our lives
so that we may be ready to meet you.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Weeks Readings (for 8am only):

Isaiah 35.1-10
Psalm 25.1- 9
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

Prayer Focus

***Pray those coming to the Remembrance Service for support and hope in their grief.**

***For an adult to help Ethan with the intermediate youth group.**

***For the sick, especially Marie, Margaret, Wendy, Suzanne, Sue.**

***For pastoral care volunteers.**

***For our young adults Alpha in 2020.**

***For the people of Samoa facing measles.**



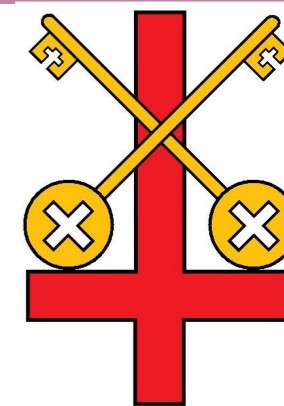
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

Theme of the Year: Passing The Baton

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

**08 Dec 2019
Advent 2**



A house-bound parishioner said to me the other day when I visited her and her husband with Communion, "What I would give to be part of those traffic jams and shopping queues again!"

....Yes, you've got it: I was grumbling about the busy roads, the huge bundle of unwritten Christmas cards and the supermarkets which were becoming real health hazards!

As we prepare for Christmas, let us take the time to slow down and remember that the Christ child came to bring Peace, not Anger or Frustration!

And allow ourselves to think of those who can no longer venture out of their homes or hospital rooms because of poor health and ongoing struggles. I think these are the people who our energy needs to focus on: the lonely, the distressed and the marginalized.

Jesus did, after all, commission us to care for these individuals in His name.

May our advent journey continue to be holy, and may the busyness of the season allow us time to reflect on the important!

- Kofe



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News in the Parish

Next Week:

15 Dec - **Carols service** at St Peter's, drinks on the lawn
Remembrance Service - 7pm at St Peter's
 20 Dec - **Carols service** at St Luke's
 20 Dec - Preschool final day for the year



Christmas High Tea

Thank you to all who so generously supported the Christmas Sunday Night Tea! What a great time we all had from those in the kitchen, the lovely young waiting staff, those who performed in the play, the International Opera Singer, the talented musicians, and those who did partook of the lovely food. Well done, a wonderful result of \$1700.
 - Bobbity

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 Open House

We, the Gilmores, would love to invite any of the St. Peters' family to come see our Christmas decorations on Wednesday 18 December from 6.30pm onwards. We will have some Christmas cake and mince pies as well. Our address is 17 Brackendale Place.
 - Fiona

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.
 - David

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



Christmas Services:

24 Dec

5pm Children's service at St Luke's
11.15pm Carols and Midnight Mass: St Peter's

25 Dec at St Peter's

8am Christmas Day Eucharist
9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist
9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

Petersgate News

Please see details on the notice board in the hall.

News Beyond the Parish

Carols in the Church

St Peter's Family Orchestra will be putting on a carol fundraiser on Friday 13 Dec from 7pm - 8pm. It will be a fun singalong through the Christmas story. There will be mulled wine (best in NZ). Koha for the work of the Lyttelton Seafarers' Centre.

Venue: St Saviour's at Holy Trinity 17 Winchester St, Lyttelton.

Contact: Ethan 021 082 9976 for enquiries.

Riccanton Horticultural Society

The Riccarton Horticultural Society wish the vicar, the staff and St Peter's parishioners all the very best for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2020. Thank you for all your assistance during 2019 - we look forward to continuing our relationship in 2020!



Mission Focus from Irene Coman

Our Mission table last week raised for the Christian World Service appeal. CWS will receive \$440.50 and the Leprosy Mission \$50. Total of stall was \$490.50. Our total for the year is \$4,905.50! Thank you for your wonderful support during the year -- a very pleasing result. Our next Mission Table will be for St Andrew's High School in Tonga on Sunday 02 Feb 2020. Thank you for all of the jars and bottles. We have enough now!



This Week's Diary

Sunday 08 Dec

Advent 2 — Prayer Ministry within our morning services

Monday 09 Dec

Walking Group—12 noon, Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday 10 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service—11am

Mainly Music—11am, Parish Hall

Create with Fibre—1pm, York Room

Mayfair Life Service—3pm

Wednesday 11 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Wed Service —10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 12 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Walking Group—9:30am, Gardens (coffee)*

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

Choir Practice—7:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday 13 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

A-Team—9am, by the hall

Sunday 15 Dec

Remembrance Service—9:30am, Parish Hall

