

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Carols Service

7:00pm—Remembrance Service

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Carols Service

Readings (for 8am only):

Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalms 25.1-9

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

Sentence

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 11.11)

Collect

God of the unexpected,
your ways are not our ways:
open our ears to the prophets you send,
help us to hear the good news from
unforeseen messengers
and empower us to join the healing work
of the one whose coming draws near;
this we pray through Jesus Christ our
Saviour. Amen

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 7.10-16

Psalms 25.1-9

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25

Prayer Focus

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

*For those affected by the eruption on Whakaari/White Island

*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.



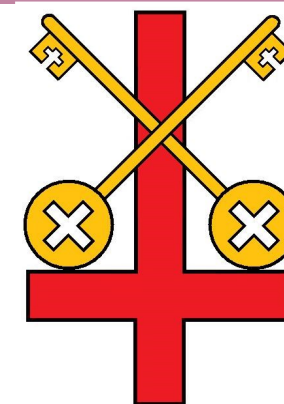
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

Theme of the Year: Passing The Baton

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

**15 Dec 2019
Advent 3**



But Wait There's More

By now we are getting pretty familiar with the gifts that the Christ child holds out to us in Advent: Peace, Hope, Joy and Love. These are the themes running through our Advent readings, but also in our Advent preaching, praying, singing and the 4 candles. But wait there's more! The Christ child also offers us meaning and purpose.

I was thinking about this last Saturday as we stood selling sausages at Bunnings. Everyone else was intent on getting their weed eater, box hedging and cordless drill. Don't get me wrong, I'm a great fan of weed eaters, but there has to be more to life? Jesus offers us something more fulfilling. To follow Jesus means a commitment to others not just ourselves.

I don't know if Bunnings offers a money back guarantee, but Jesus offers us return spirituality. A spirituality that looks only to ourselves is good in the short term but in the long run the satisfaction is only short lived. But the satisfaction of helping another human being, just for a moment caring and sharing with another person, brings its own returns that money can't buy.

To love others as ourselves, offers us meaning and purpose for our lives. To live a life without meaning or purpose is unfortunately all too common in our world. But giving us meaning and purpose for our lives is what Jesus is all about.

- Nick



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News in the Parish



Remembrance Service

Christmas is often a hard time as we remember those who have died and are no longer with us.

TONIGHT 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

Sausage Sizzle Success

We had a great day for the sausage sizzle. The total profit from the sale was \$813.30. I wish to thank the wonderful team of volunteers who really made the day such a success. We are very aware that this is such a busy time for people leading up to Christmas and really appreciated everyone's willingness to help. We had four seasons in one day fine, wet and thundery then fine and extremely windy. We sold over 400 sausages and still have 120 sausages left for the church camp. Nga mihi nui,

- Heather and Fay

Help Needed

The A Team needs you to help get the grounds ship shape for Christmas. We are needing volunteers to help for an hour or two on Friday 20th between 9.00am to 12.00 noon. We would be pleased to have both male and female helpers. Bring your own secateurs, hand forks, gloves, garden tools, weed bags, and let's see the grounds in a state we can all be proud of. A good morning tea will be provided. Contact Dennys at 357 4204.

- Dennys

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/in hospital. -Kofe

Thank You

A big "Thank You" to all the garage team helpers and contributors in 2019! We have a great team every Friday morning at the garage always willing to receive any goods you have for sale between 9am-11am. We finish next week - open mid January. A Merry Christmas to all. - Jo

Christmas Open House

We, the Gilmores, would love to invite any of the St. Peter's and St. Luke's family to come see our Christmas decorations this 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



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

New World Glasses

Currently New World is running a promotion re glassware. If you shop at NW and don't want the glasses our kitchen would benefit from some new glasses. For every \$20 you spend you get one sticker. If you would like to donate any unwanted stickers please put in container at back of church or give them to Fiona Gilmore. - Fiona



Christmas Services:

24 Dec at St Peter's

5pm Children's service at St Luke's

11.15pm Carols and Midnight Mass:

25 Dec at St Peter's

8am Christmas Day Eucharist

9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

25 Dec at St Luke's

9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

Petersgate News

Please see details on the notice board in the hall.

News Beyond the Parish

Riccarton 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!

JESUS
is the
Only One

Mission Focus from Irene Coman

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 15 Dec

Advent 3 — Prayer Ministry within our morning services

Carols at Parkstone— around 11:15am

Remembrance Service—7pm, Parish Hall

Monday 16 Dec

Walking Group— 1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

Carols at Ilam Life Care— 6:30pm

Tuesday 17 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Maples Life Care—11am

Create with Fibre—1pm, York Room

Carols at Homestead—6:30pm

Wednesday 18 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Wed Service —10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 19 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Friday 20 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

St Alissa Life Care Service—10:30am

Tuesday 24 Dec

Carols and Midnight Mass - 11:15pm, Parish Hall

Wednesday 25 Dec

Christmas Day Eucharist - 8am, Parish Hall

Christmas Day Eucharist - 9:30am, Parish Hall

Christmas Day Eucharist - 9:30am, St Luke's

