

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

Family Church —11am

Readings: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Sentence

Then he went and washed and came back able to see. (John 9.7b)

Collect

God of healing and sight,
we long to see with eyes of faith:
heal all that blinds us,
renew our vision,
and grant us to see afresh
all that you are doing;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord of compassion
in your mercy hear us.

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45



Prayer Focus

*For the family of beloved Jean McLachlan whose funeral was held last week. May we always remember her life with thanksgiving.

*For the sick, especially Elizabeth, Helen, Leni, Wendy, Rene, Janice and others on our minds.

*For the Church – For all those who are being baptized this Lent; may they grow in grace.

*For our young adults' **Alpha Course**: the Course is proving very successful for at least one of the "Guests" who is definitely growing in faith and in her determination to allow God to work with her. While we are certainly not patting ourselves on our backs for this amazing transformation, it is important that as a church family, we give thanks for the opportunity to bring others to Christ in a deep and meaningful way!

*Pray for the elderly, the house-bound and the vulnerable in our community, especially at this time of hardship and enforced isolation.

*Pray for the staff of our Pre-School, at this difficult time of health risks, may they remain safe in their calling. Pray too for all the children who attend; may they too, know good health and safety in our midst.

*Pray for our Vicar and Vestry as they discern processes and make decisions so that we can continue to God's work and serve His people.

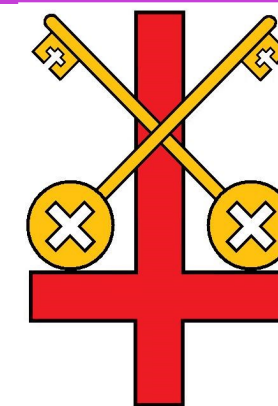
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

**The Year of
Integration, Restoration and Education**

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

**22 March 2020
Lent 4**



Immediately after the Christchurch earthquakes, the question that many people were asking was, "Where is God in all this?"

With Coronavirus rearing its ugly head throughout the world and working itself through barriers of creed and colour in its destructive path, that same question arises loud and clear.



Let us remember that at this time of trial and ill health, **we** can be God's presence among those around us: the genuine smile for someone who is lonely; the heartfelt wave at someone on the roadside; the food parcel for someone struggling to feed the family; the knock on the neighbour's door to see if they're OK; the prayers for God's world and His creation.

In the latest e-Life circulation, Bp Peter writes "There is much to pray about and many people to pray for – all world leaders, for instance, as well as our Prime Minister and her government. Would you consider, with my encouragement, that every daily and Sunday service include prayer for all affected by Coronavirus and for those working in response to this pandemic; and that remaining Fridays in Lent be a day of prayer and fasting for the victims of Coronavirus?"

May we be Christ-like so that the world may believe .

~ Kofe

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News in the Parish

Corona Virus

We are following this closely; currently it is "not in the community." However, in place, are the following:

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the celebrant alone taking the wine;
- Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace or at other times such as at the door;

In the meantime the Care Bears are checking we have everyone's contact details up to date. If you find yourself getting anxious, Psalm 91 is very good and talk to your friendly clergy. - Nick

AGM Reports

Our AGM is coming up on Sunday the 3rd May Please begin email in your reports to the office by **05 April**.

Financial Year Ending

The end of the financial year is on March 31st. Donations received before that will qualify for a receipt that can be claimed for tax refund. For further details speak to our Parish Treasurer Lynn Shearing or any other member of the committee. Approaching the end of financial year also means a good time to use direct debit for offering! - David W

St Luke's Greening of the Cross

As part of our Easter celebrations this year, we will have a cross out at St Luke's on Easter Sunday, for us to 'green.' Anyone intending to attend the St Luke's Easter morning service is invited to bring flowers and / or greenery to decorate our meter-high cross. There will, of course, be a cross available at St Peter's too! (Although a much bigger one!) -Kofe

St Luke's Working Bee

There will be a Working Bee at St. Luke's on Sat April 4th at 9am to tidy up the grounds before Easter. If possible, bring the usual gardening tools plus secateurs and hedge-shears. Morning tea will reward all present! 3581115. -Jill Lyall

Restoration Fundraising

We are presently arranging a morning tea next month for those who have joined the Living Bequest programme with opportunity to meet with our patron, Archbishop Sir David Moxon. We would be delighted to welcome newcomers who may like to join us in this project. Subscribers offer either \$25 a week over the next five years or, as some have chosen to do, donate the full \$6,500 upfront. Brochures outlining the programme and the other benefits that go with it are available from members of the committee or the Parish Office. A reminder that such donations may qualify for the 33.3% tax rebate.

On a more disappointing note we must announce that the planned April Fashion Show is postponed. Our particular thanks to Anne Strachan for all her work thus far. - David W

Ride Needed for New Parishioner

Pam Dobson, a newcomer, has attended the 8am service recently. She would like to continue coming but is unable to drive and would need to be picked up from St Allisa's rest-home - very handy. If you can, help please contact either the Parish office or clergy team.

Big thank you to BBQ Volunteers!

Held at Mega Mitre 10 Hornby last Saturday. Total profit \$703.00! It was quieter than usual, less people about. We managed to sell 320 sausages and some drinks. We received several donations as well, thanks to the lovely signage made by our Office Team Angels!! Thank you to all involved - for your help and prayers. Nga mihi nui, Heather.

Rannerdale ANZAC Day Service

This has been cancelled this year for obvious reasons. For details about other Rest-home regular services, please call Sue Robb on 342 7350.



Students in Tonga

Simon and Rachel Tipping would like to thank the congregation of St. Peter's Upper Riccarton for their very generous donation of \$614.20 towards the cost of student fees at St. Andrew's Anglican High School in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. This will cover the fees for three junior students, and will ensure that a Government subsidy of \$700 per student is received by the school.

When Simon and Rachel visit the school later this year, they will meet the students you are supporting, and bring back letters of thanks from each of the students, as well as photos of each of them.



Mission Focus from Irene Coman

Anne and Anthony McCormick have worked in social work and patient support in Cambodia since 2011. Anne uses a paper-making machine and makes wonderful papers which are turned into card. Lately the ministry has started making jewelry which helps to buy food for patients and caregivers. Amazing work which continues.



This Week's Diary

Sunday 22 Mar

Alpha — 5pm, Parish Hall

Monday 23 Mar

Walking Group— 1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 24 Mar

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

Lenten Study — 7:30pm, 15 Ludecke Pl

Wednesday 25 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Wed Service — 10am, Parish Hall

Lenten Study — 11am, Parish Hall

Thursday 26 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Walking Group — 9:30am, Jellie Park

Coffee and Chat — 10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir — 7:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday 27 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

A-Team—9am, by the hall

English Conversation Class - in recess until further notice

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

