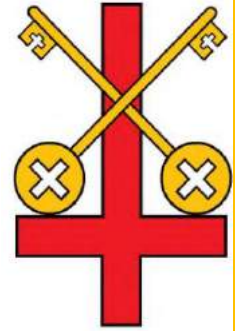


# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst  
The Year of  
Integration, Restoration and Education

**St Peter's  
&  
St Luke's**  
**19 April 2020  
Easter 2**



Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

As we move forward from that glorious day of Jesus' Resurrection, we find ourselves still struggling with the isolation and the unknown of Covid-19. Every new day brings with it, new challenges of finding things to keep us busy, challenges of 24/7 close-quarter living with those in our bubbles, challenges of accepting what for many us will be a new 'norm.'

At Springbank St, my biggest challenge, in its own delightful way, is facing the upkeep of our garden and back yard! Last Sept-Oct Leni, an excellent gardener in his own right, stagger-planted our vege patch with cabbages, silverbeet, tomatoes, broccoli and even taro plants. Sadly, his health then went into a steep decline, and he couldn't keep up with the maintenance of this patch of veges. Now, I am finding myself in the 3 raised garden plots, all gone to seed, clearing what was once a healthy corner of God's creation, uprooting plants that seem to just return the next day! Our backyard also has a number of trees which are now shedding their leaves, and yours truly must rake them up to keep the place tidy. Hard labour for one who has NEVER had anything to do with the garden except to enjoy it! But with dirt under my nails, and sweat on my brow, I am finding peace and deep satisfaction in the strength God continues to give me out in His patch of the world!

We can find that peace that Jesus promises us, if we but stop and remember that He died for our sins and rose again to save us! We certainly find that peace as we sit together through our weekly online services and bask in the albeit non-physical presence of our Vicar, Nick, and Rosemary as they lead us in worship. May we continue to hold Nick and Rosemary in our prayers as they provide continuity for us, and as they continue to be our 'constant' through these challenging times.

May we always know God's peace as it surrounds us when we wake each morning, as we live through COVID-19 and its challenges, and as we look to that wonderful day when we can all be together again!

God bless our parish of Upper Riccarton – Yaldhurst.



~Kofe

Web address to watch Sunday's service:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaV6CL18TXIVfhsobuKDFRw>

## St Peter's & St Luke's Churches

10:00am

**Readings:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1.3-9  
John 20.19-31



### **Sentence**

Jesus stood among them and said, peace be with you. John 20:19)

### **Collect**

Let us pray to know the peace of Christ...

*silence*

Risen Christ,

yours is the gift of peace.

Help us to so know your gift

that we are instruments of wholeness in your world.

For you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit one

God now and forever. **Amen**

### **Versicle and Response for Intercessions**

God of grace,

**You hear our prayer.**

### **Next Sunday's Reading**

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1.17-23

Luke 24.13-35

### Pastoral Care / Funeral / Weddings

Unfortunately the Health Department has told clergy that we are not able to visit or take funerals or weddings or baptisms at this time. We could very easily become carriers of the Virus. We can of course pray for you over the phone, have a memorial service at later date, and you can ask your sweetheart to hold off a bit longer!

## A Prayer through Matthew 28

**"Do not be afraid"** - God, we hand over to You those things that make us so afraid, especially this pandemic sweeping through our lives. Resurrect the parts of our faith squelched by fear.

**"I know that you are looking for Jesus"** - God, when our soul is searching, help us know that the answer to every longing can be found in You.

**"He has risen"** - God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift our heads, our hearts and our attitudes. Help us to live today, really believing this with every part of our lives.

**"just as he said,"** - Jesus, You keep Your promises. Help us to live, believing that with every part of ourselves. Help us to trust You more, obey You more and resemble You more.

**"Come and see"** - Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite us into these personal revelations every day. Forgive us for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for ourselves ... You, Your Word, Your insights.

**"Then go quickly and tell his disciples"** - Jesus, we don't want to be secret keepers with our faith. Help us to want to be bold and gracious truth proclaimers. For You. With You. Because of You. We, the unwanted people whom You loved, redeemed and wanted.

God, bless our parish and all those who serve you through helping the sick and the suffering. Amen.

\*Pray for the sick, especially Elizabeth, Fiona, Helen, Leni, Wendy, and others on our minds.

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

From the Wardens: Corin and Jo

1) A reminder of the bank account for those who want to pay their giving directly into the bank account in the absence of our Sunday services.

Account Number: **02 0874 0021566 00**

Reference: Envelope Number

Particulars: Surname

2) Parish AGM - following instructions from the Anglican Centre the AGM will be postponed until it is possible to hold it. In the meantime the current elected officers will remain on Vestry. It is not permitted to use a medium such as Zoom - there must be a physical gathering.

3) Congratulations and thanks to our Vicar, Rosemary and Ethan for the excellent YouTube services over Easter. Splendid effort!!!

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