

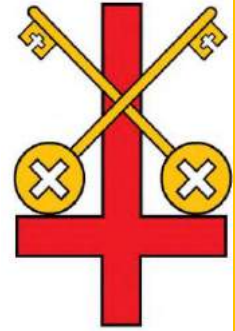
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of
Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**03 May 2020
Easter 4**



As we begin to think of the dynamics of returning to communal worship in our church space, and as we rejoice in the return of the builders to our church building, we are reminded this week that our 'gate' may not necessarily be those doors which have been shut on us for so long.

Not those locked doors overlooking the St Peter's Cemetery. Not those double doors which our Sunday morning rostered Welcomers hold open for us each week. Not the doors overlooking the carpark. These are not our gates.

The gate we should be polishing and cleaning for the day we come together again, and more so, for the day our church is re-opened, is our heart. And in each of our hearts, should stand Jesus - our gatekeeper! It is through our open and welcoming hearts that others in our community will want to enter into communion with Jesus.

And to be able to show Christ's warmth and love for those who might want to test the waters at St Peter's and St Luke's, it pays that we look at the Psalm set down for this Sunday too: Psalm 23, in which we are reminded that we are like sheep in the shepherd's fold: lacking nothing, having abundant provision, refreshed souls, being on the right track, fearlessness in dark times, even when the shepherd disciplines, overflowing blessings despite enemies around, and joy in God's house forever.

I hold you all in prayer and blessings as we continue to journey closer to seeing each other!

Alert Level 3, funerals are possible with not at risk clergy and groups of under 10.



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

St Peter's & St Luke's Churches

10:00 am

Readings: Acts 2.42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2.19-25
John 10.1-10



Sentence

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my own and my own know me. (John 10.14)

Collect

Let us pray to know God's loving care:

Loving Shepherd,
you lead us nowhere you yourself have not been:
call us by name,
lift us high upon your shoulders,
and bring us to your fold;
in trust we pray. **Amen**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of grace,
you hear our prayer.

Next Sunday's Reading

Acts 7.55-60
Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2.2-10
John 14.1-14



* Faith resources for families:

<https://www.illustratedministry.com/families/#more-12>

(You have to sign up by going to the website above to receive the pack via email)

* Tax Receipts:

Giving receipts for tax purposes will be late this year.

Our Prayer

Faithful God,
nothing can separate us from your love.
As we face Coronavirus together we ask
for your grace:
grant protection and strength to our
health care workers,
stretch out your healing hands on all
who are sick,
calm our fears and keep us patient with
each other.
All this we ask in the confidence of him
who loves us,
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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.



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