

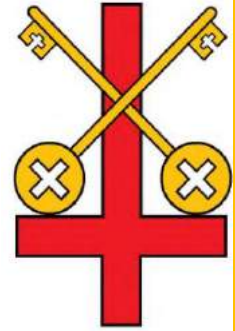
Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of
Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**10 May 2020
Easter 5**



"I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you." This is Jesus' promise to the anxious disciples worried about him leaving them. He goes ahead of us through the way of death, but also in my experience he is always going ahead of us, preparing a place for us, that in whatever our endeavour he is already there working for our good.

I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, could also be a commentary on what vestry and most especially the health and safety committee have been working on. They have been planning what we need to do in order to get ready for the return of physical worship. Depending on what the Government announces this afternoon, (I'm writing this on Thursday) worship will look different under level 2. We will have a limited number of spaces, because we need to keep at least 1 meter from each other, communion will be in bread only, there will be no choir, everyone will be recorded as they come in, and worst of all no morning tea!

This sort of worship will begin on May the 24th (assuming we are at Alert Level 2), and we will email and ring around to get a feeling for numbers. A web based worship will be offered by the Diocese for those who are older or with medical conditions.

However challenging it will be, it will still be good to be together. To see some of you again and to offer a sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving will be a great joy.



~Nick

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



Sentence

Jesus said, 'I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.'
(cf John 14.3)

Collect

Let us pray to trust our future to God:

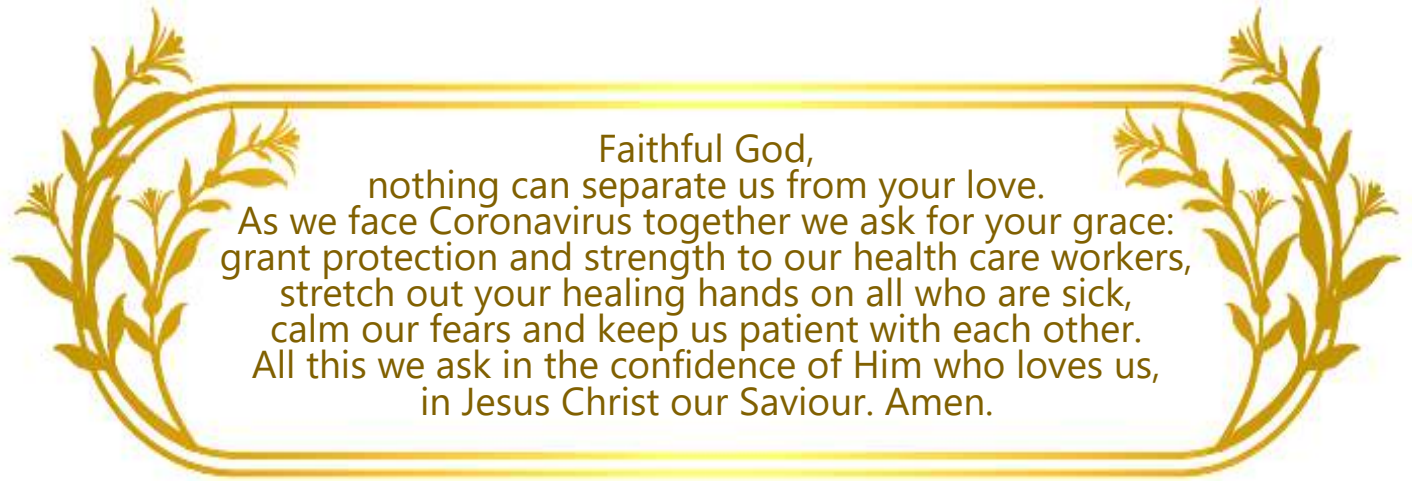
God of our futures,
you go ahead of us
to prepare a place for us.
Help us to put our trust in you.
In this life,
may we be freed from our fears
and, in the life to come,
know you face to face
through Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Faithful God,
our trust in you.

Next Sunday's Reading Acts 17.22-31
Psalm 66.8-20
1 Peter 3.13-22
John 14.15-21





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, Janet, Ian and others on our minds.

*Give thanks for the engagement of Judith Bylett and Vinny Kearns, and the wedding anniversary of Iren & Peter Coman.

Church Access Update

As we prepare for an announcement from our government on Monday re a possible change in Alert Levels, this is a reminder to all parishioners to avoid any contact with the parish grounds. We have to adhere to a new set of very rigid Health & Safety Guidelines as all workplaces do.

To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, please avoid any unnecessary trips to the church and surrounding buildings. This includes any of the containers, the potting shed and the hall building. While many of you may have taken this opportunity to have a clean out and have goods for the Garage Sale, we are asking that you just keep them at home for now. Once surfaces are touched we are required to wipe them clean and fully sanitise them. Our primary concern is for your health and welfare.

Even though many of our employees will begin returning to work under Alert Level 2, this is only after new procedures have been put in place. Unfortunately at this stage during Alert Level 2, we won't be starting up any voluntary parish groups such as the A Team, Garage Sales Team, Mainly Music, English Conversation Classes and so forth. This decision has been made based on guidelines established by the government and the Diocese, and for everyone's wellbeing.

The Vestry is currently working through all the guidelines and the implications for returning to our regular Sunday worship, and will let you know next week how this will look.

~ Vestry



Contact Tracing List

All workers and visitors to sign in and out on the Contact Tracing List on porch of Preschool. Please apply the hand sanitizer on both hands before you reach for the list.

Plant Sale

We are hoping that this will go ahead this year, but at this time there is no clear certainty. We are therefore encouraging people to continue to pot up plants at home for sale in October.

Also we are in need of medium pots so please keep collecting these. Unfortunately at this time we don't have access to the potting shed for potting mix, but we will keep you informed when we can. Many thanks for all your help and what stunning weather for gardening!

~ Fiona

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