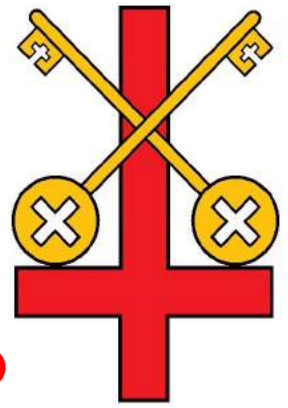


# Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of  
Integration, Restoration and Education

**St Peter's  
&  
St Luke's**  
**24 May 2020**  
**Easter Sunday 7**  
**(Sunday After Ascension)**



## The Next Level

Anglicans are a bit weary of the Holy Spirit. With our Anglican sense of dignity and reserve we are frightened the Spirit might have us doing outrageous things. We get God the creator - obviously everything needs a beginning point and aren't the flowers lovely. And we understand Jesus, after all we can read about him in the bible. But we can't get our heads around the Holy Spirit.



I think the Holy Spirit can be understood as the experiential God. It is through the Holy Spirit that we experience God. Another way of saying this is that it's through the Holy Spirit that we have a relationship with God.

Without a direct personal relationship with God, without some first hand experience of God, our faith can become very dry.

Jesus following his ascension is now accessible to all people, at all times and in all places. This is only possible because of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Spirit is a helper, other times a comforter, other times it brings us life and joy.

If you want to be closer to Jesus, why not ask him for the gift of the Spirit in your life. You can trust him, he won't embarrass you.

*~ Nick*

**Web address to watch Sunday's service:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaV6CL18TXIVfhsobuKDFRw>**

## Worship Details

**St Peter's & St Luke's Church**  
10:00am—Holy Communion

**Readings:** Acts 1.6-14  
Psalm 68.1-20, 32-35  
1 Peter 4.12-14  
John 17.1-14

### Sentence

When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall receive power. ( Act 1.8)

### Collect

Let us pray to be open to the Spirit:

Spirit of God,  
promised by Jesus,  
grant us hearts to welcome you,  
and lives transformed by your presence,  
this we ask through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Timeless God,  
**we cry to you.**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2.1-21  
Numbers 11.24-30  
Psalms 104.24-34  
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13  
John 20.19-23



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