

Welcome

To the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of
Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**21 June 2020
Ordinary Sunday 12**



Our Gospel Reading this week invites us to live out our faith in our daily lives and uses one of the loveliest images in all the scriptures: that of little sparrows. I am reminded of how, post-Lockdown Levels, our Preschool has reopened with a flourish to cater to the littlest beings in our community. We have had 8 new entrants, and children who have been kept away during Level 1 are now also returning!



I pray that as a parish, we can continue to hold the Preschool "sparrows" in our hearts. It is always such a delight to walk into their space and see the smiles on the faces of these beautiful children whom God has called us to care for.

Please also hold the Preschool staff in your prayers. Liz and her team have been kept so busy, cleaning, sanitising and preparing the premises for the return of the children. The staff are a wonderful group of people, tirelessly working on teaching our children and incorporating Christian values into their little hearts with lots of love and laughter!

We give thanks to our eternal God for the gift of love that He fills us with so that we might care for His "sparrows" around us.

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Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 21.8-21
Psalm 116.1-2, 12-19
Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39

Sentence

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High abide under the shadow of the almighty. They shall say to the Lord: You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I trust.

(cf Psalm 91.1-2)

Collect

Let us pray to fear God and nothing else:

Caring God,
even a sparrow is protected by you:
imprint upon our hearts
that, because we belong to you,
no one can pluck us from your hand
and because we fear you,
we need fear no other;
in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 12.1-11
Psalm 125
1 Peter 2.19-25
Matthew 16.13-19

Prayer Focus

*For the sick, especially Ian, Elizabeth, Helen, Janet, Wendy, Margaret, Marilyn and others on our mind.

*For a roster recruitment person for the parish.

*In our Diocese, we pray for the:

- FENDALTON Vicar: The Rev'd Canon Mark Chamberlain (Pip)
Senior Assistant Priest: The Rev'd Jenny Wilkens
Priest Assistant: The Rev'd Dr Pauline Stewart
Deacon: The Rev'd Peter Chapman (Pam)
Tongan Congregation: The Rev'd Leni Havea (Kofe)

- GERALDINE Vicar: The Rev'd Tony Kippax (Christine)
The Rev'd Hugh McCafferty (Fi)
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News in the Parish

Update from Preschool

Praise the Lord! We have received 8 new enrolments and counting at preschool since the lockdown ended. A huge thank you to everyone for their prayers and to God for His provision over the preschool, staff, families and children. We are reaching new lives each and every day!



Garden Sale Pots Needed

We are in desperate need of more pots of all sizes. If you have any lying around home can you please bring them to church and put them in the potting shed or leave under the table in the church hall. There is plenty of potting mix available in the potting shed so please help yourself. At this stage we are planning to have our annual garden and plant sale. Thankfully people have continued to pot plants for the sale but we would like to encourage people to continue to do this.

Many thanks for all your help and we will keep you updated.
~ Fiona Gilmore

Upcoming Events:

28 June - Patronal Festival: A celebration of all that we love about our church family, 8 and 9:30am. A small plate of food for morning tea please.

12 July - Nurse Maude Service: A call to compassion as we give thanks for Maude and representatives of the organisation are present. 9:30am. Morning tea their shout!

19 July - Petersgate Service

02 Aug - Gratitude Sunday: as we personally thank those who helped us through lock down. Please let us know of people you would like invited. e.g. your doctor. 9:30am. A large plate of morning tea please!

From the Wardens

At our Finance Meeting this week we discovered that it is now impossible to bank the giving Sunday by Sunday without it costing us money!! Accordingly we ask those of you who donate to the church using the Envelope System to start thinking about changing to Direct Credit for your giving. There are several parishioners who would be able to help you to do this should you need it. We are thinking about the different systems that are available to us to use and would value your input. Many thanks. ~ Corin and Jo

Tax Receipts

If you have yet to receive your tax receipts - either via email or hard copy please pick them up at the office during the week or contact the office to have them posted to you. The receipts will not be placed in the hall on Sunday's for pick up. If you have not collected yours by 28 June (Sunday), your receipt will by default be posted out to you.

Restoration Fundraising

While work on the church was of course on hold over recent weeks, it is now underway once more. Which means our fundraising must also crank up to meet our target of being debt free when we walk back into the building. Can we therefore make an urgent plea for some generous donations or advice as to where these might be sourced. Our committee has continued to be creative in searching for funds and various schemes and events will be revealed over the coming weeks. Thanks for all that you continue to do.
~ David Winfield



News Beyond the Parish

RSCM Event

Today is observed as *Music Sunday* and will be celebrated with a gathering at the Aldersgate Centre, home of the Durham St. Methodist Church, this afternoon at 2pm. There will be community singing of Top Ten hymns along with interlude items then followed by refreshments and fellowship. No charge for admission although a koha to help with expenses would be appreciated.

ANY ROOMS FOR RENT?



A mother and daughter named Maria and Rose Light have contacted the Parish office in search of one or two bedroom flat/apartment/house to rent in Christchurch starting from 14 Dec 2020. They are NZ citizens who have been living in Australia and are coming back and need a place to rent. Long term rental or somewhere to stay until they find a place is great. Contact the office for their contact info if you can help!

Have you experienced or do you have information about abuse in faith-based institutions such as a church or religious school between 1950-1999? The Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry would like to hear from you, please see the notice board for more details.



This Week's Diary

Sunday 21 June

St Luke's Church — 9:30am



Monday 22 June

Walking Group — 1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 23 June

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Staff Meeting — 9:30am, York Room

NO Exercise Class — Starts in Term 3

NO Mainly Music — Starts in Term 3

Create with Fibre — 1pm, York Room

Wednesday 24 June

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Wed Service — 10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 25 June

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Walking Group — 9:30am, Monavale Railway

Coffee and Chat — 10am, York Room

St Peters Choir — 7:30pm, Parish Hall

Friday 26 June

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

English Conversation Class — 4pm, Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 28 June

Patronal Festival — 8am & 9:30am

