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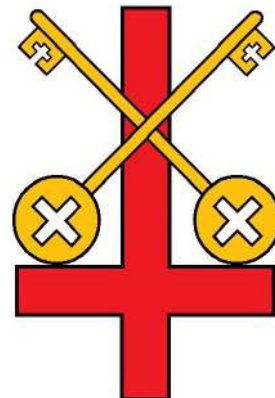
to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of

Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**26 July 2020  
Ordinary Sunday 17**



Today, during our 11am Family Church service, young Jun Park-Liu will be baptised. He is a young, delightful boy whose parents Bong and Michelle joined St Peter's not too long ago.

Baptism is always a cause for celebration. I think back to a few years ago when, on seeing the Baptism Candle being handed to the Godparents, another little lad in the congregation burst into song with "Happy Birthday to You!" and the whole church joined in! It is young Jun's Church Birthday, and we pray that just as our Gospel story says, he too will grow to be a mighty big shrub and then a tree where others around him will find rest and peace.

We all continue to seek a better place in life and we all want to hold on to those things which can enhance our journey. However, perhaps we need to remind ourselves that as a community, we should be helping each other to hold to our Gospel stories by sharing that which is good to ensure that the kingdom of heaven flourishes in our midst. The picture of God's kingdom here at Upper Riccarton should be one of inclusive unity where those who are tired, poverty-stricken and hurting can come and find rest. And while we are doing this so well at the moment, let us not be complacent but let us continue to build this resting place in our little corner of Christchurch.

~ Kofe



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## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

11am—Family Church

**Readings:** Genesis 29.15-28  
Psalm 13  
Romans 8.26-39  
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

### Sentence

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8.28)

### Collect

Let us pray to pursue your kingdom

God of new joy,  
nothing can compare to the kingdom of heaven:  
help us to pursue your reign with all out strength,  
that our happiness will one day be made complete;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Psalm 150

Luke 17.11-19



## Prayer Focus

\*For the sick, especially Audrey A, Janet A, Tony A, Ian & Margaret B, Elizabeth C, Marilyn D, Helen E, Winston G, John C and others on our minds.

\*For a Mission Table coordinator

\*For the Parish of HINDS  
CO-OPERATING

Resource Minister: The Rev'd Henry Mbambo (Presbyterian)

The Ministry Support Team

Uniting Congregations of

Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ):

Executive Officer: The Rev'd Adrian Skelton

The Diocesan Board of Nomination



### ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

Account Details: **02-0874-0021566-00**

### Upcoming Events:

**02 Aug - Gratitude Sunday:** Remember to invite someone who helped during lockdown. 9:30am. A large plate of morning tea please!

## News in the Parish

### **Young Adults**

Our Youth Alpha series, which was interrupted by COVID-19, will resume on Sunday, Aug 9th at 4pm in the parish hall.

All young adults are welcome to join us as we continue to explore life's meaning through Scripture. A lovely meal is included and great fellowship is to be enjoyed by all, around a video-led session. If you're keen to join us for 3 - 4 weeks, let Rev Kofe know! Please hold all our younger people in prayer. ~ Kofe

### **Plant Sale**

More medium and small sized pots are urgently needed as people are still continuing to pot up plants ready for this year's sale in October. If you could also please give them a quick clean before bringing them in that would be greatly appreciated. You can leave them in the potting shed or under the table in the church hall. Please continue to pot up plants and also we don't need any more vegetable six pack pots. Thanks so much for everyone's help so far!

~ Fiona Gilmore

### **Groundwork Needed?**

Peter, our church groundskeeper, is seeking additional gardening, mowing or general handyman paid work. Please contact him at 021 552243 or peterzski@gmail.com to discuss your needs. ~ Dennys

### **Marriage Growth**

I am offering a marriage course for all those who are married or about to be married. The course covers the topics of communication, conflict, commitment, connection and adventure. Across 5 sessions you will not be put on the spot but will grow together as a couple. ~ Nick

### **Restoration Fundraising**

We continue to be grateful for gifts received, particularly towards the blocks and stones programme and the Living Bequest scheme. We have also appreciated those parishioners who had passed on to us their charitable giving refund from the IRD - for advice about this please speak to our parish treasurer Lynn (03 943 0021). Coming events for your calendars - Book Sale on the 11th and 12th September and the next Quiz Night on Friday 18th September, start assembling your team now and pass the word around to family and friends.

~ David Winfield

### **Donations of Hangers and Towels**

Cholmondeley Children's Centre at Governor's Bay is in need of coat hangers to hang donated clothes on new rails they have had installed.

As for towels, so many of ours are old and torn and need replacing. The towels don't have to be new, just good quality second hand ones would be greatly appreciated! There is a box in the York Room for collection. ~ Alice Bates (0224679515)

### **Spring Gateway**

The cutoff for articles to be sent in for Spring Gateway is Wed, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please email:

[heatherandgraeme.cox@extra.co.nz](mailto:heatherandgraeme.cox@extra.co.nz)  
or the parish office for submission.

~ Heather Cox

### **AGM Meeting**

Our AGM is the 30th of August. Also now is the time to invite people to stand as vestry or people's warden. Please begin sending in your reports to the office as soon as you can if you have not already done so for compilation.



## News Beyond the Parish

The annual Christchurch Choral Festival is scheduled for **2.00pm on Sunday 30 August 2020** in the Catholic Pro-Cathedral 373 Manchester Street Christchurch. All choristers associated with Christchurch Churches, are invited to participate in the Combined Church Choirs bracket that opens the event (audience equally welcome). A chance to hear the many city choral groups, organists and pianists and enjoy their wonderful music-making.



### Mid-Winter Lunch Postponed

Sadly our Mid-Winter lunch scheduled for yesterday had to be postponed due to fewer ticket sales than hoped for. However it is only a postponement NOT a cancellation and we shall look forward to being together to celebrate probably in the Spring. The Restoration fundraisers are so grateful to all those who arranged and provided for the occasion. We particularly thank those who donated some wonderful items for the silent auction. If you are happy for us to do so we can hold these over for next time or to put towards the Quiz Night raffle and another major end-of-year raffle.  
~ The Winfield's



## This Week's Diary

Sunday 26 July

**Baptism of Jun Joshua Park-Liu** — 11am



Monday 27 July

**Walking Group** — 1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 28 July

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room  
**Staff Meeting** — 9:30am, York Room  
**Exercise Class** — 9:30am, Parish Hall  
**Mainly Music** — 11am, Parish Hall  
**Create with Fibre** — 1pm, York Room  
**Preschool Staff Communion** — 4:30pm

Wednesday 29 July

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room  
**Wed Service** — 10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 30 July

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room  
**Walking Group** — 9:30am, Princess Margaret (coffee)  
**Coffee and Chat** — 10am, York Room  
**St Peter's Choir** — 7:30pm, Parish Hall  
**Night Prayer** — 7:30pm, Bowden Hall

Friday 31 July

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room  
**A-Team** — 9am, by the hall  
9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open  
**Family Orchestra** — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 02 Aug

**St Peter's Gratitude Sunday** — 8am + 9:30am, Parish Hall  
**St Luke's Gratitude Sunday** — 9:30am

