

# Welcome

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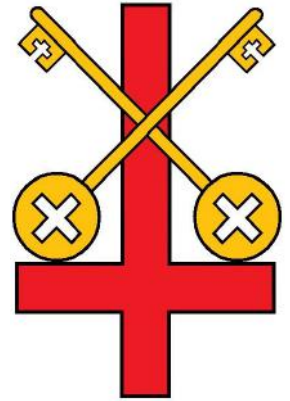
to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of  
Integration, Restoration and Education

St Peter's  
&

St Luke's

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020  
Ordinary Sunday 21



## 1 degree

Kiwis are famous for claiming that everyone in the country is separated from everyone else by only 2 degrees. That means there is only 1 person between you and someone else. You can work this through in your mind. Think of someone famous, chances are you know someone who knows that person. Even if that isn't true there is still a phone company which claims it does!



Our Christian faith is based on 1 degree of separation. We can all, and we should all, have a personal relationship with Jesus. It's not enough to know someone else who does, although that's nice, or a grandparent who once did, although that's nice too. Each of us can have a direct relationship with God.

This is what our Gospel today celebrates. St Peter has an intimate life giving friendship with Jesus. This sort of faith is the rock that our Church is built on. But it's not enough that Peter had that sort of relationship, that would be 1000 degrees of separation; rather the invitation is for **each** of us to have this sort of faith.

We build the rock of our faith every time we pray, break bread together, and read the Bible.

~ Nick

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## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

**Readings:** Exodus 1.8-2.10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12.1-8  
Matthew 16.13-20

### Sentence

Jesus said to them, 'But who do you say that I am.; Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' (Matthew 16.15-16)

### Collect

Let us pray to know Jesus as our saviour:

God of all truth,  
the Spirit revealed to Peter,  
Jesus as Messiah.  
As we reach for the truth about you,  
grant us keen minds in our searching,  
willing hearts in our listening,  
and ready hands in our responding;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions (8am only)

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

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 3.1-15  
Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12.9-21  
Matthew 16.21-28



## Prayer Focus

\*For the sick, especially Jade H, Janet A, Ian & Margaret B, John & Elizabeth C, Marilyn D, Helen E, Beryl R, Rob H and others on our minds.

\*For a Mission Table coordinator

\*For the "Door Knockers" from this parish starting this week.

\*For HORORATA

Vicar: The Rev'd Jenni Carter

The Rev'd Louise Deans

The NZ Bible Society; The Bible Reading Fellowship; The Scripture Union; kindred societies

### Restoration Fundraising

It is so good to be able to peek through the fence and observe the progress being made on St. Peter's, partic-



### ONLINE GIVING

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ularly the new entrance and vestibule - it's going to be a wonderful addition to the building. But equally encouraging are your ongoing donations which are still very much needed. The blocks and stones and living bequests continue to provide helpful means of providing financial support and we continue to research major trusts and charities that may be generous to the cause.

In a post-COVID world of course these are not as readily available as before. We hope you have marked your calendars with the upcoming events - Book Sale 25-26 Sep and next quiz night on the 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. The Parish Lunch will be rescheduled later in the year and the Fashion Parade unfortunately postponed until 2021.

~ David W

## News in the Parish



### **COVID-19 Update**

We are officially at Level 2 until the 26th of Aug; service "welcomers" will record your name on arrival or the QR code is available. The use of face masks is encouraged by our Bishop until we go back to Level 1.

Seating will be physically distanced and communion will be Bread only. There is no sharing of the peace. The collection plate will be on a stand but not brought forward. No morning tea sadly. What's most important is if you are feeling overly anxious to let the clergy; know we are here to help you.  
~ Nick

If you are visiting the office **please sign in** and sanitise before entering. One bubble in the reception area at a time again. Please wait outside on the blue x's if someone is in already. ~ *The office*

### **"Knock & the Door Will be Opened"**

Anglican Care Door Knocking in conjunction with St Peter's Upper Riccarton: visiting homes of the poor and the needy and offering support on behalf of our parish. This will be taking place this week. Please pray for this.

~Kofe

### **GF Communion**

Do you need gluten free communion bread? Please let the office know if you do.



~ Nick



### **Plant Sale**

We still have vegetable seeds, potting mix and pots available for planting for our annual plant sale on the 10 October. These will be available after each of the services this Sunday. If you can't get to church this weekend but would like to grow some vegetables please contact Fiona Gilmore on 0273453478 and we will arrange for them to be delivered. Thank so much!

~ Plant Sale Team

### **AGM Meeting**

Our AGM is next Sunday, 30 Aug at 11am! NOW is the time to invite people to stand as vestry or people's warden. Find the sign up sheets on the table in the Parish Hall to nominate people for vestry, people's warden and treasurer. Make sure both you and the person you nominate sign for consent purposes.

~Nick

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

13yr old Gia was among more than 65,000 children across the Pacific who received Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2019. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will, this year, be going to other scattered islands throughout the Pacific and Asia. For the record, in 2019, 273,160 shoeboxes were packed in Aus & NZ and distributed around Cambodia, Philippines, Fiji and Papua New Guinea. In the next week, I will be picking up our quota of shoeboxes for filling. We invite and encourage you to start thinking of little gifts you can send these impoverished children. ~ Kofe

### **Mission Table Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>**

An initial "bring and buy" Mission Table will be held on the first Sunday in Sep. It is hoped all parishioners will support this worthy act of outreach by donating baking, jams, preserves, fresh produce, knitted goods, handicrafts etc - any items that will sell. It would be appreciated if all purchases are "cash only". For future Mission tables to continue in the coming months, volunteers will be needed from within the St Peter's church "family" - please consider volunteering to run subsequent tables -if enough people sign up it would be a commitment of just one "first- Sunday of the month" each year.

~Jill Lyall ph.3581115





## News Beyond the Parish



## This Week's Diary

referendums  
2020

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The following meetings are being held at St. Christopher's Anglican Church to provide information

for the upcoming referendums.

- **Tuesday, 1st Sep at 7:30pm** - Cannabis reform. Speakers: Prof Doug Sellman & Alan Vink
- **Tuesday, 8th Sep at 7:30pm** - End of Life Choice. Speakers: Duncan Webb, MP for Chch and Dr. Wendy Pattermore.

Each meeting will have a speaker from both sides of the topic presenting their views. There will then be a chance for rebuttal before we accept questions from the floor.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Monday 24 Aug

**Door Knockers** — 12:20pm, York Room

Tuesday 25 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Staff Meeting** — 9:30am, York Room

**Door Knockers** — 12:20pm, York Room

Wednesday 26 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Wed Service** — 10am, Parish Hall

**Door Knockers** — 12:20pm, York Room

Thursday 27 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Night Prayer** — 7:30pm, Bowden Hall

**Door Knockers** — 12:20pm, York Room

Friday 28 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Door Knockers** — 12:20pm, York Room

**Family Orchestra** — 6pm, Bowden Hall

**“East to West” a concert by Conspiro - an exciting vocal group including Alice Bates and Gareth Murfitt directed by Paul Ellis - Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, 3pm Saturday 12th September. Koha**



Give your  
**BURDENS**  
to the Lord,  
and he will  
take care  
of you.

-Psalm 55:22



### St Peter's Security

After burglaries and attempted burglaries around the parish buildings, we now have 4 cameras installed! The system is commercial quality and more cameras can be added if and when reqd. We are also looking at some form of camera to cover the church exterior subject to CPT approval.

We have a separate quote for this if anyone wishes to contribute to this future project please contact: Heather (029 779 8800 or 942 8226)

~ Heather C