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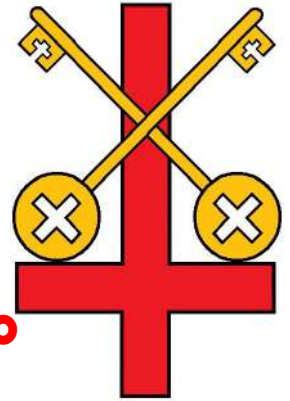
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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of
Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**20 September 2020
Ordinary Sunday 25**



Somewhere in the Charlie Brown cartoon canon, Lucy and Charlie are walking home from school. Lucy has a report card in her hand and she is clearly not pleased. She turns to Charlie, and, complains: "It isn't fair Charlie Brown, it just isn't fair! I studied for a whole week for my final math test and Sally only studied for two hours the night before the test and she got an A, but I only got a C. It just isn't fair!"



Many of you will agree that one of our most dreaded clichés is, "My dear, life isn't fair." In fact it seems to be quite the opposite of fair. I have been turned down for jobs because I was of the wrong ethnicity. I have been denied a promotion because I was the wrong gender.

I am sure I am not the only one who has experienced life this way. The cold fact is that life isn't fair because truly and undeniably, we are unfair people living in an unfair world.

The good news however is that God **is** fair. If we will learn to hold on to Him, even when we don't understand the path He is taking, it will turn out alright in the end.

God is a God of Grace. God is just in his generosity. God is good to all people.

'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

~ Kofe

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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: Exodus 16.2-15
Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1.21-30
Matthew 20.1-16

Sentence

Are you envious because I am generous?
(Matthew 20.15b)

Collect

Let us pray to enjoy another's good fortune:

Generous God,
good beyond all measure:
when good comes to those we class as bad,
guard us from jealousy
and grant us the grace
to rejoice in another's good fortune,
as we do our own;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

E te Atua atawhai
you hear our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 17.1-7
Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.23-32



Prayer Focus

* For the family of Janet Drury who passed away on Monday, 14 Sep 2020. Pray that her family feels God's provision and peace during this time.

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

* Give thanks for Reverend Nick's five years in the Parish.

*For Judith and her fiancé, Vinnie who are getting married soon.

* For MACKENZIE CO-OPERATING Vicar: The Rev'd Andrew McDonald (Anna)

* The Community of the Sacred Name -

Mother Superior: Mother Alena, the Houses in Tonga, Fiji and Sth Canterbury

Warden: The Very Rev'd Lawrence Kimberley (Elizabeth)

Chaplain: The Rev'd Michael Holdaway (Mary-Jo)

Visitor: The Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell (Teresa)

* Pray for the Rev Katrina Hill whose husband died very recently



News in the Parish

COVID-19 Update

We are still at Level 2: "welcomers" will record your name on arrival and 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

Book Sale

This week our Annual Book Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday 25-26 Sept from 9am to 4pm daily. A lot of help is needed. Please put your name on the list on the table so we can be sure we will cover all the times. Extra (male) help required to set up on Thursday from 10am and then to clear away from 3pm on Saturday. Thank you.

~ Jo Winfield



St Peter's AAW

The AAW Festival Communion will be held in the Transitional Cathedral on Sunday 27th September at 2pm.

~ Barbara Fleming

Plant Sale

Many thanks to all those who have been growing plants for us. As well as plants we also sell second hand gardening tools, vases, pots, hoses and anything else associated with gardening that is non-electrical. So please do have a look through your garages, sheds and house for goods which you no longer need. These can be dropped off on any Friday morning, 10.00-12.00am or brought to the hall closer to the time. We always have a lot of interest for such items! We are in countdown mode now and will begin advertising soon.

~ Fiona

Plant Sale is 10 October from 9am-12pm

Garage Sale

Our annual Garage Sale is coming up next month on 17 October from 9am - 12pm. Make sure you don't miss out!



~ The office

Lost Mat

A 6x2m Polynesian woven mat that normally lives on the stage has been moved! It is used for some services and is very special. Please let me know if you know where it is.

~ Kofe

Vestry Meeting

Vestry is this week on Wednesday. If we are back to Alert Level 1, it will be at Corin's place; if not we will have it in the BH. Make sure to send your reports for circulation.

~ The office

Family Movie Night

As seen in the bulletin last week, we will be showing the newly released live-action film of the Disney classic 'Mulan' on 25th Sep in the BH. You must book seats with the office to attend - and do so fast because seats are filling up!

~ The office

Peonies for Sale

Janet Noonan has peonies for sale, some in bud and ready for planting now. It is an early variety called "Flame" and has a single red flower with yellow stamen. Various sizes available - \$5, \$10, \$15. Please phone or email Janet 3486473 or pjnoonan@actrix.co.nz to view/purchase. All proceeds will go towards the plant sale.

~ Janet Noonan

Our Restored Organ

The South Island Organ Company of Timaru has almost completed the restoration of our organ and is inviting us to come and see and hear it. The revised date for this visit is Wed 23 Sep between 12.00-1.00 pm. Because of Covid-19 and social distancing a maximum of 10-11 people can be comfortably managed. Would those interested in attending please give your name to Haydn Hill.

~ Haydn

News Beyond the Parish



This Week's Diary

Monday 21 Sep

Walking Group — 1:30pm, Crosbie Park

Tuesday 22 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Staff Meeting — 9:30am, York Room

Wednesday 23 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Wed Service — 10am, Parish Hall

Vestry Meeting — 7:30pm, TBC

Thursday 24 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Walking Group — 9:30am, Riccarton

Domain

Coffee & Chat — 10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir — 7:30pm, Parish Hall

Night Prayer — 7:30pm, Bowden Hall

Friday 25 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, York Room

Book Sale — 9am, Parish Hall

Family Movie Night (Mulan) — BYO tea
from 5:30pm, Bowden Hall

Saturday 26 Sep

Book Sale — 9am, Parish Hall

25-26
September
9am to 4pm

BOOK
SALE

FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHTS

Disney
MULAN



Praying with Julian of Norwich

October 25th - 31st 20
A guided silent
retreat with daily
spiritual direction.

Cost \$560.00

Residential -

All meals included

Venue: Sister Eveleen
Retreat House

(6 Whitewash Head Road, Sumner,
Chch)

For details contact Glenda on
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Registrations close 12th October!

*(Rooms will be allocated
in order of registration)*



But you **Lord**,
do not be
far from me.

**You are my
strength,**
come quickly
to help me.

-Psalm 22:19

