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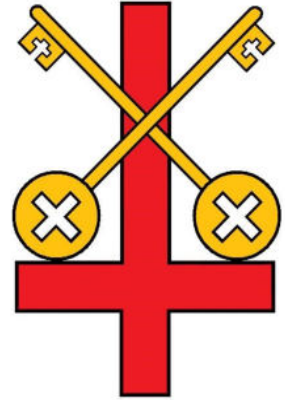
to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of

Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**18th October 2020
St Luke's Day**



Border Security

It was a fabulous celebration. It hardly seems like yesterday that the building was moved on site, but last Friday, we celebrated the 1st birthday of the preschool. As well as the families and staff, there were 2 local community board members, the local MP, other pastors and principals of local schools. Our orchestra played and then we had speeches.



I was very moved when Megan Woods, our local MP, said "Our borders might be closed but this place proves the borders of our hearts are wide open to each other." It's hard to imagine a more culturally diverse gathering than the one last Friday, and yet everyone was happy together.

To follow Jesus is to want to be more like Him. The borders of Jesus' heart knows no bounds. He opened His heart to children, the sick, the foreigner, the occupying army, to women, the mentally ill, sinners and those who had lost their way. He loved us so much that in the end he was forced to die for us all.

We can't choose whether our country's borders are open or closed, but we can choose to open our hearts to others. Especially those who are different from us.

~ Nick

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News in the Parish

Thank You!

What an amazing effort that many people put in to make the recent Garden & Plant Sale such a success. So far we have raised over **\$7500** and we are still going. Many thanks to all those who contributed by lovingly growing plants, helping to set up, baking, selling on the day and the clean up. What a fantastic group of people to work with. But we haven't finished yet! Remaining plants and the raffle will be sold at this week's garage sale so if you know of anyone who missed out do spread the word.

~ Fiona Gilmore

Change of Practice

While keen to see us all have safe practices, the Bishop has asked that congregations do not break the flow of the Liturgy by sanitising our hands at the reception of communion. I inherited this practice which I think started around the time of bird flu. Please those coming forward to administer communion use the sanitising bottle on the offertory table at the back. During the offertory can those setting up the vessels please put a bottle of hand sanitiser on the offertory table? Thank you for working to keep us safe.

~ Nick



Summer Gateway

Articles for inclusion in the upcoming Summer 2020 Gateway magazine need to be sent in by Tuesday, 17th November. Email to:

heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz
for submission.

~ Heather Cox

Vestry Statement

Vestry have written and adopted a statement which describes our Church and its place within the Upper Riccarton -Yaldhurst Community. It can be found on the back wall this weekend so do have a look for it. This has already been used in recent fundraising applications.

~ Fiona Gilmore

Vestry Meeting

Next vestry meeting will be on Wed, 28th Oct so make sure to begin writing and sending in your reports for circulation.

~ The office

Preschool Birthday

We had a wonderful party last week when about 80 people came to help us celebrate the preschool's 1st birthday party / Chinese Mid-Autumn festival.



Here is a photo of our birthday cake in which the pink, yellow and green fondant decorations

around the edges were made by

the children! We are so very thankful for the continuous support we've been given from the wonderful parish over this last year.

~ Head Teacher Liz Orr

Christmas Shoeboxes

Last day for boxes: TODAY, Sunday 18th Oct. If you have not yet turned in your Operation Christmas Child boxes, please do so today. Ask someone with a key to put them in the old office.

~ The office

New Mission Motivator

I am delighted to announce that Noeline Gould is the new Parish Mission Motivator. Noeline has travelled in the Pacific and has a heart for helping people overseas. She will bring the needs of overseas missions to our attention. Please pray and encourage her in this new role.

~ Nick

Parish Retreat

At the Sister Eveleen Retreat House in Sumner, November 14th-15th (Sat & Sun).



Watch this space for

more details to come and ask Rev Nick about how great Eddie's cooking will be!

~ The office

Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2020

Snippets from the Christchurch Diocesan Synod 2020 are on the notice board in the church hall. There are also a few copies on the table if you would like on to take away as well.

~ Sue Robb

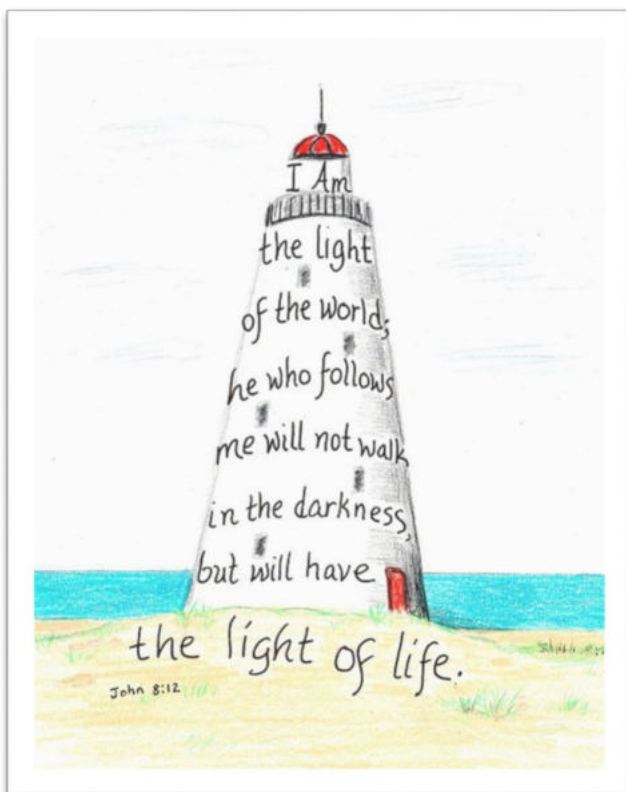


Festival of Heritage

As part of the Christchurch City Council's 24 October - 8 November 2020 Festival of Heritage, a tour of our cemetery will be taking place from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday 31st October. Come and learn a lot of history! Here's a sneak peek:

"Just in front of the church lie the genteel Bowen brothers. Sir Charles was responsible for the 1877 Education Act which ensured that my grandparents and others of their generation got, at the least, a primary school education. Croasdaile was the Riccarton Parish's first vicar. His widow, Annette, was truly formidable. She owned a private girls' high school but was reluctant to see the daughters of the gentry do what she would consider wasteful - seek higher education. Far better to marry a prominent man, produce children and manage servants. She was, for 30 years, a supporter of Elizabeth Gardner's school of domestic instruction and lobbied many a minister of education for its development."

~ Richard L N. Greenaway



Sunday 18 Oct

St Luke's Patronal Festival —9:30am

Monday 19 Oct

Walking Group —1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 20 Oct

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Mainly Music—11am, Parish Hall

Maples Life Care Service—3pm

Wednesday 21 Oct

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Wed Service —10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 22 Oct

Morning Prayer —9am, York Room

Walking Group—9:30am, St James Park

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Bowden Hall

Night Prayer — 7:30pm, York Room

Friday 23 Oct

Morning Prayer —9am, York Room

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

St Allisa's Life Care Service—10.30am

English Conversation Class—4pm,

Bowden Hall

Sunday 25 Oct

Family Church —11am, Bowden Hall



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Patronal Festival

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10
Psalm 147.1-7
2 Timothy 4.5-17
Luke 10.1-9

Sentence

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace. (Isaiah 52.7a)

Collect

Let us pray to follow the example of St Luke:

Almighty God,
you inspired Luke the physician to proclaim
the love and healing power of your Son:
give your Church grace through his teaching
to strengthen the afflicted,
heal the desolate
and bind up the broken-hearted;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

For all your blessings
we give you thanks, O God.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Deuteronomy 34.1-12
Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
Matthew 22.34-46



Prayer Focus

* For the sick, especially Ayla & Boden H, Eva L, Andrew M, John & Elizabeth C, Jade H, Janet A, Rob H, Helen E, Val R, Wendy W, and others on our minds.

* For OPAWA-ST MARTINS

Vicar: The Rev'd Canon Ben Truman (Johannah)

OXFORD-CUST

Vicar: The Rev'd Christine Allan-Johns (Andrew)

The Anglican Missions Board and Staff

Executive Officer: The Rev'd Robert Kereopa (Rachel)



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

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

-Psalm 22:19

