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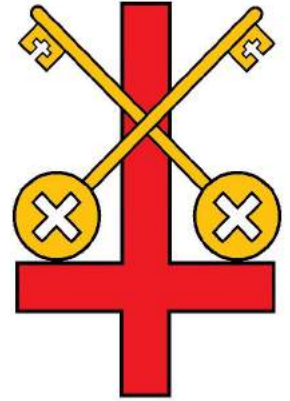
to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of

Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**29 November 2020
Advent Sunday 1**



Preparing for Christmas in our contemporary culture can signal a season of tension, stress and downright craziness! However, for many in the church and community there are those who also suffer loneliness; there is the experience of grief for some of us and we can develop a bad case of the Christmas blues. All of this at a time when we sing songs like "Joy to the World" and use phrases like "Peace on Earth."

When I look at our scriptures for today I cannot imagine anyone more stressed about the first Christmas than Mary. The Virgin Mary received one of the greatest surprises in history; a surprise that turned her world upside down. My prayer is that your journey towards Christ's Mass isn't one of turmoil and tension, but one filled with anticipation and faith in serving one another and building God's kingdom.

As we mark this first Sunday in Advent, let us as a parish continue to answer God's call to His work amongst His people. He gave us Jesus to guide and lead us in the way of Truth and it is so important that His people are brought Him through our services of love and fellowship.

One of my favourite hymns is "The Lord of the Sea and Sky" and it is poignant that on this, my last day with you at St Peter's & St Luke's, Mary's response to the angel Gabriel comes through in our Gospel: "Here I am, the servant of our Lord; let it be to me as you have said." I leave you all today to journey into the Cashmere hills, full of gratitude for the impact each of you has had in my life. I have enjoyed my short time with you all, and I just want to say a massive THANK YOU for the good I have received and the fellowship we have shared. Look after each other; look after your Vicar; look after yourselves! And while you're at it, have a LOVELY Christmas!

In prayer, Kofe

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News in the Parish

Farewell to Haydn

Next Sunday, 6th Dec after 9.30am service we will be holding a morning tea for Haydn. Please bring a plate for this occasion as we farewell our organist and choirmaster.

Contributions to his farewell gift will be welcomed through the collection plate. ~ Jo

St Peter's AAW

Our final meeting for 2020 will be on Wednesday 2nd December beginning at 10am with Holy Communion. This will be followed by Christmas morning tea so ladies, a small party plate please. Our "Stir Up Christmas Cake" will also be put to the test. All welcome. ~Barbara Fleming

Christmas Flyer Letterbox Drop

Please find the sign up sheet at the table in the hall. If you are able to drop flyers in your neighborhood letterboxes, write your name, which street you're delivering to, and the correct number of flyers you need to do your delivery. We only want to do one printing of the flyers so please make sure you sign up this week!

~ The office

Church Opening/Celebration Buffet Dinner

February 28th 2021! Sit-down dinner will be at Riccarton Racecourse at 5 for 5.30pm. The cost will be \$40 a head for the evening. There will be a cash bar open. This is advance notice - so you have time to put the money aside!

In our planning we also thought there will be folk who have left the area that we need to tell about these events. If there is anyone you know who may be in this category please give the wardens their names and contact details so they can be included in the invitation list. We need to get the replies back around the end of January so some urgency is required. ~ Jo

Giving Envelopes

The giving envelopes for 2021 are available to pick up. There are only 14 people who will be receiving these this year as many have moved to direct giving. ~ Edwin

Candle Holders

Please let the office know ASAP if you know where we can get more candle holders for baptisms. ~ The office

Choir Director

We are very fortunate to have Ravil Atlas filling in as choir director from the 7th of December onwards. We will be advertising for permanent director soon.

'Ravil is a well-known and sought after voice teacher, conductor, and stage director. Currently, he is the Chorus Master for New Zealand Opera and the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, with whom he made his conducting debut recently with the Beethoven was in C. He is also the Artistic Director of Christchurch's professional choir Atlas Voices. Before coming to Christchurch Ravil spent 25 years as a soloist in opera and musical theatre in six countries.'

~ Nick

Restoration Fundraising

Less than a week now until our end-of-year quiz night (Friday 4th). Gather up friends and family and register NOW on the list at the church door. Let's pack out the hall to make this a fun-filled evening to round off the year. But wait ... there's more!

Tickets are now available for our grand Christmas raffle and we ask parishioners to take a book (or more) to sell. Twenty prize draws for only \$5 a ticket, 10 tickets per book. These have been very easy to sell over the past couple of years so that should continue to be the case. Enquiries or questions to David or Jo Winfield.

~ David Winfield

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings:

8am 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16
Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

9.30am Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26
Luke 1.26-38

Sentence

Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7.14b)

Collect

Let us pray to trust the promises of God:

God of promise,
for you nothing is impossible,
and through the Holy Spirit,
Mary, the Jewish girl, conceived.
Help us to trust in that same Spirit
that when our lives seem hard
and your promises far away,
let us know your salvation is at hand;
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:

Isaiah 40.1-11
Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3.8-15a
Mark 1.1-8



Prayer Focus

* For the sick, especially Anne S, Geraldine T, Eva L, John & Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Val R, Wendy W, and others on our minds.

* For Margaret Neate who begins her new role with us as Deacon Assistant.

* For SHIRLEY BURWOOD MARSHLAND Ministry Unit

Trial intentional uncoupling of East Christchurch Parish to Shirley-Burwood-Marshland Ministry Unit and East Christchurch

Interim Priest in Charge:

The Rev'd Dr Carolyn Robertson (Paul Hegglun)

The Rev'd Carolyn Swift (Andrew)

* For Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy:

The Rev'd Lynnette Lightfoot (Alistair)

* For The Cathedral Grammar School

Principal: Mr Scott Thelning

Chaplain: Mrs Teresa Kundycki-Carrell (+Peter)



Upcoming Events

4 Dec Christmas Quiz Night

6 Dec Pauline McKay - Christmas Appeal (CWS)

Haydn's Farewell

Suzanne Price - Rebuild Info

13 Dec Remembrance Service, 5pm

20 Dec Carol Service, 9:30am
Grand Christmas Raffle

News Beyond the Parish

community carols@the park

Sunday 20th December

5.30-7.30pm @ Crosbie Park

BYO picnic from 5.30pm

Carols at 6pm

Free family event!

Prayer Books

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This Week's Diary

Sunday 29 Nov

Preschool Christmas Play & Rev Kofe's

Farewell — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Picnic @ Vicarage lawn—After service

Monday 30 Nov

Walking Group—1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 01 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Parkstone Care Service—10:30am

Oaks Lifestyle Care Service—11:15am

Mainly Music—11am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 02 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

AAW Service —10am, Parish Hall

Ilam Retirement Service—1:30pm

Thursday 03 Dec

Morning Prayer —9am, York Room

Walking Group—9:30am, Riccarton

Racecourse

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

Middlepark Service—11am

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Parish Hall

Night Prayer — 7:30pm, York Room

Friday 04 Dec

Morning Prayer —9am, York Room

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

Conversation English Class—4pm,

Bowden Hall

Sunday 06 Dec

Guest Speaker (Pauline McKay from CWS)-

8am & 9:30am, Parish Hall

Haydn Hill's Farewell - 10:30am, Parish Hall

Rebuild Information (Suzanne Price) -

11am, Parish Hall