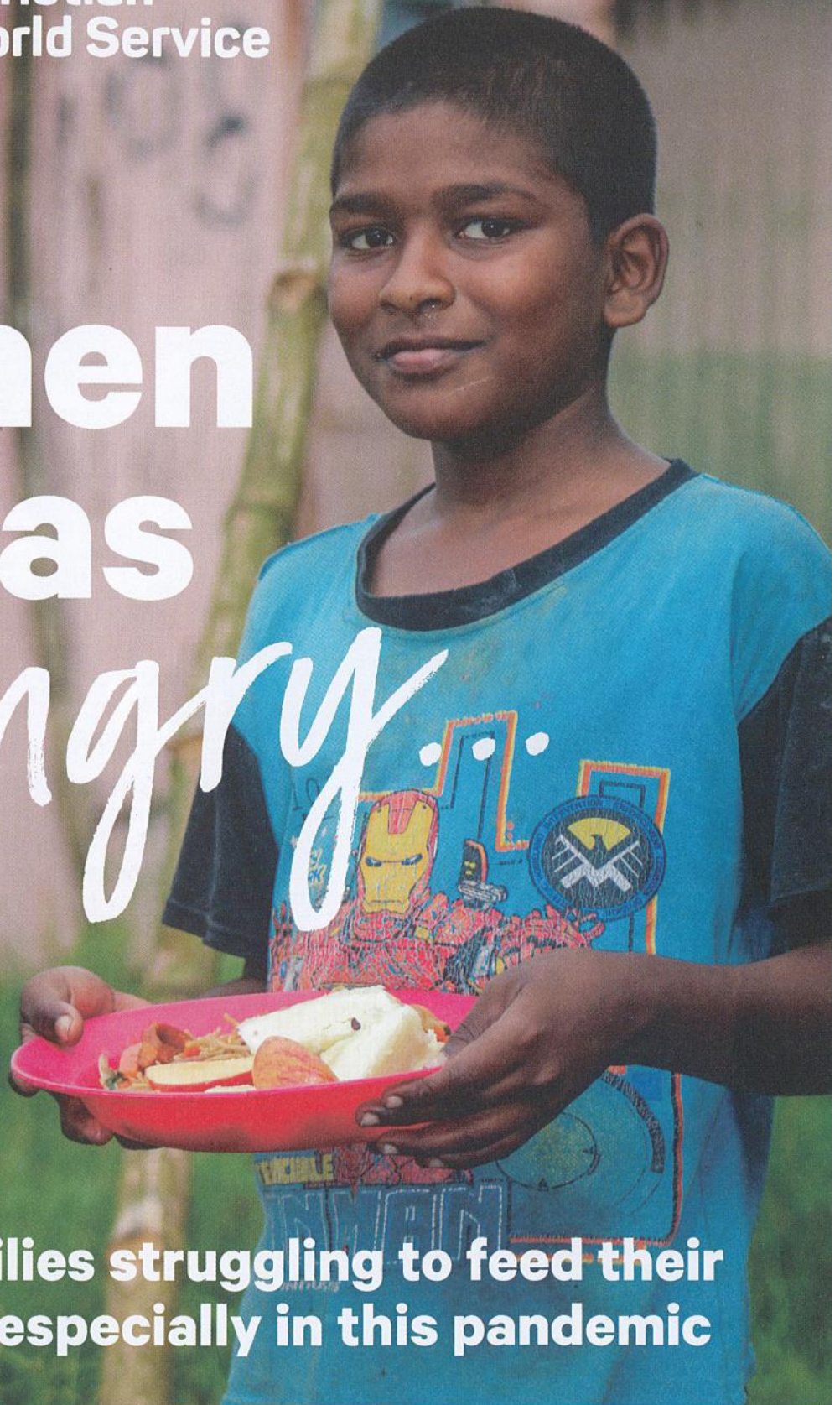




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News in the Parish

Riccarton Horticultural Society

The Committee and members of the Riccarton Horticultural Society wish the Rev Nick Mountfort & Rosemary, the staff and congregation of St Peter's, our very best wishes for the Festive Season and for health and happiness to you and your loved ones in 2021. We do thank you for your co-operation during 2020 and we look forward to continuing our very happy relationship in 2021 and beyond.

~ Beverly Bristowe

Office Closure

The office team wishes you a blessed Christmas! We will be closing Monday, 21st Dec 20 and reopening Monday, 11th Jan 21 for Christmas and New Year holidays.

~ The office

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

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

A big thank-you to all who supported our end-of-year quiz night on Friday. We will be able to announce the result at Sunday services but do appreciate those who made up the teams and particularly those who generously provided raffle prizes.

And speaking of raffles! 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. All instructions and the full prize list are included in each pack.

~ David Winfield



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

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

Sentence

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' (Mark 1.3a)

Collect

Let us pray to share in proclaiming salvation:

Messenger God,
you chose John the Baptist
to proclaim the longed-for Christ:
stir us to action,
that having heard John's message of
hope,
we may share in its proclaiming;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5.16-28
John 1.6-8, 19-28



Prayer Focus

* For the sick, especially Beverley P, 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 has begun her new role with us as Deacon Assistant.

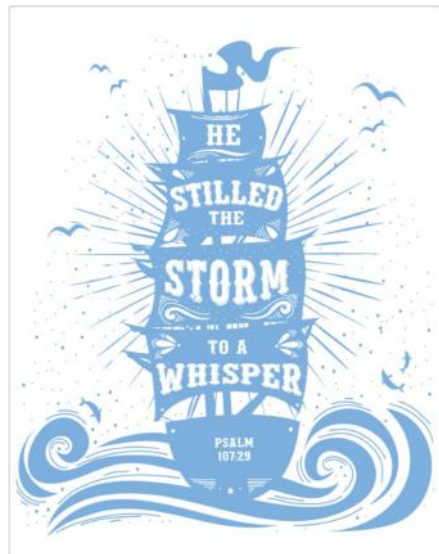
* For SUMNER-REDCLIFFS

Vicar: The Rev'd Thomas Brauer (Cheryl)

Assistant Curate: The Rev'd John Fox

* For Alcoholics Anonymous and Drug Addiction Services.

* For all alcohol and drug dependents and those who care for them



Upcoming Events

11 Dec Carol Service at Lyttleton
(Orchestra playing)

13 Dec Remembrance Service, 5pm

14 Dec Ilam Life Care Carols, 6.30pm

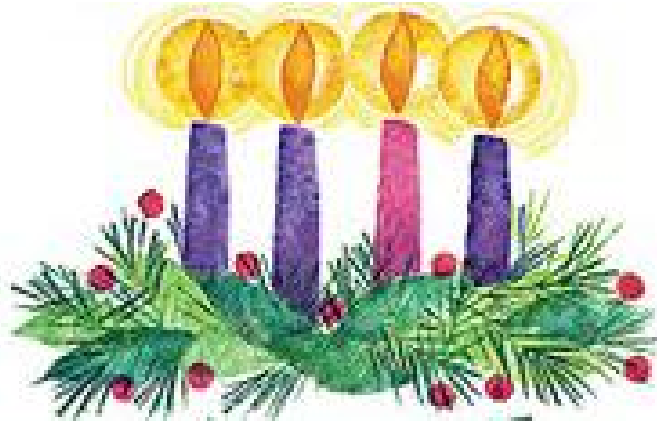
15 Dec Ilam Homestead Carols, 6.30pm

20 Dec Carol Service, 9:30am

Grand Christmas Raffle

Parkstone Care Carols, 11.15am

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES



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St Peter's

*22 Main South Road
Church Corner*

Sunday 20 December

8 am

Holy Communion

9.30 am

Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 24 December

11.15 pm

Carol Singing and
Candlelit Communion

Christmas Day - 25 December

8.00 am

Festive Communion and Carols

9.30 am

All Age Christmas Celebration
and Communion

St Luke's

*43 School Road
Yaldhurst*

Sunday 20 December

9.30 am

Holy Communion

Christmas Eve - 24 December

5.00pm

Children Service
(Dress-ups Provided)



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!

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Mission Focus

December Mission Table

This will be held on Sunday 6 December. As per usual we welcome any contributions of food, preserves, produce or craft.



We want to add a little Christmas flair so anything related to Christmas would also be wonderful including Christmas baking or crafts. Lets make this a great one to end the year. Proceeds for the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal

~Fiona Gilmore



This Week's Diary

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

Monday 07 Dec

Walking Group—1:30pm, Riccarton

Domain

Tuesday 08 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Staff Meeting—9:30am, York Room

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service—11am

Mainly Music—11am, Parish Hall

Mayfair Life Care Service—3pm

Wednesday 09 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, York Room

Wed Service —10am, Parish Hall

Sunday School Leaders' Meeting - 7:30pm,
The Vicarage

Thursday 10 Dec

Morning Prayer —9am, York Room

Walking Group—9:30am, Millbrook

Reserve

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Parish Hall

Night Prayer — 7:30pm, York Room

Friday 11 Dec

Morning Prayer —9am, York Room

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

Conversation English Class—4pm,

Bowden Hall

Carol Service at Lyttleton —7pm

Sunday 13 Dec

Family Church - 11am, Bowden Hall

Remembrance Service—5pm, Parish Hall

This Christmas, give *hungry families* the basics of a sustainable life

Aarav may be shy but not when it comes to food. On the three days a week that the Vunilagi Book Club gives out free lunches, he races to join his friends eagerly waiting for the full plates that will soon come their way.

He knows what it is like to be hungry – the rumbling stomach, the lack of energy, the deeply troubling thoughts about whether he will ever eat again...

With his mother and three sisters, he lives in Fiji's Nanuku settlement on the outskirts of Suva. It has been a hard year for their community – many have lost jobs during the Covid-19 pandemic. They worry like so many others who live with the daily threat of hunger. The psalmist echoes their prayer, "Give us Life".

In another part of town, staff from the Pacific Conference of Churches have been busy at their Food Bank. Every Wednesday afternoon, they turn vacant land into a rich garden to feed the children of Nanuku and others in need. They stop to talk and share seeds and gardening tips with anyone who is interested as a practical expression of their faith. Already they are inspiring others to find their green fingers and live more sustainably upon God's earth. By sharing their love, justice will grow.

75 years of loving service

At the close of World War Two, the National Council of Churches launched the first Christmas Appeal by asking New Zealanders to remember "the millions in the east and the west, who are hungry, cold and homeless". The first appeal went to the people of Greece who had given food and shelter to New Zealanders during the fighting. For the last 75 years, your gifts have helped people in every corner of the world find the food, warmth and shelter they need for each day. Through our work together, you have supported local partners to tackle hunger at its root and made known God's love for the world.

With your help, displaced people have planted new gardens, farmers have learned to grow food in tough climates, and families are eating a more nutritious diet. In Sri Lanka and South Sudan, in Lebanon and Haiti, many more families need that support to thrive.

The economic cost of Covid-19 has been high. Your gift at Christmas will give people the life that has been taken from them. Instead of hunger and worry, they will watch new gardens flourish and their children thrive. With your gift and prayers, we can help many more families. Please give generously to the 2020 Christmas Appeal. Make love go around.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35a

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"Give Us Life."

Psalm 80:18b



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