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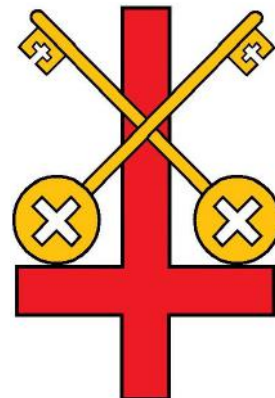
to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

The Year of

Integration, Restoration and Education

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

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Advent 3**



## Good grief

One of the misunderstandings about grief is that we can find closure. "If only I could get the body back," we hear on the news, "then I can have closure." If only, "they would say sorry, then I can have closure." If only...

There's 2 things wrong with these statements. Firstly we are relying on the actions of others to find healing. We are giving away our autonomy by relying on another actions, as if our healing depends on other people. Secondly grief is never something we can close the book on. When we lose someone we love we always remember them. Over time the pain of loss becomes a little less, and we begin to discover joy again, but the memory is always there.

As we come to our annual remembrance service this weekend. We come not to forget our loss, but to give our loss over to God. To draw strength from each other knowing that we don't grieve alone but with others. God has not left us alone. God's love is greater than all kinds of death.

If you are trapped in grief, have a conversation with me because there is lots of help available. For all of us we need times to remember, to thank God for the memories, to hold them as sacred and to draw strength from the love of God and each other. This is not weakness but wisdom.

~ Nick

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## News in the Parish

### **Donations for Kofe and Haydn**

Thank you to those who contributed to the parish gifts for Kofe and Haydn as they finished their ministries in the parish. Each received a Framed Print of St Peter's and the balance was given to them in cash. Kofe also received a new Prayer Book.  
~ Jo

### **Christmas Flyer Letterbox Drop**

Please find the printed letterbox drop flyers in box at the back of the hall and begin dispersing these on the street you have chosen. Make sure you take the bundle with your name on it!



### **Restoration Fundraising**

Some pleasing results to announce - as mentioned last Sunday our Christmas Quiz made \$845 and since then the choir singing for the Horticultural Society's Christmas gathering was given a \$125 donation. Our grateful thanks to all those who are supporting our raffle sales and it was good to record that every book was taken by our willing sellers. The ticket butts and \$50 should be returned now or during this week to the parish office. This will be drawn next Sunday between the 8 and 9.30 services but one last request we have is for items to fill the Christmas Hamper which again can be dropped into the parish office.  
~ David Winfield



### **Hand Sanitiser**

Gentle reminder to those serving communion to sanitise before coming forward.  
~ Nick



### **Office Closure**

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

### **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

### **Church Opening / Celebration Buffet Dinner**

February 28<sup>th</sup> 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

## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

11am—Family Church

**Readings:** 2 Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5.16-28  
John 1.6-8, 19-28

### Sentence

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream; our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy. (Psalm 126.1-2a)

### Collect

Let us pray to rejoice in God's nearness:

God of our longing,  
you are nearer to us than our own breath:  
help us to know your presence with us  
and rejoice in your company,  
that our lives may become  
a constant canticle of praise;  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 64.1-9  
Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
Mark 13.24-37



## 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 Te Waioara House, Hororata  
Wardens: Mrs Ruth and Mr John Thompson  
Chair: Mrs Alison Jephson  
Elder Care Project Co-ordinator: The Rev'd Anne Russell-Brighty (Adrian)

## Our Christmas Services



### St Peter's Church

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 Church

43 School Road  
Yaldhurst

#### Sunday 20 December

9.30 am Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve - 24 December

5.00pm Children Service  
(Dress-ups Provided)

#### Christmas Day - 25 December

9.30 am Holy Communion and Carols

## News Beyond the Parish

### community carols@the park

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

5.30-7.30pm @ Crosbie Park

BYO picnic from 5.30pm

Carols at 6pm

Free family event!

### Prayer Books

Much awaited new edition of  
**A New Zealand Prayer Book**  
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

With Eucharists in six languages;  
Māori, English, Tongan, Fijian,  
Samoan & Hindi with sentences  
and collects in Māori.

\$30.00 + P&P

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### **Mission Focus**

#### *December Mission Table*

A very successful Mission table raising funds for CWS was held last Sunday. Fiona, Janice and Ann ran a Christmas themed table, well supplied and supported by our Parishioners, raising \$401.50 - a fantastic effort. Thank you everyone!

Next year, the first Mission table will be in February. ~Jill Lyall



## This Week's Diary

Sunday 13 Dec

**Remembrance Service** — 5pm, Parish Hall

Monday 14 Dec

**Walking Group** — 1:30pm, Fendalton Park

**Ilam Life Care Carols** — 6:30pm

Tuesday 15 Dec

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Staff Meeting** — 9:00am, York Room

**Last Exercise Class** — 9:30am, Parish Hall

**Maples Life Care Service** — 11am

**Ilam Homestead Carols** — 6:30pm

Wednesday 16 Dec

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Wed Service** — 10am, Parish Hall

**Last Vestry Meeting** — 7:30pm, Murfitt's

Thursday 17 Dec

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**Last Walking Group** — 9:30am, Princess  
Margaret Hospital (coffee)

**Last Coffee & Chat** — 10am, Bowden Hall

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

Friday 18 Dec

**Last Day of Term 4** — Preschool and Parish Office Closed until 11 Jan 2021

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, York Room

**A-Team** — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

**St Allisa Life Care Service** — 10:30am

Sunday 20 Dec

**St Peter's & St Luke's Carol Services**  
— 9:30am

**Parkstone Care Carols** — 11.15am

