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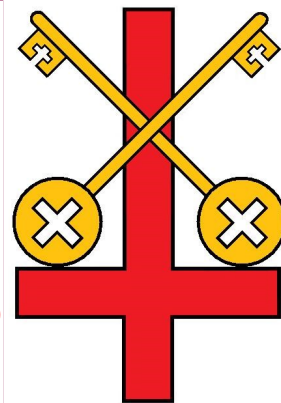
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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**20th December 2020
Advent 4**



Spare a thought for Mary and Joseph. By this time Mary was VERY pregnant, away from her support networks and a young woman having her first baby.

What would be her main emotion? Probably fear! Fear that it could all go wrong. Fear that she might die. Joseph was probably fearful too. When our first born was being born, the midwife asked me to go home and have a shower!



What emotions do you come with this Christmas? Maybe its excitement at seeing your family. Maybe it's sadness at not being able to see your family. Maybe you are looking forward to having a holiday and time to relax.

As we make final preparations for Jesus' birth, may we invite Jesus to be born into our Christmas. My prayer is that all the things we surround ourselves with at Christmas serve to bring Christ in, not push him out.

~ Nick



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Worship Details

St Peter's Church
8:00am—Holy Communion
9:30am—Carol Service
St Luke's Church
9:30am—Carol Service

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

Sentence

Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come. (Mark 13.35)

Collect

Let us pray to be found with eager longing:

Ever-present one,
you neither slumber nor sleep
and have promised to return at the
end of the age:
grant us who find waiting so tire-
some,
to be found with eager longing
at your return;
this we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 61.10-62.3
Psalm 98.1-2, 4-5, 8-9
Galatians 4.4-7
Matthew 2.19-23

News in the Parish

Christmas Open Home

On Sunday 20 December, the Gilmores are having an open home from 6.30-9.00pm at 17 Brackendale Place. We have a few decorated trees and various themed collections on display.

~ Fiona

Christmas Crafts

We have a few Christmas crafts including Christmas face masks, left over from the last mission table. These will be available at this Sunday's carol service. All funds will go towards the mission fund. ~ Fiona

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, Xavier, and others on our minds.

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES



St Peter's

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
Communion and Carols

St Luke's

Christmas Eve - 24 December

5.00 pm

Children Service

(Dress-ups Provided)

Christmas Day - 25 December

9.30 am

Holy Communion and Carols