

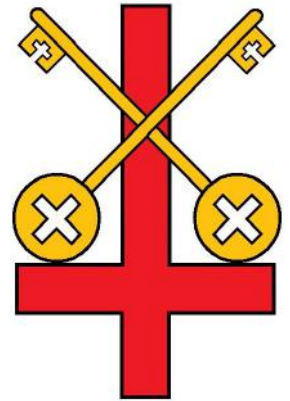
# Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora 

to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**31st January 2021  
Epiphany 4**



## Simple Yet Profound

Never underestimate the power of a simple act of kindness. This morning I received an email, telling me of a parishioner who has donated a ticket to the opening dinner on the 28th of Feb. On one level this is a small thing, just \$40, but on another it represents a real thoughtfulness. Thinking that someone, (and I can think of several) who might like to go to the dinner but can't afford the ticket price. A simple act of kindness demonstrating a much deeper thoughtfulness.



These last couple of days we have seen the simple act of kindness of a 56 year old woman. Returning from overseas she thoughtfully scanned into everywhere she went. A simple act that takes about 30 secs, but that demonstrates a much deeper kindness. Without her actions we and our whole society might be in another lockdown. Without her kindness and those like her, I might be having the opening dinner on my own!

God's will is not mysterious or complicated. It is simply to make the most of the opportunities to show kindness that each hour brings us.

~ Nick

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## News in the Parish

### **Restoration Fundraising**

Four weeks to go and counting down. Various last-minute tasks remain before we re-enter St. Peter's, one of which is preparing a board which will go on the wall showing the names of those who have donated through our Stones and Blocks scheme, Living Bequests, and major gifts. Those who have participated in any of these programmes might like to check that their name is recorded correctly by viewing the list at the church door. Also if you can provide first names for any that we only have initials for that would be appreciated. To anyone who has left their gift until the last minute it's not too late to be acknowledged but you will need to do so right away as we will be taking details to the signwriter this week. Thank you to those who stepped up to the mark last Sunday and since. Still time to use the online donation facility on the parish website ([www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz)). ~ David W



### **Restoration Fundraising - Treasurer**

Our After a very busy 2020 for the Restoration Fundraising it is great to be able to provide a brief update to everyone on the successes during December and January as we rapidly approach the opening. Huge contributions have been received over the last eight weeks with donations totalling \$18,333 being received. These have come from the Christmas Raffle, Sale of Blocks and Stones and the regular contributions from Living Bequests. There is still some way to go – but after nearly ten years of hard work the end is in sight. What a magnificent effort!! ~ Lynn S



### **St Peter's AAW**

Our first meeting for 2021 will be on Wednesday 3rd February beginning at 10am with Holy Communion. After morning tea we will be following tradition and our Vicar Nick will be our guest. Next Sunday is AAW Sunday when our Leader and committee will be commissioned. Subs are also due so your \$20 in a named envelope please ladies.

~Barbara Fleming

### **Opening Service Evensong**

When: 3pm Sunday 28th February, 2021

Where: St Peter's Church

Worship Leader: Rev'd Margaret Neate

Choir: Conspiro

Cantor: Rev'd David

Winfield

Preacher: Ven Nick Mountfort

"Conspiro" -a choir of friends- have recently sung Evensong at Wellington and Christchurch Transitional Cathedrals as well as performing at Te Papa. They give regular recitals at Oxford Terrace Baptist church and sing at St Michael's every fifth Sunday evening including Mr Paul Ellis MNZM. The choristers include our own Alice Bates and Gareth Murfitt. This service will end in plenty of time to attend the dinner at Riccarton Park. For those who enjoy the traditional Evensong this will be an excellent service. Retiring koha for St Peter's rebuild.

~ Corin

### **Opening Service and Celebration Buffet Dinner**

The time is getting closer and closer to the opening of St Peter's restored church. Please ring or email the office to reserve tickets for the buffet dinner. Sit-down dinner is on February 28th 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. Make sure to settle payment at the office to receive your ticket(s). We can take either EFTPOS or cash.

~ The office

## News Beyond the Parish



Register at: [www.anglicanchildren.com](http://www.anglicanchildren.com)

# FAMILY BIG DAY OUT

**\$5 PER PERSON**

JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT WITH ACTIVITIES, PRIZES, MUSIC AND FUN!

**SAT 20 FEB**

**Waipara Adventure Centre  
CHCH Anglican Diocese**

# EQ Memorial Service



From 5pm - 6pm

An Earthquake Memorial Evensong on Sunday,  
February 21, 2021

Christchurch Transitional Cathedral  
234 Hereford Street

## Mission Focus

### February Mission Table

The first Mission Table for 2021 will be held on Sunday Feb. 7th.

All saleable items are very welcome - e.g. baking, preserves, sweets, jam, knitted articles and other crafts, plants, and garden produce etc. Please bring cash, as regrettably, IOU's are unable to be accepted.

This Mission table is supporting St. Andrews High School, in Tonga, and Rachel and Simon Tipping will be in Church on the 7th to speak about their involvement with St. Andrews.

~Jill Lyall



## This Week's Diary

Sunday 31 Jan

**Choir Practice with Ravil** — 1pm, Bowden

Monday 01 Feb

**Walking Group**—1.30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 02 Feb

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**Staff Meeting**—9:00am, York Room

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

**Parkstone Care Service** —10.30am

**Fundraising at the Murfitt's** — 10.30am

**Oaks Lifestyle Service** —11.15am

Wednesday 03 Feb

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**AAW Service** —10am, Parish Hall

**Ilam Retirement Service** —1.30pm

Thursday 04 Feb

**Morning Prayer** —9am, York Room

**Walking Group**—9.30am, Gardens

(coffee)

**Coffee & Chat**—10am, Bowden Hall

**Care Bears** —7pm, York Room

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

Friday 05 Feb

**Morning Prayer** —9am, York Room

**A-Team**—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

**Middlepark Service** — 11am

**Family Orchestra** — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Saturday 06 Feb

**Waitangi Day**

Sunday 07 Feb

**AAW Sunday**

Monday 08 Feb

**Waitangi Day observed** - Public Holiday  
(Parish Office and Preschool closed)



## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 18.15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8.1-13  
Mark 1.21-28

### Sentence

They were all amazed and they kept asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He even commands unclean Spirits and they obey him!' (Mark 1.17)

### Collect

Let us pray to know Jesus' authority

Powerful God,  
in Jesus even Spirits are silenced:  
help us to know your power in our  
lives,  
that all that rises to trouble us  
is silenced by your presence;  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Versicle and Response for Intercessions**  
Lord of glory  
**hear our prayer**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40.21-31

Psalm 147.1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9.16-23

Mark 1.29-39



## 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 Ravil Atlas who has begun his new role with us as Choir director.

\* For Preschool who will be visited and assessed by the Education Review Office (ERO) on the 9th & 10th February. Pray that staff feel prepared and that the visit goes smoothly.

\* For people receiving exam results.

