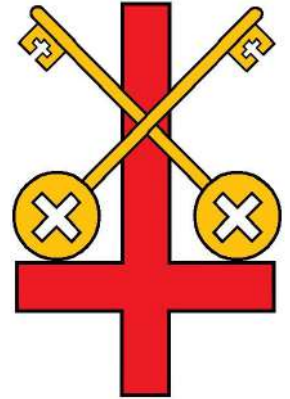


# Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**07 February 2021  
Ordinary Sunday 5**

## People are very generous

Once I was taking a service in a wee church in the country. I had only just got there because the car was running on empty. So I attempted a joke at the beginning of the worship, saying, "you are lucky to have me here today, my car is running on "e" for enough." I didn't get any laughs but I did get a man who insisted on filling my car with petrol to make sure I got back home!



What's true of cars and also be true off Christians. Sometimes, unlike Jesus in our Gospel, we do not make time for prayer. It's like we are running on empty. Jesus knew his need of prayer time. It wasn't that he had time, the whole world seemed to be crowding in on him wanting healing and preaching, and yet he made time to go to a deserted place and pray.

I can't speak for you but I find if I try and run on empty to long I get grumpy (my family says this is short transition!) To live as Christians showing forth the fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, we need some of the spirit. We fill up at prayer.

I wonder what joke will get me a free latte?

~ Nick

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## News in the Parish

### Visiting the Rebuilt Church

As tempting as it may be, please no one is to enter the rebuilt church owing to health and safety concerns because it is still a building site. Higgs are liable for any injuries that occur.

~ *Corin*

### Reserved for Regulars

At the opening service, every second row will be reserved for regular St Peter's and St Luke's church goers until 9:45am.

~ *Nick*

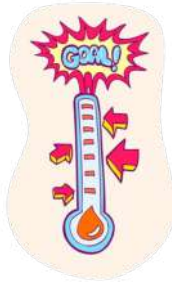
### Exercise Group - Restoration Funds

Over the past five years, the exercise group raised almost \$10,000 towards the Restoration of St Peter's Church. Previously we raised money for the Ramp/Canopy. When the group began 27 years ago, money went to Anglican Missions. We have decided Missions will be the recipient of money raised in future; returning to what the group was set up for. Amounts vary from week to week, usually between \$30-\$50+, dependant on the number attending, which from our \$3 weekly fee soon amounts to a considerable sum. ~ *Margaret Mahan*

### Restoration Fundraising

Three 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. This has now gone to the signwriter and will be placed on the back wall of the church beside the door to the choir room.

Thank you to those who have made recent donations. We will provide a statement of our achievement and our remaining shortfall soon. Suffice it to say we still need further income and would remind everyone of the online donation facility on the parish website ([www.stpeterschurch.nz](http://www.stpeterschurch.nz)). ~ *David W*



### Restoration Fundraising - Treasurer

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*

### Mainly Music

Mainly Music will begin on 9th Feb. A very big thank you to everyone for continuing to help with catering for morning teas. ~ *Heather*

### English Conversation Class

English Conversation Class will begin on 19th Feb. 4pm in the Bowden Hall. ~ *Heather*

### St. Peter's Choir thanks Janet Allen

Janet has reluctantly had to resign from the choir following almost a year of health issues. This brings sad news to the choir to which she has belonged for over 23 years - we shall all miss her very much indeed and thank her most sincerely for her faithful service. She assures us, though, that she and Graham will still come to church when they can and we look forward to seeing them then.

~ *In appreciation, The Choir*

### 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. Also ~ *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



## **This Week's Diary**

Sunday 07 Feb

**AAW Sunday**

Monday 08 Feb

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

Tuesday 09 Feb

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**Staff Meeting**—9:00am, York Room

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

**ERO visiting Preschool** — 10am

**Homestead Ilam Service** —11am

**Mayfair Life Care Service** —3pm

Wednesday 10 Feb

**Morning Prayer**—9am, York Room

**Wed Service** —10am, Parish Hall

Thursday 11 Feb

**Morning Prayer** —9am, York Room

**Walking Group**—9.30am, Jellie Park

**Coffee & Chat**—10am, York Room

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

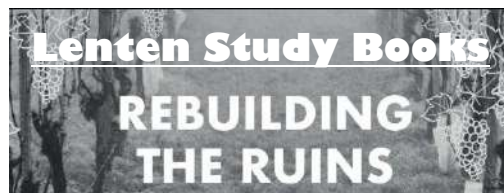
Friday 12 Feb

**Morning Prayer** —9am, York Room

**A-Team**—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

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



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## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion  
9:30am—AAW Commissioning

### St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

**Readings:** Isaiah 40.21-31  
Psalm 147.1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9.16-23  
Mark 1.29-39

### Sentence

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40.31)

### Collect

Let us pray to receive health and wholeness

God of health and wholeness  
you hold both heaven and earth  
in a single whole:  
grant us also the unity  
of body, mind and soul,  
which comes from knowing  
the power of your redeeming love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of grace  
**you hear our prayer**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Kings 5.1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9.24-27  
Mark 1.40-45

## Upcoming Events:

**14 Feb (Next Sunday)** - 11am Family Church, Bowden Hall

**17 Feb** - Ash Wednesday: 10am & 7:30pm (palm crosses to the office please).

## 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 our nation this Waitangi weekend.

\* 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 beginning school and uni.



# Festal Evensong

Join us as we celebrate the rededication of  
St Peter's Church

FEBRUARY 28, 2021  
3PM

ST PETER'S UPPER RICCARTON  
22 MAIN SOUTH RD

With music by Conspiro

**Conspiro**  
a choir of friends



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