

Welcome

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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**21 February 2021
Lent 1**



Probably one of the best loved stories of all time is Noah and the Ark. The conclusion of the story forms our first reading today. It would be easy to dismiss it as just a kid's story, but the people of God have drawn great reassurance from it. The church is often linked to the Ark.

Gathered together in the church we are safe from the storms around about us. In the Church and in the ark the people of God are carried to salvation. Looking up at the ceiling of our restored church you can see why ship builders and church builders where often the same people.

10 years ago almost to the day, the hall began offering us a place of safety from the earthquakes around us. Miraculously for such a high work of brick it has faithfully kept us safe, and carried many to salvation. In our natural rush to get into the restored St Peters we need to pause for a moment and give thanks. We give thanks for the common life we have had in the hall. 10,000's of acts of communion, many baptisms, weddings, funerals, many tears and much laughter. Beautiful music, sermons and prayers have all been offered up in that well beloved place.

The hall our ark has carried us to a new place, and become a symbol of God's faithfulness for us.

~ Nick

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News in the Parish

Restoration Fundraising

With only a few days now until our return to St. Peter's it is appropriate to offer huge vote of thanks to all those who have made this possible. We have been privileged to witness extreme acts of generosity and tireless efforts by so many. On the national and international scene politicians and others reel off figures in the millions and billions as if there was nothing to it. But we know that for an average church congregation something like \$2.5 million is an enormous sum. But we're nearly there and so can justifiably say - well done good and faithful servants!

~ David W

Autumn Gateway

The editor has set the cut-off date for contributions to the Autumn Gateway as EOB on Monday 15th March. Please email submissions

To heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz.
~ Heather and Graeme



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

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

Spectacle Collection Pause

Thank you for supporting the spectacle collection. I am sure that sometime in the future, we will once again be able to support this worthy cause - watch this space.

~ Leigh C

Lenten Study Books

REBUILDING THE RUINS

Theology House's 2021 Lenten study **Rebuilding the Ruins**: order your copies now for just \$5 +P&P. Visit Theology House online to order your books, or ring 03 341 3399. The office is not ordering Lenten books for everyone this year, so if you are interested in buying one make sure to arrange it yourself.

Opening Service Booklets

We will be binding 300 booklets for our opening service. If you would like to help with folding and stapling these please let either Nick or the office know as we will need lots of hands on deck to make sure things are ready for our big day.

Lenten Study Groups

There will be two Lenten Study groups. There will be one at 15, Ludecke Place (341 6340) starting on Sunday 21st February at 7.00pm with The Rev'd Margaret Neate as leader. Also one on Wed after the morning service in the PH starting on Wed 24th. Feb at 11.00am, with Leigh Craythorne as leader (342 9110).

~ Nick

Vestry Meeting

At Next Vestry meeting is this Wednesday, 24 Feb. Make sure to prepare and send in your reports for circulation.

~ The office

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 and pick up 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. There are still quite a few people who have not yet settled payment at the office to receive your ticket(s). We can take either EFTPOS or cash.

~ The office

News Beyond the Parish



This Week's Diary

Sunday 21 Feb

Last Service in the Parish Hall - Moving worship materials from hall to church after 9:30am service.

Monday 22 Feb

Walking Group—12noon, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 23 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Church

Staff Meeting—9:00am, Church

Mainly Music -- Parish Hall, 11am

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 24 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Church

Wed Service —10am, Church

Vestry Meeting—7:30pm, Murfitt's

Thursday 25 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Church

Walking Group—9.30am, Riccarton Racecourse

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 26 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Church

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

English Conversation Class — 4pm, Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 28 Feb

Dedication and Re-Opening service — 10am, St Peter's Church

Festal Evensong —3pm, St Peter's Church

Buffet Celebration Dinner —5 for 5:30pm, Riccarton Racecourse

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STORYTELLER PRIEST BROADCASTER

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WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2021

(5.45PM - 7.00PM)

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Garden Party

Saturday 27th February 2021

2.00-5.00pm

Merchiston House, 75 St Martins Rd
Entry by ticket \$10 (\$5 children) only

EMAIL: nicolagoodman@hotmail.com to
purchase tickets by 21 Feb



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 9.8-17
Psalm 25.1-10
1 Peter 3.18-22
Mark 1.9-15

Sentence

I now set my bow in the clouds and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (Genesis 9.13)

Collect

Let us pray to be true to our calling

God of the rainbow,
a glimpse of your glory
transforms a lifetime:
may our lives never be
monuments to past glories
but living, vital witnesses
to your saving power;
in Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Kings 8.22-30
Psalm 84
1 Peter 2.1-10
John 2.13.22

Upcoming Events:

28 February 21

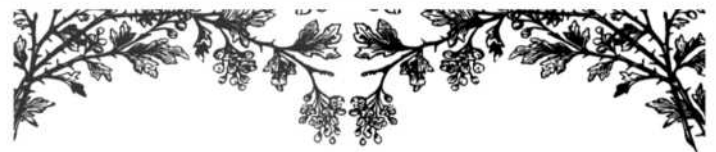
- Dedication and Re-Opening service at St Peter's Church (10am)
- Festal Evensong at St Peter's Church (3pm)
- Celebration Dinner at Riccarton Racecourse (5 for 5:30pm)

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 the Rev'd Ken Light Priest-in-Charge of the Parish from the 1st of March

* For ADDINGTON Vicar: The Ven Canon Helen Roud (David) The Inter Diocesan Conference (IDC) and Coordinating Group Administrative Secretary: Ms Kat Maxwell



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