

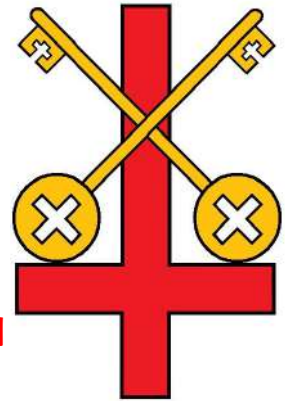
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**28th February 2021
Lent 2**



St Francis of Assisi is well known as the lover of animals, who lived a simple life caring for God's creatures. But there is much more to St Francis than that. Growing up in a wealthy family he lived the typical fun-loving, carefree life that such youths led. Eventually the realities of life became apparent, and as he was praying one day in the half-ruined church of San Damiano he heard the call of God: "Francis, go and rebuild my church which you see is in ruins." Francis did just that – and more. He renounced all his wealth and family connections, choosing to live a simple life, soon gathering others around him whose aim was to live like Christ.



Francis heard the call to rebuild the ruined church, but he also realised that God was calling him to rebuild the hearts of the people. by living a Christ-like life uncluttered by possession and preaching the good news of the love of Christ . He made a lasting difference to the Church of his time.

How might we do that: firstly, during Lent we can look at the excesses of our lives. What 'stuff' can we do without? Then like St Francis we can challenge our views on how to help rebuild God's church in our land. Start with our relationships. Rather than judging others we are called to live with our neighbours in love: how are our actions or attitudes allowing oppression or injustice? Let the repairing of these walls of St Peter's be the symbol for rebuilding relationships in our community, workplace and beyond. Let our actions draw others to the love of God. Francis is often quoted as saying "Preach the Gospel and if necessary, use words!"

~ Margaret

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News in the Parish

Restoration Fundraising

Now we have returned it's appropriate to offer a 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. I would pay particular tribute to our committee who have been dedicated to the task over the past five years or so, it has been a real labour of love on their part. While there does still remain a shortfall (guaranteed from the parish glebe investment but to be repaid) to have raised over \$2 million is a huge achievement. So thank you Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob and Lynn Shearing, Fiona Gilmore, Bruce Williams, Graeme Cox, Jo Winfield and of course our Vicar Nick.

~David Winfield (Convenor)

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

Bottles for Mission Table

We are needing more bottles. The size we prefer is 310-330ml. If you have any can you please ring us at Ph 3487554 and we can arrange collection.

~ Irene Coman

Garage Sale

Next Garage Sale will be on 27 March in the Parish Hall from 9am until midday. We need more goods to sell (drop off at the shed between 9-11 on Fridays) and people to help set up from 10am on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 and sell on Saturday. More folk to come along and help put away from midday on Saturday. *~ Jo*

AAW

Our meeting on Wed, 3rd March begins at 10am with Holy Communion. Following morning tea our guest will be our curate Deacon Margaret Neat. Subs are now overdue so if you forgot last month your \$20 in a named envelope this month would be most welcome. *~Barbara Fleming*

Church Alarms

The church is now alarmed. The doors to be used whilst alarmed are the choir door and atrium doors. These have a 30 sec delay. All other doors set off the alarm immediately on entry. Contact Corin (021 345 804) or the office for instructions on how to deactivate the alarm on entering and setting prior to leaving. One key pad is in the choir vestry and another in the atrium.

~ Corin

Fundraising Activities

will continue for some time with some special events being planned. On Sun 18th April Int Concert Organist and Town Hall organ curator Martin Setchell has offered a recital entitled 'The Rieger's Return'. A very generous offer and will certainly demonstrate the potential of our organ. Then on Fri 7th May our next quiz night - a suitable evening's entertainment for all mothers who have their special day that Sun. On Fri 11th and Sat 12th June our annual book sale provides a huge selection of literature at bargain prices for young and old alike. Also in planning stages is a performance by the exceptional Atlas Voices with the hope that other choral groups and individual performers may provide a monthly recital in St. Peter's. Exciting prospects now that we have such an outstanding acoustic space.

~ David Winfield

Volunteers Required

To help Heather run a sausage sizzle at Mega Mitre 10 Hornby Saturday 14th March 9am to 3:30-4pm. The work area is small. You don't need to stay the whole day I need 2 people to help me throughout the day. There is a list on the table in the hall please put your name on the list beside the times you are available. The money is being raised for the church.

~ Heather 942 8226 or 029 779 8800

Pears

There is an abundance of ripe pears in the parish garden. If you would like some (at \$2.00 per kg, proceeds towards the church rebuild) please let Dennys know by ringing him on 03 357 4204, or emailing on den44gwen45@gmail.com as soon as possible. *~ Dennys*

News Beyond the Parish

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Church Corner Methodist Centre, 3 Brake Street, Corner Brake St and Yaldhurst Road, **Saturday 13 March 8.30am- 12.noon.** Furniture, linen, kitchen ware, china, books, toys, electrical items, tools. A host of bargains.

This is the day
the Lord hath made
Rejoice!
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Mission Focus

March 2021

The first Mission Table in our newly restored Church will be held next Sunday, March 7th.

All saleable items are very welcome e.g. baking, preserves, sweets, jam and pickles, knitted items and other crafts, plants and fresh vegetables and fruit. NB - cash only!

All proceeds to St Luke's Nablus Diocese of Jerusalem. St Luke's will purchase electrical beds for its maternity ward, which will help improve healthcare for local women.

~ Jill and Noeline



This Week's Diary

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

Monday 01 Mar

Walking Group—1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 02 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, Church

Staff Meeting—9:00am, Church

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Parkstone Care Service —10:30am

Mainly Music — Parish Hall, 11am

Oaks Lifestyle Service—11am

Wednesday 03 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, Church

Wed Service —10am, Church

Ilam Retirement Service—1:30pm

Thursday 04 Mar

Morning Prayer —9am, Church

Walking Group—9.30am, Millbrook

Reserve

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

Care Bears — 7pm, York Room

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 05 Mar

Morning Prayer —9am, Church

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

Middlepark Service— 11am

English Conversation Class — 4pm,

Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Worship Details

St Peter's Church
10am—Holy Communion
3pm—Festal Evensong

Readings: 1 Kings 8.22-30
Psalm 84
1 Peter 2.1-10
John 2.13-22

Sentence

"You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but chosen by God for great honour. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple."
(1 Peter 2.4)

Collect

Let us pray to be living stones

Life-giving God:
as we bless this house of prayer to
your glory,
may you also make your home in
our hearts,
that we might be your living stones
bringing good news to all;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 20.1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

**Follow this link for the page where
you will find the livestream of our
Opening Service today:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCaV6CL18TXIVfhsobuKDFRw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaV6CL18TXIVfhsobuKDFRw)

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 Rev'd Nick as he goes on sabbatical for a refreshing and renewing time

* For AKAROA-BANKS PENINSULA

Vicar: The Rev'd Edrick Corban-Banks (Clare)

* For AMBERLEY

Vicar: The Rev'd Stephanie Clay (Duncan)

* For General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui and its Standing Committee

General Secretary: The Rev'd Michael Hughes (Carole)



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