

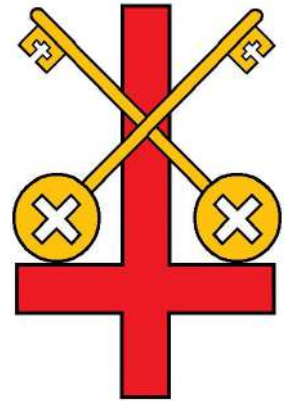
# Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora 

to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Easter 2**



## Easter 2 (Low Sunday)

Today is almost an anti-climax compared to the wonderful Easter services we had last Sunday. We experienced joyful music, hymns and flowers and the change of seasonal colours. But what was most noticeable were the numbers of people attending worship. Easter Day is always one of the best attended services in the year. The contrast with today (Easter 2) is generally lower numbers. The joy is still there but less people attending. Hence it is called Low Sunday.



Did you know that the 1662 Book of Common Prayer says that baptised Anglicans are expected to make their communion at least three times in a year and especially at Easter? Perhaps this accounts for the higher numbers on Easter Day.

This morning's gospel is about doubting Thomas, the disciple who was missing on Easter Day when the others discovered the empty tomb and met the Risen Lord. Today Thomas gathers with the other disciples in the upper room and Jesus appears and invites him to place his hands in his wounds to assure Thomas that he really is alive and not a ghost. It is then that Thomas makes his extraordinary confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." He is the first person in the gospels to make this leap of faith but ironically he is remembered as doubting Thomas.

*~ Rev'd Ken*

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## News in the Parish

### **Parish/Vestry Meeting**

After church today, Vestry would like to seek your feedback and suggestions on the 'Tasks Which Lie Ahead', as we continue to settle into the church building and routines. This will be held immediately after the 9:30am service.



### **Publication of Photographs**

From time to time photographs are taken which are later used for our magazine or for our Facebook page. If you do **NOT** wish to have your photo used in this way please let the office know.  
~ Vestry

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to Graeme Shearman and Winsome Shaw for the donation of a wheelchair to our Parish. ~ Corin

### **AGM**

The AGM will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 11am in the church. Nomination forms can be found at the back of the church.

### **Petersgate Service**

All parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall after the Petersgate service 9:30am Sunday, 18th April for birthday cake and tea/coffee. This is the part of the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Petersgate. Hon Dr. Megan Woods will give a short address.  
~ Corin

### **Volunteers to show off St Peter's**

In view of the wide public interest in our newly reopened church, Vestry has approved a suggestion to have St Peter's Church open to the public on set periods during the week under supervision of a team of paired volunteers who will be trained before commencing. We are looking for people prepared to take a time slot of either 10.00am-12.00noon or 12.00noon to 2.00pm on one weekday between Tuesday and Thursday. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dennys Guild on den44gwen45@gmail.com or 03 357 4204.  
~ Dennys

### **Restoration Fundraising**

Yes, we're still going and donations continue to arrive for which we are most grateful. But two events are coming up and we hope for your support - and please pass the word around to family and friends. Next Sunday at 2pm international concert organist Martin Setchell will provide a recital on our church organ. Significantly Martin helped St. Peter's acquire the organ through his contact with the Austrian makers Rieger, and gave the first inaugural recital exactly 20 years ago in 2001. While there will be no charge for entry those attending will be invited to make a retiring donation, hopefully a generous one, in response to Martin's own generosity in waiving his customary fee.  
~ David Winfield

### **Plant Sale Workshop**

Today 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00pm at 17 Brackendale Place we have another "Potting Up" Workshop. Our resident experts will be there to show you what to do, give advice and answer any questions. Gloves and masks will be supplied, and afternoon will be supplied afterwards. Potting mix and pots are now available from the Potting Shed.  
~ Fiona



### **Parish Quiz Night**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Being Mother's Day that weekend this will provide something of a theme and you are invited to make a point of inviting mothers to come along. Usual admission of \$10 a head, \$5 for school students, BYO refreshments and some extra cash for the multi-prize raffle. We do appreciate donations of items for the raffle and they can be handed in to the office at any time. This will be a fun(d)-raising evening so choose your team members (6 per team) along with a creative team name and prepare to discover just how much you really know! Further enquiries to David or Jo Winfield

## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion  
9:30am—Holy Communion  
11:15am—Family Church

**Readings:** Acts 4.32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1-2.2  
John 20.19-31

### Sentence

Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' (John 20.19)

### Collect

Let us pray to find faith:

God of mystery,  
you affirm our right to question  
what we find hard to know:  
grant us the maturity of faith  
that knows when to question  
and when to trust  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of love  
**grant our prayer**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**8am**  
Acts 3.12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3.1-7  
Luke 24.36b-48

**9.30am**  
Isaiah 9.6-7  
Psalm 100  
Colossians 3.12-15  
Luke 18.35-43



## Prayer Focus

\* For the sick, especially Audrey P, Beverley P, Geraldine T, Eva L, John & Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Val R, and others on our minds.

\* For BRYNDWR

Vicar: The Rev'd Jacqui Stevenson (Timothy)

Priest Assistant: The Rev'd Dr Bob Robinson (Heather)

\* For BURNSIDE-HAREWOOD

Vicar: The Rev'd Chris Ponniah (Joy)

The Rev'd Gerard Jacobs (Rachel)

The Rev'd Glenda Hicks

\* For The Association of Anglican Women

National President: Dr Judith MacKenzie (Don)

Diocesan President (Acting): Dr Judith MacKenzie (Don)

Chaplain: The Ven Nicky Lee

### THE RIEGER'S RETURN\*

An organ recital by international concert organist Martin Setchell

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm**  
**in St. Peter's Anglican Church**  
**Upper Riccarton**



\* Rieger is an Austrian company of organ builders and this instrument is one of only two in the country, the other being situated in the Christchurch Town Hall.

## **News Beyond the Parish**



Petersgate Counselling Centre

### *Service of Celebration*

A 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY • 18 APRIL 2021 • 9.30AM**

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
CHURCH CORNER  
UPPER RICCARTON  
CHRISTCHURCH

FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA IN  
THE CHURCH HALL AT 11.00AM  
RSVP (03) 343 3391

**JESUS**  
is the  
*Only One*



## **This Week's Diary**

Sunday 11 April

**Parish/Vestry Meeting**— following the  
9:30am service

**Family Church** — 11:15am, Chapel area

Monday 12 April

**Walking Group**— 1:30pm, Riccarton  
Domain

Tuesday 13 April

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Church

**Staff Meeting**—9am, Church

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

**Mainly Music** — Parish Hall, 11am

Wednesday 14 April

**Morning Prayer**—9am, Church

**Wed Service** — 10am, Church

Thursday 15 April

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Church

**Walking Group**—9.30am, Jellie Park

**Coffee & Chat**—10am, York Room

**Care Bears**—6:45pm, York Room

**St Peter's Choir** — 7:30pm Church

Friday 16 April

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Church

**A-Team**—9am, by the hall

**English Conversation Class** — 4pm,  
Bowden Hall

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

**Preschool** — Last day of Term 1

Saturday 17 April

**Card-making** — 10am, Bowden Hall

Sunday 18 April

**Petersgate Service** —9:30am, Church

**Cake/tea/coffee in celebration of**

**Petersgate**—11am, Parish Hall

**'Rieger's Return' Organ Recital** — 2pm,  
Church