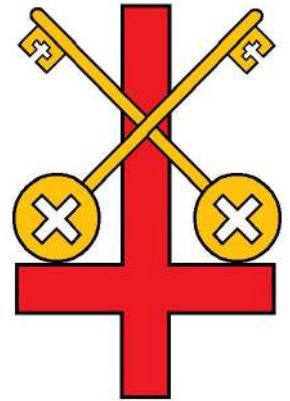


Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora 

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

**St Peter's
&
St Luke's**
2nd May 2021
Easter 5



For those of you who have green fingers and beautiful gardens or productive vegetable plots with fruit trees that produce more than you can reasonably eat or preserve, understanding the message of today's gospel will be easy. As we clean up the dead leaves swirling around the driveways or clean away the last of the foliage from the garden bulbs, you will be beginning to think about the pruning tasks. (I had to look up the best time to prune – so I know it's not just yet).



The vineyard is a common image in both the Old and New Testaments. When productive it is an image of prosperity, but it can be used when people are in trouble (the wild grapes of Isaiah). A good gardener knows the difference between the fruit-bearing branches and those that will not be productive. The non-bearing branches must be pruned away so the plant can conserve strength for the good fruit. How does that work in the church? The fruit-bearing branches are those believers who abide in Christ and receive his love, forgiveness and who rejoice in his promise of abundant life.

What fruit will we bear? Love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness and compassion, generosity, gentleness and self-control, loving relationships (Galatians 5).

The True vine offers us eternal life. Christ has risen! Alleluia!

~Rev'd Margaret

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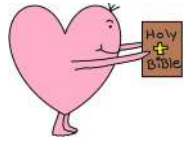
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News in the Parish

Thank You

We would like to thank the two retiring Vestry members, Matt Melchert and Sue Chappell. They both were valued members and Sue was a wonderful advocate for St. Luke's. They will be greatly missed. ~ Vestry

Service Roster



We are in need of volunteers for our service rosters – especially 8am. Please talk to Ken, Margaret or Jo if you can help once a

month)

~ Margaret N

AAW

Our meeting on Wednesday 5th May begins at 10am. Following communion and morning tea our speaker will be Geoff Butler from Ilam Watchmakers. As well as running his business he is involved in repairing earthquake damaged clocks and will tell us about caring for our jewellery. All welcome. ~ Barbara Fleming

Giving Tax Receipts

Giving tax receipt letters will be distributed in the next few weeks. If your email address is in the parish roll then the receipt will be emailed to you. If your email address is not in the parish roll then the receipt letter will be available from the table at the back of the church. There will be a notice in the bulletin to let you know when the receipt letters will be available.

If you have given by envelope and by direct credit, then this will be recorded in the one receipt. If you have donated to the restoration of the church building, and have not already received a receipt, this donation will also be recorded in the receipt.

If you seek a refund from IRD please ensure that you send the **whole receipt letter to IRD** and not just the receipt section. In recent years some parishioners have had their applications for a refund declined because they have only sent the receipt part of the letter to the IRD. ~ Edwin

Fire/Evacuation Wardens needed

We Need People Like You!

Put your name and phone number on the list at the back of the church.

Let's make a difference.



~Heather C

Special Need

If you are feeling unwell or wish assistance of any kind please ensure you contact the Priest in Charge Ken on 0272 111 501 or the Parish Office 348 5653.

Don't miss this!

Less than a week to go for our next Quiz Night - this coming Friday (the 7th) at 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. So choose your team members (6 per team) along with a creative team name and register on the list at the church door. We do appreciate donations of items for the raffle and they can be handed in to the office at any time. Thank you to those who have registered already and those who have given raffle items. ~ David Winfield

Canterbury Heritage Awards

We have been advised today that St Peter's has made it into the finals for the Canterbury Heritage Awards Seismic category. There was some pretty tough competition with over 60 entries this year so it is great to make the final.

The awards night is Friday 11th June at 5.30pm. ~ CPT

Re-Opening Dinner

If you haven't yet purchased tickets for the Parish dinner on 27th June and would like to come please go to the parish office to get them or talk with David or Corin. ~Jo



News Beyond the Parish



This Week's Diary

**CHRISTCHURCH'S OWN
MALE VOICE CHOIR IN CONCERT...**

**CHRISTCHURCH
Siedertafel
MALE VOICE CHOIR**

PRESENTS

**Through the
Decades**

2:15PM SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021

PROGRAMME INCLUDES

Ain't No Mountain High Enough	Love Changes Everything
What a Wonderful World	Let There be Peace on Earth
Bridge Over Troubled Water	Bring Him Home
Moon River	One Moment in Time
You'll Never Walk Alone	
We Are The Champions	
Thank You for the Music	
You're the Voice	

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ENTERTAINING CHRISTCHURCH SINCE 1885... 137th Season, 569th Concert

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: Daniel Cooper PRESENTER: Albert Bennett GUEST ARTIST: Alexandra Hope Watson
ACCOMPANIST: Julia Cassels

St Andrew's College Chapel, Normans Road

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

Mission Focus

May Mission Table

The May Mission Table will be held on Sunday May 9th - the second Sunday of the month.

From this month on, we will be holding the Mission Table on the second Sunday (not the first Sunday as previously.)

All donations are very welcome - especially all baking which sells very quickly; but also preserves, pickles, jams, sweets, crafts, plants and fresh vegetables etc. Thank you for your support.

~ Jill and Noeline

Sunday 02 May

Rotary Service—5.30pm, Church

Monday 03 May

Walking Group—9.30am, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 04 May

Morning Prayer — 9am, Church

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Church

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Mainly Music—Parish Hall, 11am

Wednesday 05 May

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

AAW Service —10am, Church

Thursday 06 May

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, Riccarton Racecourse

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 07 May

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

English Conversation Class — 4pm, Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Quiz Night— 7:30pm, Parish Hall

Sunday 09 May

Mother's Day



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion
9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 8.26-40
Psalm 22.25-31
1 John 4.7-21
John 15.1-8

Sentence

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (1 John 4.7)

Collect

Let us pray to be loving disciples:

God of love,
we thank you for your great love for us
in coming to earth in Jesus Christ,
to show us how to love and to live:
like Philip, may we be led by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may share your love with all whom we meet;
this day and forever. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of love
grant our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 10.44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17



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 CASHMERE
Vicar: The Rev'd Kofe Havea (Leni)
The Rev'd Ron Hay (Liz)
- * For The Armed Services:
Navy, HMNZS Pegasus: The Rev'd Rob Thomson
- * For The Bishop's Advisory Committee on Ordination



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