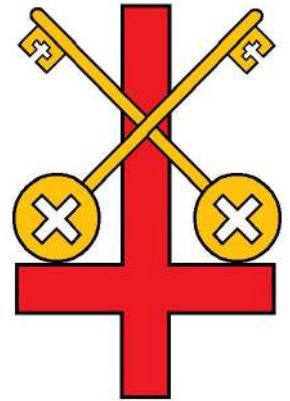


Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora 

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

**St Peter's
&
St Luke's**
9th May 2021
**Mother's Day
& Easter 6**



Friendship is a wonderful thing

An English teacher asked her class one day to write imaginative definitions of a friend. One student said, "A friend is a pair of open arms in a society of armless people." Another said, "A friend is a warm bedroll on a cold and frosty night." Others said: "A friend is a lively polka in the midst of a dreary musical concert."

"A friend is a mug of hot coffee on a damp, cloudy day."

"A friend is a beautiful orchard in the middle of the desert."

"A friend is a stiff drink when you've just had a terrible shock."

"A friend is a hot bath after you have walked 20 miles on a dusty road."

Lovely thoughts. Mark Twain said, "The holy passion of friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime if not asked to lend money!"

Jesus in today's gospel calls his disciples his friends. True friendship is always marked by complete candour, honesty, and transparency between persons. I have friends I have known for many years and some friends only a short time. But they are all special people. But I especially value my friendship with Jesus as someone I can always rely on and who completely accepting of me. The hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!...." sums it up for me.

~ Rev'd Ken

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News in the Parish

Vestry Snippets

- Maintenance: Review of requirements for Healthy Homes completed for rentals and action lists and quotes being obtained.
- Treasurer: Noted that weekly giving has continued to increase.
- Church Hire: Number of groups have approached us about this possibility and identified need to identify rental agreements and pricing
- Parish/Vestry feedback discussed: Parking to be established for less mobile (see bulletin notice) and hot water dispenser in kitchen to be replaced. Noted that the atrium kitchen is intended for small group use only. Funerals and other major events (eg. Petersgate Service) hall kitchen is used.

March minutes are now available in the folder in the back of the church.

~Vestry



Parish Breakfast

We are having a Parish breakfast between the two services on Sunday 30th May. **The 9:30 will be at delayed until 10am** on that day. Please sign the list at the back of the church for catering purposes. ~Heather Caspersen

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

Designated Car Parking

As suggested at the recent meeting, several car-parks on both sides of the main hall have been designated for those with mobility issues. Look out for these signs as pictured. If you are able to walk a bit further, can you please avoid parking in these spaces. Thanking you for your co-operation.

~Vestry

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.

Restoration Fundraising

A big thank you to all those who supported our quiz on Friday evening. Our next event will be our annual Book Sale, 11th and 12th June. Start to pass the word around and plan to help if you are able (setting up on Thursday 10th). ~David



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 Caspersen

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

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

News Beyond the Parish



This Week's Diary

CHORAL EVENSONG



IN MEMORY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE PRINCE PHILIP
DUKE OF EDINBURGH

MUSIC BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR



SUNDAY 9 MAY AT 5.00PM
THE TRANSITIONAL CATHEDRAL



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.

All funds will go towards House of Sarah in Fiji, and Cambodia. Thank you for your support.

~ Jill and Noeline

Sunday 09 May

Mother's Day

Monday 10 May

Walking Group— 1.30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 11 May

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Church

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Mainly Music—Parish Hall, 11am

Wednesday 12 May

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Thursday 13 May

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, Millbrook Reserve

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 14 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 — TBC

Saturday 15 May

Card-making— 10am, Bowden Hall

This is the day
the Lord hath made
Rejoice!
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

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

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

Sentence

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear fruit.' (cf John 15.16)

Collect

Let us pray to bear fruit:

Life-giving God,
you are the vine and we are the
branches:
help us to show those fruits
which are your gift,
forgiveness, compassion, generosity
and love;
all this for Jesus' sake. **Amen..**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions
God of love
grant our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 1.1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1.15-23
Luke 24.44-53



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 the Transitional Cathedral
Dean: The Very Rev'd Lawrence Kimberley (Elizabeth)
Deacons: The Ven Nicky Lee, The Rev'd Alastair Buick
Assistant Curate: Rev'd Cameron Pickering (Ms Victoria Steele)

* For Cathedral Chapter and Staff

* For the Cathedral Choir, Musical Director, Organists

* For our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

