

to the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

# St Peter's & St Luke's



25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Ordinary Sunday 17

## Surprised by grace

Estimates vary as to the size of the crowd. Most think it was about 5,000. That morning we had crossed over to the other side, on the Interislander. It was a smooth cruise and a beautiful day. From the length and breath of NZ people were "walking for change."



The Anglican Church had organised a Hikoi of Hope. Marching on Parliament, I had started to get hungry. It had been a long time since breakfast. Where in this vast crowd of people was I going to get something to eat? Then I heard a voice at my elbow. It was a young boy. "Hey mister," he said, "are you on the hikoi?" "Yes," was my answer because I was! "Have some lunch," he said and handed me two marmite sandwiches and a can of Sprite and then disappeared into the crowd. The lemonade was even chilled.

To this day I don't know who he was, or why he had singled me out. But I was grateful. Not just for the food, but also for the miracle of kindness. The kindness of a random stranger, who cared enough to share his lunch. Miracles happen when we share what we have.

~ Nick

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### **News in the Parish**

Vestry Meeting

Next Vestry meeting is coming Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. Make sure to prepare and send in your reports for circulation. ~ The office

**Housekeeping** 

1. Please keep the tables away from in front of the York Room doors, which makes it difficult for the cleaner to enter through that door.

2. The sliding door above the bench in the Atrium can be closed down after use of the kitchen. A handle is in the cupboard to the right to assist. Means the public can't look through the windows and see what appliances we have in the kitchen. Two folk were noticed being nosey last week. 

~Corin

**Rose Garden** 

You might have noticed that the parish rose garden, which borders the drive from the church to Yaldhurst Road, has been neglected during the church rebuild mainly because most of it was behind the security fence. It has now been given a much needed pruning, and this has revealed two dead roses and a few possibly on their last legs. I have purchased two replacement

standard floribundas roses, one called 'my dad' and the other 'my grandma'. They cost \$55.00 each. If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of these, and/or any other replacements that might become necessary, please let me know.

Thank you for those who have donated so far, but we still need enough for three more roses.

~Dennys Guild



#### Parish IRD Number

When submitting your application to IRD for a tax refund for your parish giving you may be asked for the parish's IRD number. That number is 10-935-911. ~Edwin

**Beware of Scammers** 

From time to time e-mails are sent out by people pretending to be me, asking for money. Don't give them money! If I am fundraising I will ask you face to face! ~Nick

**Lost Brooch** 

Silver brooch shaped as a lily about 3 inches long, with centre stem and 2 leaves. Very precious and of sentimental value. Possibly lost in the vicinity of the church. If found please contact 3481673. ~Anslie

**Gateway Bundling** 

We are in search of a wee team that would be keen to help bundle the Gateway magazine in the future. If you are interested, and have a few friends that would come along please let the office know.

~The office

### **August Sunday Service Roster**

There are copies of the Sunday Service roster available on the table at the back of the church for those wish to obtain a hard copy. ~ The office

<u>Preschool Olympics and Multi-cultural Feast</u>

It is the preschool Olympic for the preschool children and families from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 06<sup>th</sup> August, and adding to our celebration, we will have a multicultural feast at 5.30pm on 06<sup>th</sup> August. Watch this space for more details. ~ *Preschool* 

**OLYMPICS** 

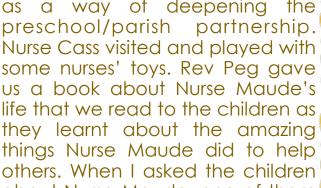




We were closed last week. last week of Term 2 we focused on the life and work of Nurse Maude as a way of deepening the preschool/parish partnership. Nurse Cass visited and played with some nurses' toys. Rev Peg gave us a book about Nurse Maude's life that we read to the children as things Nurse Maude did to help others. When I asked the children about Nurse Maude, one of them quickly told me "she dead".

Our children practised helping each other (just like Nurse Maude) as they 'visited' each other in the playground and bandaged each other up. ~ Liz Orr

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### Monday 26 July

Walking Group —1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

#### Tuesday 27 July

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium Exercise Class (class full)—9:30am, Parish Hall

Mainly Music - 11am, Parish Hall

#### Wednesday 28 July

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel Wed Service —10am, Church Vestry meeting — 7pm, Atrium

#### Thursday 29 July

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Walking Group—9:30am, Princess Margaret (coffee)

Coffee & Chat—10am, York Room St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

### **Mission Focus**

#### JULY MISSION TABLE

Our July Mission Table raised \$411-90 for Jonathan and Jess Hicks in the Solomon Islands. A great effort, many thanks to everyone for your support. St Peter's connection with the Solomon Islands goes back many years to when the late Arthur Mahan (Margaret's husband) worked there from 1959 to 1961 - as the Mission Secretary of the Anglican Melanesian Mission.

He worshipped in the Honaria Cathedral - a former Nissan Hut: trained and sang in the Choir, and organised the Mothers Union.

~ Jill and Noeline

#### Friday 30 July

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel A-Team—9am, by the hall 9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open **Conversation English Class** — 4pm, Bowden Hall Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

### Friday 06 Aug

Preschool Multicultural Feast- 5.30pm, Preschool

**Pre-Synod Meeting** — 7pm, Church



### Worship Details

#### St Peter's Church

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

Readings: 2 Kings 4.42-44

Psalm 145.10-18 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

#### Sentence

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. (John 6.11)

#### Collect

Let us pray to be generous, as God is generous:

God of surprises,

in the desert you fed a hungry nation

and with a handful of loaves and fishes

you sustained a multitude:

may we who are surprised by your

generosity,

surprise others with our generosity, and we who know the power of your self-giving love, give lovingly to others;

for you reign in the glory and power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

**Versicle and Response for Intercessions** For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78.23-29 Ephesians 4.1-16 John 6.24-35



- For our mission partners...
- ⇒ Petersgate: "We give thanks for the dedicated work of the counsellors at Petersgate and prayer for them as they take on new referrals."
- ⇒ Preschool:

"Some of our staff who have big things happening in their families; for strength and wisdom and God's peace amongst the storm."

"Some of our families who are going through tricky situations; that God will reveal Himself to each one through His wisdom for decisions and strength for each day."

- · For the sick, especially Jack I, Audrey P, Beverley P, Eva L, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Val R, and others on our minds.
- For the family of the late Geraldine Turner and late Elsa Poulson after their loss, may they rest in peace.
- HIGHFIELD, KENSINGTON AND OTIPUA Vicar: The Rev'd Josh Taylor (Jo) Deacon Assistant: The Rev'd Janet **McDonald**

Assistant Curate: The Rev'd Lucy Flatt (Cameron)

Christchurch Cursillo

Lay Director: Mr Michael Morley-Bunker (Rita)

Spiritual Director: The Rev'd Don Pilgrim (Justine)

