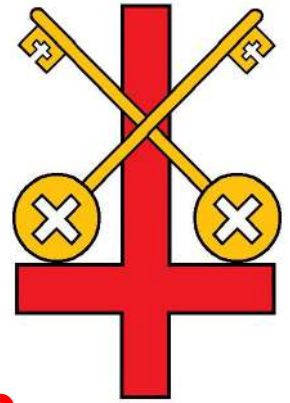


Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora 

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**15th August 2021
Ordinary Sunday 20**

I hold a lofty wonderful image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, always kind and smiling. It is sometimes hard to remember that she wasn't born a saint, she was a woman, young and scared when she became pregnant, as many young women are. We can learn much from Mary that is relevant to our lives today.



Be prepared to be used by God. As an unmarried young woman from Nazareth, Mary has a very low social status, but God doesn't care about that. Mary continues a long list of people in the Bible who felt inadequate and unprepared that God uses to fulfill God's promises. Men and women are often daunted by the tasks God calls us to do. Mary faced one of the largest tasks of all - bearing the Son of God.

Put your faith in God. In great contrast to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist who doubts Gabriel's announcement that he'll have a son, Mary is described by her cousin Elizabeth as "she who has believed" (Luke 1:45). God is with us when we are doing God's will.

Live your life as a servant of the Lord. Mary ultimately responds to the angel Gabriel with the powerful words, "I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." (Luke 1:38). And then Mary sings the most beautiful song of praise, which continues to bring us hope and comfort in God's promises throughout the ages.

~ Peg

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News in the Parish

Whakaaria mai

We are fortunate to welcome the Quartet 'Promenade' this morning. They are singing as an anthem a version of How Great Thou Art. This is a hymn written in 1886 by a Swedish pastor, Carl Boberg, and eventually translated into English by a British missionary in the Ukraine, Stuart Hine. It was popularised in the 1950s when it was used during the Billy Graham crusades.

In New Zealand the hymn is largely known through the bilingual version Whakaaria māi. The Māori verses were composed by Canon Wiremu Te Tau Huata, a chaplain to the 28th Maori Battalion during the Second World War. What we hear today is a mixture of the English and Māori lyrics. It is interesting to note that the Māori words are a loose translation of the final verse of the hymn Abide with me. Whakaaria mai was made popular in New Zealand by Sir Howard Morrison and released as a single in 1982 when it spent six months in the charts including five weeks in the number one position.

~Kathy Doughty

Hometown Advantage

Last Sunday after the racing service, Max Skelton, a top South Island jockey in the 1960 - 1970s and I were going over Andrew McKerrow's sermon. I said to Max one thing I learnt about home town advantage is that you can go from "Hero to Zero" if you don't win. Max agree and told me of one of his experiences when riding in Manilla after which he became a home town hero. He won race two after race three, when he rode a false favourite into last place he was greeted with cans, bottles and any other object that could be thrown when he returned to scale. No advantage when you have no place to hide.

~ Pete Coman

COVID 19 Vaccination

Reminder that people aged over 60 or with underlying health conditions can now book their vaccine. You can either book using email:

booking@vaccine.covid19.health.nz
or ring 0800 282926. If you would like some assistance with booking your appointment or need someone to drive you to your appointment, please do let the office know as we have several people who are willing to help.

~Fiona

Keeping Good Company

Our parish performing arts group, took to the stage last weekend in Theatrefest, the national one-act play competition. The outcome was a great success for us in this local section, our play "Last Respects" achieving several awards including Best Production of a NZ play and Best Overall Production - Sir James Hay Memorial Trophy. An absolute thrill and well deserved. Thanks to all who contributed in various ways.

~ David W

Plant Sale

We are getting ready for the plant sale in October so we hope that people are continuing to pot plants up ready for sale. Last year indoor plants were very popular so anyone able to do some of these would be greatly appreciated. We still have bags of soil and pots available from the potting shed behind the main hall and pre-school. We also sell a range of items associated with gardening so if people can start thinking about any items which they may wish to donate including gardening tools, books, pots, hoses and vases.

~Fiona

Mainly Music

A new leader is needed for Mainly Music. Help will be given to someone who is keen and willing to take on this leadership role. Ability to sing and have fun with preschoolers is all that is needed. Please contact Jo if interested on 0272567205.

~ Jo

Red Cross

I received a lovely card from the Red Cross people, Pathways to Settlement, thanking the parishioners profusely for their generous donations. Many thanks to all those who donated as it was greatly appreciated.

~Fiona

Defibrillator

Please note the defibrillator is kept on the shelf on the eastern wall in the kitchen during services.

~Corin



What a wonderful Friday event we had last Friday Night (06/08) as we wound up our Olympic theme with a Preschool Games and Multi-cultural Feast. Rev'd Nick, Rev'd Peg and Rev'd Margaret joined us before the Pre-Synod meeting to cheer on the children as they participated in different games at preschool.

Each child was given a passport form their country that was stamped at each game/activity they tried, which reinforced part of their cultural sense of identity. After the games and medal ceremony, we sang the New Zealand National Anthem before enjoying a feast of foods from the many countries represented at preschool. ~ Liz Orr

Monday 16 Aug

Walking Group — 1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 17 Aug

Morning Prayer— 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class (class full)—9:30am, Parish Hall

Mainly Music - 11am, Parish Hall

Elms Court Village Service - 11am,

Wednesday 18 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Thursday 19 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Walking Group —9:30am, Crosbie Park

Coffee & Chat —10am, York Room

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 20 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

St Allisa Life Care Service — 10:30am

English Conversation Class — 4pm,

Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Wednesday 25 Aug

Vestry Meeting — 7pm, Atrium

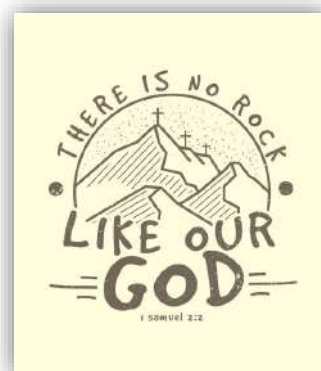
This is the day
the Lord hath made
Rejoice!
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Mission Focus

AUG MISSION TABLE

A very successful Sales Table was held last Sunday, raising \$357-00 for the Seafarers Mission in Lyttelton, run by John McLister. Many grateful thanks to all who helped on the table, and also to those who donated goods to sell and to those who generously purchased the same. ~Jill and Noeline



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

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

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-15
Psalm 132.6-10. 13-14
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 1.46-55

Sentence

The Angel Gabriel came to her and said, 'Hail, O favoured one.' (Luke 1.28a)

Collect

Let us pray to be inspired by Mary:

God of love,
you chose the blessed virgin Mary
to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who have been re-
deemed by his blood
may share with her the glory of your
eternal kingdom;
through the same Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34.15-22
Ephesians 6.10-20
John 6.56-69

**FAMILY CHURCH IS ON NEXT
SUNDAY (22 AUG) AT 11:15AM**



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...
 - ⇒ **Petersgate:** "We give thanks for Sharon, Rachel and Gray and all who do the administration at Petersgate, especially for their loyalty and efficiency."
 - ⇒ **Preschool:** "Thanks to God for a wonderful family event on Friday 06/08, thanks for the safe arrival of a new preschool family baby, continue to deepen the partnership between preschool and parish, sick staff and children and families"
- For the sick, especially Barry, Evelyn, Jack I, Audrey P, Beverley P, Eva L, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Val R, and others on our minds.
- **Hokitika**
 - * For Priest and Team Leader: The Rev'd Vivien Harber
 - * For The Ministry Support Team
 - * Priest: The Rev'd Vivien Simkin (David)
 - * Local Shared Ministry Deacon: Rev'd Frances Stapleton (Doug)
 - * For Workplace Support - Chief Executive: Ms Viniece Blain



Activate Church presents:

A Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Authors, Parents & Filmmakers of the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 2021 | 7PM - 9PM
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To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work
visit www.ourkidsonline.info