

Welcome

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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**19 September 2021
Ordinary Sunday 25**

The sun warms these cold mornings and gives a feeling of hope that the Spring has sprung, as the blossoms grow and birdsong fills the trees. I feel childlike with delight and wonder. The world is a beautiful place.

The students of St Margaret's College are invited to Morning Prayer twice a week, and one of the often repeated sentences for that service comes from Ephesians 4: 32 – 5:2.

Hear these words of scripture:

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

When we read that particular scripture, I talked to the students about my loving memory of my children when they were very little, they would put on my shoes or their father's shoes, and try walking around, imitating us with delight and wonder. I reminded them that being children is the best way to approach our faith.

This week's Gospel reading in Mark mentions children - welcoming them, and we know that in Mark 10, "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them."

In these challenging times, let us remember all the children and that we still are children in our hearts and welcome each other as God's Children.

*Blessings,
Peg*



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaV6CL18TXIVfhsobuKDFRw>

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News in the Parish

Worship adapting to COVID

Next week we are restarting **Morning Prayer** in St Peter's at 9am Monday to Friday. All are welcome. Please bring your own Prayer Book. If you don't have one I can lend you one. This is to avoid us handling the books. The **Wednesday 10am** restarts next week too. If we are at level 2 Wednesday 10am will be Morning Prayer with no singing. Please bring your own Prayer Book or I can lend you one.

Please sit in the Nave, the main body of the Church. We will review Sunday worship once we know the COVID Level on Monday. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work to keep each other safe. ~Nick

Vestry Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, 22 Sep, at 7.00pm at the Atrium. Please send any reports which need to be circulated by Monday as this allows people time to read them. ~Fiona

Lectionary 2022

Please let the office know if you need a hard copy of the Lectionary for 2022.

Plant Sale: 9th October

It might look a bit different this year but we will be running the Plant Sale. Many thanks to those who are growing seedlings and also those who have potted up plants for us to sell. There is still time to pot up plants including indoor plants with pots and bags of soil still available from the potting shed. Please do have a look through your garages, sheds or cupboards for garden tools, vases, garden books or other related items which we could sell. Please do spread the word that we are going ahead with the sale and we will start to advertise this week. Next week we will be asking for volunteers to help set up and assist on the day, and all are welcome with no garden experience needed. Last year's Plant Sale was a huge success so we want to ensure we keep that momentum going and appreciate all the support many of you give. ~Fiona

Gateway Magazine

The Spring Gateway is now available to collect from the tables in the Atrium. Please let the office know if you wish to receive an electronic version.



Preschool is open again at Alert Level 2, although it is not quite business as usual. We were open for a few children that needed us at Alert Level 3 with LOTS of extra cleaning. All of our children are now back and have settled straight back into preschool after the Lockdown and Level 3 break. It is marvellous to hear the preschool full of the excited chatter of children engaged in their learning. The wonderful staff team are doing an amazing job of fulfilling all the extra cleaning requirements at Alert Level 2 as well as providing a full range of curriculum activities for our children. ~ Liz Orr

Bobbity & Corin Murfitt are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom morning tea meeting.

Time: Sunday Sep 19, 2021, 11:00 AM (after church service)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 879 6829 5668

Passcode: 154820

Or use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83393439953?pwd=eIYrT2ZoZE1ieHk5RzM1RTdoaFpSQTO9>



Worship Details

St Peter's & St Luke's Church

9:30am

Readings: Psalm 1
James 3.13-4.3,7-8a
Mark 9.30-37

Sentence

Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me. (Mark 9.37)

Collect

Surprising God,
you turn our world on its head
and, in your reign,
children are first and the poor are
blessed:
grant us to see the dignity that is
your gift
in the mighty as in the least;
in Jesus' name we ask it, **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

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

Next Sunday's Readings:

Psalm 124
James 5.13-20
Mark 9.38-50

Children's
Sunday Activities:
www.bibleexplore.nz

Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...
 - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
"We give thanks that Petersgate can open for face-to-face counselling now, and pray for all those seeking help, that they can get support as soon as possible."
 - ⇒ **Preschool:**
 - ◇ Thanks for the return of all our children at Alert Level 2.
 - ◇ Please pray for healing for our sick children and their families.
 - ◇ Prayer for wisdom for our leaders as they lead us through the pandemic.
- For the sick, especially Evelyn, Jack I, Audrey P, Beverley P, Eva L, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Val R, and others on our minds.
- **LINWOOD-ARANUI**
Vicar: The Rev'd Brenda Bonnett (Marty)
The Rev'd Felicity O'Brien (Kevin)
The Rev'd Anne Russell-Brighty (Adrian)
- **LYTTELTON**
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