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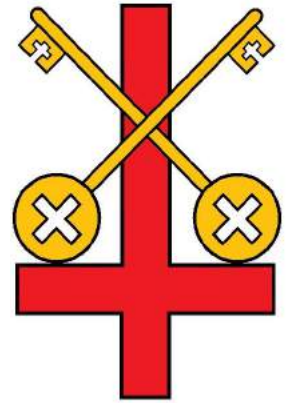


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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**24th October 2021
Ordinary Sunday 30**

God's eye view

There are all sorts of blindness. There's physical blindness: Bartimaeus has this in our Gospel. But there is also blindness to who Jesus really is. The crowd has this kind of blindness. But there is another type of blindness: blindness to the importance of community. COVID has opened our eyes to our need of human community. Ironically Bartimaeus, although blind, can see Jesus for who he is and can see his own need for human company. Jesus cures his sight, and restores him to community, which is symbolised by the laying down of his begging cloak.



Only some of us are physically blind, but we all need each other. This is one of the great gifts of church. Whether we gather for worship or a working bee; to drop our kids off at preschool, or for coffee and a chat, we can find at church companions on our journey.

Let's never be blind to our need of each other.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am & 9:30am

Readings: Job 42.1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34.1-8
Hebrews 7.23-28
Mark 10.46-52

Sentence

The blind man said to Jesus, 'My teacher, let me see again.' (Mark 10.51)

Collect

Let us pray to be led from darkness to light:

Merciful God,
you give sight to the blind:
help us who stumble in darkness
to be led to your glorious light;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

From darkness to light

Lead us.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 25.6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21.1-6a
John 11.32-44



Children's
Sunday Activities:
www.bibleexplore.nz

Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

"Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Petersgate being a training ground for student counsellors. We thank you for this year's students and the important relationship we have with Vision & Laidlaw College and the University of Canterbury. We especially pray for students who are seeking placements for next year."

⇒ Preschool:


- ◇ For ongoing health for staff and children and their families.
- ◇ Wisdom for Head Teachers at our sister centres and Trust management in Auckland.
- For the sick, especially Diane R, Evelyn, Audrey P, Beverley P, Eva L, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Val R, David W and others on our minds.
- We give thanks for Aaron Heath and his fiancée Sreerenjini Nair for their marriage. We pray they have a life full of love, blessing and joy.

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Co Priests in Charge: The Rev'ds Michael & Mary-Jo Holdaway

• MT HERBERT

Co-Interim Priests in Charge: Rev'ds John & Christine de Senna
Organists, choirs, singing, instrumental and dancing groups involved in worship; The Royal Schools of Church Music.

*I will bless the LORD
at all times;
his praise shall continually
be in my mouth.*
 Psalm 34:1

News in the Parish

Worship

Thank you for your care of one another and your patience at COVID Delta Level 2. The following is from the health department website for worship...

- All places of worship must have ways for attendees to record their visit. This can be done by asking everyone to scan in using the NZ COVID Tracer app, or by recording their contact details manually.
- Offer online services so people who cannot attend in person can participate.
- Some religious rituals or practices need close contact — for example, a christening. Try to keep the time spent in close contact to a minimum.
- Remove communal resources such as prayer mats or prayer books.
- Encourage attendees to wear a face covering.
- Clean and sanitise musical instruments and other shared surfaces thoroughly before and after use.
- Singing, for example church choirs and other types of performance can go ahead. Performers do not need to wear a face covering.
- You can serve food and drink and host events or functions such as catered morning tea — as long as you keep to the gathering limits. Encourage contactless donations instead of a cash collection box. This is what we are doing and thanks again for your help. ~ Nick

Parish and Preschool Closed

Reminder that the Parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday 25th Oct due to Labour Day. Will re-open on Tuesday, 26th Oct.

Wednesday Services

Reminder that if you attend Wednesday services to please continue bringing your own prayer

Rev Margaret's Ordination

We are excited to celebrate Rev Margaret Neate's ordination on Saturday, 4th December at 3:30pm in the church. Watch this space.

Vestry Meeting

Next Vestry meeting is coming Wednesday, 27th October. Make sure to prepare and send in your reports for circulation.

Operational Christmas Shoeboxes

Praise the Lord! Together we had 46 boxes and counting this year! What a beautiful effort we've given for those around the world to experience the joy of Christmas and hear the Gospel. Many thanks to all who participated.

Tomatoes

Labour weekend is the recommended time to plant your tomato plants - and there will be tomato plants for sale in the entrance porch at St. Peter's this Sunday at the 9:30am Service. Several varieties: \$2 for 5 or 6 plants. The proceeds will go to the Plant Sale total.

Garage Sale

New garage sale date will be the 4th December 2021 - COVID Level 1 or similar permitting. The sale will take on a Christmas theme - although all the usual things will still be offered for sale. So, any items worthy of sale are welcome. Please no clothing, electric blankets, etc. We are open each Friday between 9am and 11am for items to be dropped off or please come during office hours during the week and collect garage key from there. ~Jo Winfield





Proudly helping
bring children back
to Church Corner



This Week's Diary

This week our older children have been playing scientist. We have been undertaking science experiments using ingredients found in the kitchen (called kitchen chemistry). We started with an experiment adding ingredients to milk. We have used a lot of baking soda and vinegar as we explored chemical reactions that occur when they are mixed together in different quantities.

Our children have been really curious to watch and wait to see what happened to the ingredients each time we mix them together. They have learnt new language to describe their work and are extending their skills to work collaboratively. Most of all we have had lots of fun learning together. Please contact me if you would like to know more.

~ Liz Orr
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Monday 25 Oct - Public Holiday
Parish Office and Preschool closed

Tuesday 26 Oct
Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel
Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium
Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 27 Oct
Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel
Wed Service —10am, Chapel
Vestry Meeting — 7pm, Atrium

Thursday 28 Oct
Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel
Walking Group—9.30am, Nunweek Park
(coffee)

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

Friday 29 Oct
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

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Feel free to contact Rev Margaret Neate at 021 1733 006 if interested.

Mission Focus

Advanced notice that we will recommence holding the Mission Table on Sunday November 7th - the FIRST Sunday of the month (as I'll be away the following Sunday). There will be a further notice next week.

~ Jill

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Psalms 23:6 NKJV