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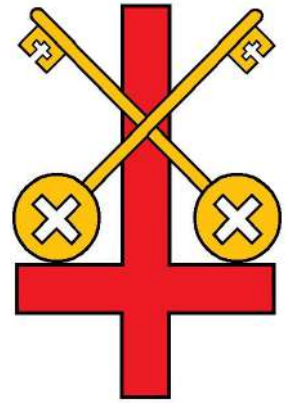


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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**31st October 2021
Ordinary Sunday 31**

The Prayer House: where everyone gets a pardon

A quick trip to the Warehouse to get a diary for next year and I discovered the shop full of Halloween costumes, plastic pumpkins and witches brooms. The witches' brooms, in particular, seemed to be flying out the door! But what is Halloween and what has it got to do with being a Christian?



Halloween is simply the day before All Hallows or All Saints day.: All Hallows Eve or Halloween. All Saints Day is a day to remember the, "great cloud of witnesses who surround us on every side." (Hebrews 12:1) It's a day to draw strength from their example in the faith. All Souls Day which follows All Saints is a day to pray for those who have died and not yet made it to heaven. Often celebrated on the first Sunday in November, All Saints is a very common name for Anglican churches. You might be able to think of some with that name.

The key takeaway is that we are not alone in our faith, many surround us with their prayers, both this side of death and beyond. Again, the Book of Hebrews uses the image of a stadium of spectators cheering us on. We are part of a great company of pilgrims stretching back in to history but also across the world. This is the communion of saints.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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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

St Luke's Meeting

We will have a meeting on Sunday after morning tea, those who are interested are welcome to join.

~ Nick

Pamphlets

If you would like to collect hard copies of things like the Anglican Life magazine, Gateway, Mission flyers, etc please find them in the old office.

AAW

Our meeting on Wednesday 3rd November starts at 10am with Holy Communion. Following morning tea we will have our AGM with reports and election of officers of which there appears to be none.

~ Barbara Fleming

Gateway

Reminder Gateway deadline for the summer edition is November 22nd. As church activities have been severely limited over the last few months, we are struggling for material at present, so any contributions, big or small will be gratefully accepted. ~ Heather Cox

Rev Margaret's Ordination

We are excited to celebrate Rev Margaret Neate's ordination on Saturday, 4th December at 3:30pm in the church. Limited space available due Alert Level 2, booking will start next week. Watch this space.

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

I will bless the LORD
at all times;
his praise shall continually
be in my mouth.



Psalm 34:1



This morning our children and staff participated in 'Shake out' a nation-wide Earthquake drill, that you may have seen advertised in the media. This was part of our normal monthly emergency evacuation drills that we carry out, so the children are prepared as much as possible in the case of an emergency.

This week our staff have planned our Christmas focus at preschool which will start next week. We are still planning on holding our annual family Christmas party, even under Level 2 restrictions and our planning includes how we can still host the function and maintain COVID19 safety measures.

~ Liz Orr
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Monday 01 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Walking Group —1.30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 02 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 03 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

AAW Service —10am, Chapel

Thursday 04 Nov

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, Riccarton

Racecourse

Coffee & Chat—10am, Parish Hall

Friday 05 Nov

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

Theology@Otago 2022



Feel Interested in studying Theology? The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers a wide range of papers and qualifications, all available via distance learning. Some papers are taught via videoconferences, others include teaching days in Wellington, while a few involve week-long intensives. For further information go to

www.otago.ac.nz/theology or ph 0800 80 80 98 or 03 479 8639.

Mission Focus

The Mission Table is back! It will be held on the first Sunday of the Month - November 7th - next Sunday.

All the usual donations of baking, pickles and preserves, sweets, fresh veges and fruit (lemons?), crafts, toys, sewn items, plants etc will be very welcome.

Face-masks, and hand sanitising will be required please.

~Jill and Noeline

"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

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am & 9:30am

Readings: Ruth 1.1-18
Psalm 146.4-9
Hebrews 9.11-14
Mark 12.28-34

Sentence

Jesus answered, The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' (Mark 12.30-31)

Collect

Let us pray to love others as ourselves:

God of infinite love,
lovingly you created us
and in love you redeemed us:
may we who know the story
also learn the lesson
that in knowing our own eternal
worth,
we are set free to love others in
abundance;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of love

Grant our prayer.

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:**
 - ◇ We give thanks for Gray, Sharon, Rachel, Vita and Donna and all who support the administration of Petersgate.
 - ⇒ **Preschool:**
 - ◇ For wisdom for preschool staff as we deal with COVID19 especially with the announcement of 2 cases in Christchurch.
 - ◇ For health for staff, children and their families
- Thank you to the intercessors of the parish. Your ongoing prayer support is valued appreciated and needed.
- For the sick, especially Diane R, Audrey P, Barbara, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Helen E, Lynette W, Gill and others on our minds.
- For the family of the late Gayle Anne Keast whom passed away on 10 October 2021.

OPAWA-ST MARTINS

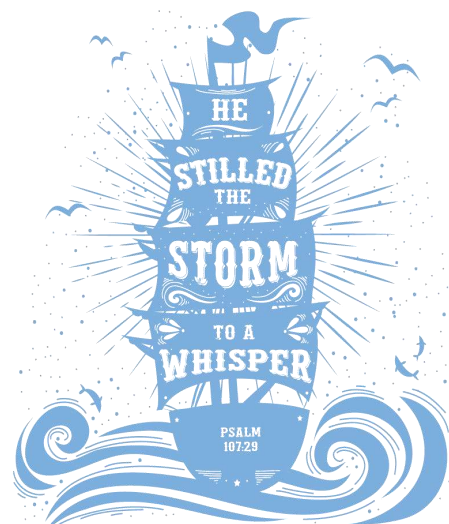
Vicar: The Rev'd Canon Ben Truman (Johannah)

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Vicar: The Rev'd Christine Allan-Johns (Andrew)

The Anglican Missions Board and Staff

Executive Officer: Mr Michael Hartfield





LIVE STREAM EVENT

Saturday, 30th October



Dear St Peters Anglican Church Upper Riccarton - Yaldhurst,

If you haven't been able to attend one of our 175th anniversary events, **then we invite you to watch our Wellington event live from the comfort of your own home** EVEN if you've already been to one of our anniversary events too!

We also want to mention that we had to cancel our Auckland events due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are saddened in that we can't meet with our Mission partners face to face in those areas but we invite you to watch this live event.

You will be able to watch this free live stream event on our website (www.175.bible) or on [Facebook](#).

On this live video broadcast, you will discover the early story of the Bible in Aotearoa, our vision for the future and you'll also hear from some of the people who have shaped our mission over the years – our supporters.

To get automatically reminded about this event and notified when it goes live, just register on Facebook by clicking [here](#).

Live stream event details

Date: Saturday, 30th October
Start Time: 2.45 pm