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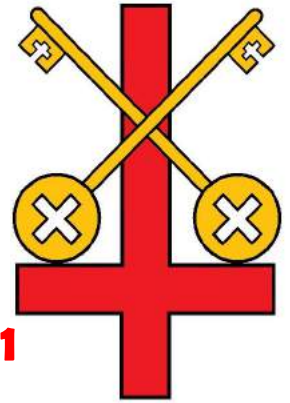


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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**14th November 2021
Ordinary Sunday 33**

Can you remember ~ the earth shaking and feeling so out of control? Nothing felt safe, nothing was forever.

Can you recall ~ the unsettled feeling when you hear news that you can't quite believe is true - it feels more like a rumour, or even a joke! I had that feeling when I watched the Twin towers coming down - I felt 'No one is safe!'

How are you when your adrenaline is flowing and you must act, but inside you want to fall apart?

We ask, "WHERE is GOD?" We wonder, "How can this happen?" There is nothing wrong with being afraid, of having doubts, we are human. It is important to know that we don't need to be ruled by our fear. We may need to be reminded that it is more important to know in whom we place our faith, than the amount of that faith. Having faith in God and relying on God, is what really matters. "God is with us, God's love unites us, God's purpose steadies us, God's Spirit comforts us. Blessed be God forever."

Have faith in God. God is here, with us, now and always.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Rev Margaret's Ordination

Congratulations and Blessings!! We are celebrating with Reverend Margaret Neate at her Ordination as a Priest on December 4th, at 3:30 pm in St Peter's Church. As we anticipate we will still be in Level 2, we regretfully must restrict numbers of those attending to 100 people. To facilitate this, we have created a reservation/ticket site for the Service. This Eventbrite link will go live on Monday afternoon, we ask for people to please use this link and this is the priority place to reserve your ticket, for the service and for the refreshments following the service.

The link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/margaret-neates-ordination-tickets-203444476907>. When you click on the link, click Register, and then the red "Register" again and it will take you to the page where you fill in your details. (If you find that you cannot use the link, please ring the Parish Office to have a place reserved for you.)

We wish Margaret every blessing as she prepares herself for her commitment to serve Christ in the order of Priests.

~ Rev'd Peg

Intentional Faith Invitation

Advent is a season of preparation. I want to offer a short-term study group in this season to explore the growth of faith among our congregation. While I hope it will appeal to people just starting out in their faith, I hope it will also appeal to people who may have become 'stuck', or people who want to deepen their faith. It is open to anyone: all ages, all stages of faith; people who work, study, have time to commit because they are working less (or not at all). It is designed to help us grow in faith in community (fellowship together). Preliminary meeting: Sunday Nov 28th, 4.30 pm, Atrium, St Peter's Church

~ Rev'd Margaret

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. Please send articles to heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz
~ Heather Cox

Letterbox Drop

We are preparing to advertise our Christmas worship. If you can put cards in letter boxes in your street, a sign up sheet will be coming out soon.
~ Nick

Parish Picnic

Everyone is invited to a picnic on the Glebe, (that is the lawn with the containers) 28th of November after the 9:30am worship. If wet, in the hall. Games and maybe even Santa.

~ Nick

Christmas Cards

There are Christmas Cards for sale at the back of the church. All proceeds to the church. If anyone would like any special numbers please me know 027 251 4777 or mrs.jk@outlook.com.
~ Judith

Garage Sale

Very sadly we have come to the decision to postpone the garage sale again this year. Unlike the plant sale, we cannot enforce physical distance among other COVID protocols and so reluctantly we have made the call to cancel. We will still be open on Friday mornings for you to drop off items for sale in the New Year at a date to be determined - (hopefully February). Many thanks to all who have contributed to date.

~Jo Winfield





This week at preschool we have been focusing on Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem as part of our Christmas focus. The children have created donkeys from a range of materials. The older children have even made donkey masks and donkey puppets as they develop their sewing skills. The younger children have created very colorful paper donkeys. The children have also experienced an obstacle course for children to increase their movement and agility skills".

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

Sunday 14 Nov

Family Church — 11.15am, Chapel

Monday 15 Nov

Walking Group — 1.30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 16 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 17 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Chapel

Thursday 18 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Walking Group — 9.30am, Princess Margaret (coffee)

Coffee & Chat — 10am, Parish Hall

Friday 19 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

PETERSGATE
COUNSELLING CENTRE

2021
Annual Friends
Appeal

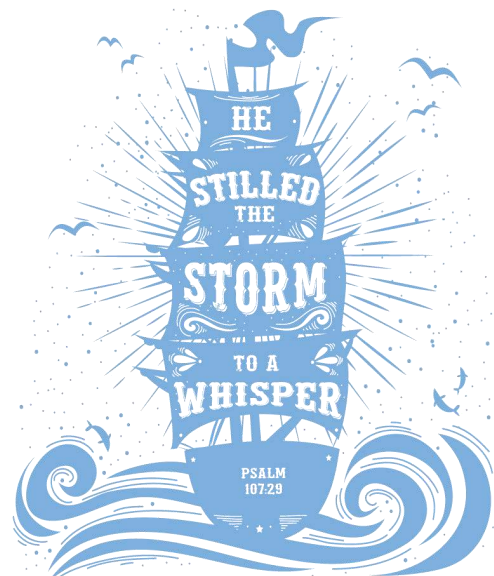
In mid November Petersgate Counselling Centre is launching it's annual *Friends of Petersgate Appeal*.

This year we are seeking to raise a minimum of \$6,500 so that we can provide 100 clients in financial hardship due to Covid-19 with FREE counselling.

We are doing this as our counsellors report an increasing number of clients presenting for counselling who have either lost their jobs due to the economic fallout of the ongoing alert level restrictions or have had their hours severely reduced. As a result they are now having difficulty paying their rent/mortgage and providing necessities for their families, such as clothes and food.

This is resulting in feelings of fear and hopelessness which, for some of them, is exacerbating their already debilitating depression and anxiety. They are however then reluctant to seek counselling help because of the additional cost involved.

As a charitable trust Petersgate's kaupapa is to ensure that we never turn anyone away because of their inability to pay so this fund-raising appeal will ensure that this principle can continue to be honoured.



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am & 9:30am
11:15am - Family Church

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.4-20
Psalm 16.5-11
Hebrews 10.11-25
Mark 13.1-8

Sentence

Let us hold firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep the promise. (Hebrews 10.23)

Collect

Let us pray to long for God's reign:

God who is making the heavens and the earth,
like a woman in labour,
you long for the birth of the promised time:
give us patience to trust your timing,
strength to push,
and courage in all that lies ahead,
that our joy may be complete;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

O God, our help
you are always with us.

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Samuel 23.1-7
Psalm 132.1-12, (13-19)
Revelation 1.4b-8
John 18.33-37

Children's
Sunday Activities:
www.bibleexplore.nz

Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

◇ We give thanks for the Volunteers who are returning to Petersgate, and pray for the health and safety of all working under the restrictions of the Delta variant of COVID.

⇒ Preschool:

- ◇ Healing for children and adults who are sick
- ◇ Wisdom for staff as we share the Nativity story with our precious children
- ◇ Preparations for our Family Christmas event on 26 November.

- For the sick, especially Diane R, Audrey P, Beverley P, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Barbara, Alison R, Gill, Helen E, Lynette W, Margaret W, Neville B, Storm B and others on our minds.

- For our administrator Shyuan, her sister Clementine and family with the loss of their beloved mother.

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- For The Judiciary and Legal Profession
- For Archdeacons
- For The Work of Sunday Schools



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