

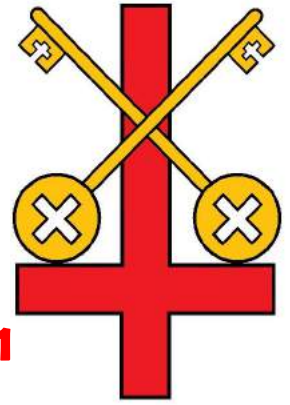
Welcome

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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**21st November 2021
Ordinary Sunday 34**

Once upon a time a very wealthy and powerful king fell in love, from afar, with a poor maiden. But he knew that, in order to win her heart, he must forgo all his wealth and privilege. For if she knew him to be the king she would feel obliged to love him. So he took off his royal ring, dressed in filthy peasant clothes and began living in her village.



In time they did fall in love, and once convinced she truly loved him for who he is was, and not out of fear or for title or wealth, he asked her to marry him.

This story was told by the theologian Soren Kierkegaard to explain the process by which Jesus became one of us. Out of love he set aside all privilege, even though he was sovereign of the universe, to become human, in order that we might love him not out of obligation but with our hearts.

On this Christ the King Sunday this is the sort of king Jesus is. He empties himself of all power and wealth and, looking just like us, does not oblige us to love him out of fear but from our hearts.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnzERYaBYLk>

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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 is on live now. 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

Vestry Meeting

Vestry Meeting is next Wednesday, 24 Nov. Please send your reports through for circulation.

~ Office

Christmas Stall

On Friday 26 November and Friday 3 December we will be holding a Christmas stall on the Yaldhurst Road frontage of the church grounds outside the preschool from 9.30am till 12noon. Any suitable items for sale may be delivered to the garage or the office within the next week. Thank you.

~ Jo Winfield

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

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 and fellowship together. Preliminary meeting: Sunday Nov 28th, 4.30 pm, Atrium, St Peter's Church
~ Rev'd Margaret

Gateway

Reminder the 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

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

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



Psalm 34:1



Christmas preparations are in full swing at preschool. This week the children are learning about the birth of Jesus and all his special visitors. The children are creating lots of colourful arts and craft, including our own nativity set and manger as preparing for our Christmas family event at preschool next Friday night (26th).

The children are developing lots of skills through participating in these activities: increasing their understanding of the preschool's Christian culture and philosophy; increasing the links between preschool and the community; having an intrinsic sense of reward at the items they have created; ways to work in a group; expressing themselves through their God-given creativity; and learning the terminology associated with this wonderful Christian celebration."

~ Liz Orr
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Monday 22 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Walking Group —1.30pm, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 23 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 24 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Wed Service —10am, Chapel

Vestry Meeting —7pm, Atrium

Thursday 25 Nov

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, Burnside Park

Coffee & Chat—10am, Parish Hall

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 26 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

Saturday 04 Dec

Rev Margaret's Ordination — 3:30pm,

Church followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall.



Buy a life-changing gift that will bring joy and justice this Christmas.

Your gift is a donation to the local partner running programmes in their community.

Order a gift so someone like Leticia can grow food. CWS sends you a quality card to pass on to family, friends or colleagues, or choose the e-card option.

Order online, call 0800 74 73 72 or use a brochure in this bulletin to give your gift.



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am & 9:30am

St Luke's Church

9:30am

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

Sentence

Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' (John 18.36)

Collect

Let us pray to recognise Jesus' kingdom:

Sovereign of all,
we long for your reign,
when the poor are blessed
and the meek inherit the earth:
help us to mould our communities
on your example,
that the least are respected
as if they were greatest,
and the greatest know your way of
love;
in Christ's name we ask it. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of grace
you hear our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 33.14-16
Psalm 25.1-9
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Luke 21.25-36



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...
 - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
 - ◇ We thank you for the contribution of our student counsellors, and pray for them as the finish end of year assignments and assessments.
 - ⇒ **Preschool:**
 - ◇ 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, Bobby M, Margaret W, Neville B, Storm B, Anne S and others on our minds.
- For our administrator Shyuan, her sister Clementine and family with the loss of their beloved mother.
- **RANGIORA**
 - Vicar: The Rev'd Toby Behan (Prue)
 - The Rev'd Graeme Pratley (Susan)
 - The Rev'd Peter Akester
 - The Rev'd Tina Thorpe (Alan)
 - The Rev'd Lynnette Lightfoot (Alistair)
- **RAKAIA**
 - Co Clergy In Charge: The Rev'ds Michael & Mary-Jo Holdaway
 - The Diocese of Waiapu: The Rt Rev'd Andrew Hedge (Raewyn)

Children's
Sunday Activities:
www.bibleexplore.nz

Family Church is on next
Sunday (28 Nov)
at 11:15am!