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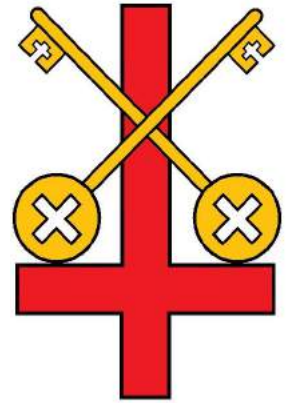


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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**28th November 2021
Advent 1**

It's always good when someone keeps their promise. It said on the box "a lifetime guarantee." So when my 20-year-old screw driver from Placemakers broke I was determined to get a new one. The man in the shop began to make excuses, "we don't make that model anymore, it's been a long time, maybe sir would like a voucher." In the end Placemakers came through and I went home happy.



A long time ago, about 2600 years ago, God made a promise through the prophet Jeremiah that a Saviour would come to us, One born of the line of King David. On reflecting on these words and many others in scripture the first Christians could see the fulfillment of the promises of God long ago in the child born to Mary and Joseph.

In this Advent season, as we wait for Christmas, I wonder in what ways you can see God's promises being fulfilled in your life? To answer how God has been faithful, take a look back over your life. I'm sure that you can see people and events at key moments bringing forth God's promise to be faithful to you.

I promise.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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News in the Parish

Parish Picnic

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

~ Vicar Nick

Orange Light for Rev Margaret Neate's Ordination service

As from Friday 3 December, we believe Christchurch will be in the Orange Light alert level - which means that Vestry needed to make some decisions about upcoming services. The first service to be affected happens Saturday 4th December, 3:30pm. This has meant that while we can have up to 200 attend the service, each person attending will be required to show proof of their vaccination status (at least one jab,) most will hopefully have their "My Vaccine Pass" as proof of vaccination status.

~ Rev'd Peg

AAW

Our final meeting will be on Wednesday 1st December starting with Holy Communion at 10am. This will be followed with a special Christmas morning tea.

~ Barbara Fleming

My Vaccine Pass

If anyone needs any assistance obtaining their online "Vaccine Passport" please contact Heather.

~ Heather Caspersen

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 12 noon. Any suitable items for sale may be delivered to the garage or the office within the next week. Thank you.

~ Jo Winfield



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 **today**: Sunday November 28th, 4.30 pm, Atrium, St Peter's Church ~ Rev'd Margaret

Live-streaming

As you might already know we are live-streaming our services. Please be aware of this if you are attending the 9:30am services with your children.

~ Vicar Nick

Bishopdale

Our new Sunday School teacher, Ruth, is in need of transport to the 9:30am services on Sundays. She is located in Bishopdale and if anyone is able to help her please contact her on youth.stpeter@world-net.co.nz

~ Vicar Nick

Votive Candles

A reminder there are small electric candles in Nurse Maude chapel which people can light in prayer and thanks.

~ Rev'd Peg

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



"This week at preschool is busy as we practice our performances for our family Christmas event this Friday night and the church service on Sunday. We are looking forward to performing our play and having you join in singing our songs during the service this week. I see this as a great way to further develop our existing wonderful relationship."

The children are learning about Baby Jesus's visitors this week as we share the Story from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 2, verses 1-12. They are expressing their creativity by making 'wise kings' through a variety of art media."

~ Liz Orr
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TODAY Sunday 28 Nov

BYO Picnic Lunch in the Glebe - following the 9:30am service.

Intentional Faith Chat — 4:30pm, Atrium

Monday 29 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Walking Group —1.30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 30 Nov

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 01 Dec

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

AAW Service —10am, Chapel

Thursday 02 Dec

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, St James Park

Coffee & Chat—10am, Parish Hall

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 03 Dec

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9:30-12am, Christmas Stall 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.




View magnificent giant lilies in Mount Peel Stations' exquisite historic garden.

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Geraldine

\$15 dollars at the gate, children free

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Parish of Geraldine

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

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am and 9:30am followed by BYO picnic lunch on the Glebe!

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

Sentence

The time is coming when I will fulfil the promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. (Jeremiah 33.14)

Collect

Let us pray to stand firm:

Liberating God:
when all around is shaken
and fear is on every side,
help us to stand up,
raise our heads and watch
for our liberation is close at hand;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions (8am only)

God of grace
grant our prayer

Next Sunday's Readings:

Malachi 3.1-4
Song of Zechariah
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-6



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:**
 - ◇ Thanks for the blessing of being able to share the gospel meaning for Christmas with our families.
 - ◇ For our sister centres in Auckland especially Ranui who has positive cases of COVID-19.
- For the sick, especially Diane R, Audrey P, Beverley P, Elizabeth C, Jade H, Alison R, Gill, Helen E, Lynette W, Bobbity M, Margaret W, Neville, Storm B, Anne S, Bill G, Leonie, Sheldine (prayers for the recovery of her left heel affected by plantar fasciitis) and others on our hearts and minds.
- For Sue Robb who was re-elected to General Synod from our Christchurch Diocesan Synod this week.
- **RICCARTON-SPREYDON**
Vicar: The Rev'd Sampson Knight (Kim)
Rev'd Victoria Askin
- **Christchurch Hospitals' Chaplaincy Board and Service Chaplains:**
The Rev'd Alexa Evenden
- **St George's Hospital Chaplain:**
The Rev'd Jeff Cotton (Jo)
- **South Canterbury Hospitals (Timaru) Ecumenical Chaplain:**
The Rev'd Alan Cummins (Christine)

Mission Focus

The recent Mission Table held on November 7th raised \$263-40 for the Cholmondeley Children's Centre, and Operation Christmas Child Appeal. This did not include the Exercise Class money which has yet to be added to this total. As always, very grateful thanks to everyone who supplied goods and also supported the Table. The December Mission table will be held on Sunday Dec 12th -we are hoping it will have a "Christmassy" theme.

~Jill and Noeline