

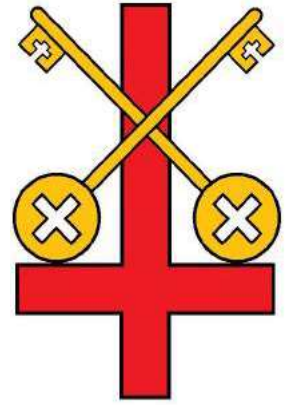
Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora 

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**30th January 2022
Candlemas**



Calm in a Storm

A church in Timaru had the sign, "Try God, we do." We are living in trying times that can bring us so much anxiety. The thought that a good number of us may get sick with Omicron can bring us anxiety, and this can be on top of other stresses you may be experiencing.



But what use is our faith at a time like this anyway? Generations of Christians have found comfort in the account in the Gospels of Jesus in a storm. Mark 4:35-41: The disciples are caught on the lake in a simple fishing boat and are so frightened that they might perish in a furious squall. Jesus is asleep in the boat. "Wake up, wake up!" they shout at him, "Teacher don't you care that we might drown." Jesus gets up, he rebukes the wind and waves, "Peace be still!" and the wind is completely calm.

If, like me, you are facing the coming days with some natural anxiety, imagine Jesus in the boat with you, ask him to quieten the storm that is within you. Our faith, our Saviour won't leave us at a time like this but gives us the peace of mind we need to cope.

Remember to contact the clergy we are here to help you.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish



Church at Traffic Light Red

Be assured that worship and church will continue right through this current time. We are already doing all we need too, i.e. masking up, signing in with our vaccine pass, deep cleaning between services, keeping a meter apart, having communion as bread only, not physically sharing the peace, not passing the plate around and not handing out bulletins. We are under a 100 at 9:30am currently so no need to stay away to free up space for someone else.

A couple of things to think about. We all need a buddy someone outside of our household who could bring us food and medicine if we get sick. Please let us know if you don't have such a person and we will find you one. Make sure you get a booster and remember the clergy are here to help so be in touch if we can help in anyway. Together we can do this.

~Nick

Prayer List

If you or someone in your family would like to be included in the prayer list you see in the bulletin, please let the office know preferably via email.

~ Office

No more pots please!!

The Plant Sale Potting Shed is full of plant-pots, so please, in the meantime do not drop off any more. FYI if you have unwanted pots, they can be recycled through your yellow bin.

~ Jill Lyall



Garage Sale

We are in the process of reassessing the next Garage Sale.

Please still keep the 19th February in your diaries as the date but we may just sell furniture, electrical, and larger 'outdoor' items this time so as to ease the pressure on being in the hall. Watch this space.

~ Jo Winfield

Service Rosters

We are looking for help in all areas of this vital ministry please - at all three services. The more people we have the less you would be called upon.

If you would like to help in the sanctuary (serve, lead worship), welcome at the door, read lessons, lead the prayers for the people, help with morning tea, or in any other way, please contact Jo Winfield 027 2567205.

~ Jo Winfield

Exercise Class

There is an exercise class each Tuesday (9:30am-10:30am) in the Parish Hall followed by a cuppa.

For I KNOW
the plans I have
for you [declares the LORD]
plans to prosper
& NOT to harm
plans to give YOU
a HOPE and A
FUTURE
Jeremiah 29:11



Sunday 30 Jan

Growing Faith — 4:30pm, Atrium

Monday 31 Jan

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Tuesday 01 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting—9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class—9:30am, Parish Hall

Parkstone Service —10:30am

Oaks Lifestyle Service —11:00am

Wednesday 02 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Wed Service —10am, Chapel

Ilam Retirement Service —1:30pm

Thursday 03 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, Riccarton
Racecourse

Coffee & Chat—10am, Parish Hall

Church Open for Tours —10am-12 noon

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 04 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

Middlepark Service —11:00am

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

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

"Happy New year everyone. We all had a wonderful Christmas break and re-opened on January 17. The children settled straight back into preschool and were glad to see their friends again.

The staff gathered for a Teacher Only Day on 14 January. The morning focused on our faith (ourselves as Christians) and we all got to spend some 1-1 time with the Lord which was beneficial to everyone. We shared a delicious lunch together then spent some time preparing as teachers.

We have farewelled Teacher Frew at the beginning of the year. We welcome Teacher Hannah as Team Leader in the Kowhai Room (3, 4, 5 year olds)."

~ Liz Orr

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Mission Focus

January Mission Table

The first Mission Table for 2022 will be held on the FIRST Sunday of February - Feb 6th- Waitangi Day. The change from the usual second Sunday is because Rachel and Simon Tipping are paying us their annual visit in support of St. Andrews School in Tonga.

With the recent disaster in Tonga, your support for this Mission Table is very important and will be very much appreciated.

All donations of baking, preserves, pickles, jams, sweets, fruit and veges, plants and craft items etc. received with thanks.

Please price all items if possible, and bag up fruit and vegetables into 4-6 pieces per bag. A guide for baking - a tray of 6 biscuits or slices -\$3 - i.e. 50c/piece.

NB cash only please sorry no IOU's

~Jill and Noeline

Worship Details

St Peter's Church 8am and 9:30am

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

Collect

Let us pray to follow light

Creating God,
you separated light from dark
and saw that it was good:
may we so follow Christ, the world's
true light,
that we forever banish the works of
darkness;
this we pray in his name. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions
Light of the world
shine in our darkness.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 6.1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...

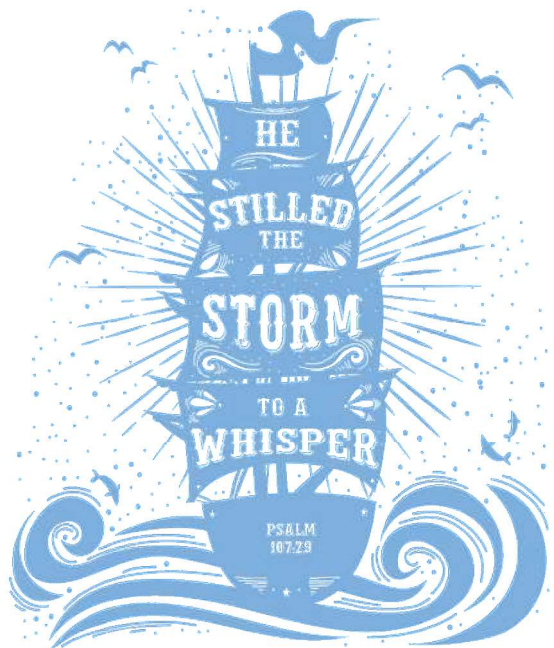
⇒ **Petersgate:**

◇ "With the risk of Omicron in our community, we pray for all who are undertaking counselling, the counsellors, admin team and volunteers. May they all stay safe."

⇒ **Preschool:**

- ◇ Roll growth
- ◇ Children leaving for school will settle into their new school quickly and easily

- For those in need of prayer, especially Diane R, Beverly P, Alison R, Helen E, Margaret W, Storm B, Leonie, Malcolm G, Irene C, Audrey P, Elizabeth C, Gill F, Neville, Anne S, Helen, Ken B, Taz C, Sheldine and others on our hearts and minds.



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER

Tonga

For the people of Tonga, last weekend was not a good beginning for 2022. I share with you the following communication from the Anglican Missions Board and encourage generous support from our Diocese:

On 15 January, the underwater Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano ruptured which led to significant ash falls across Tonga and triggered tsunami waves. The eruption generated an ash plume 19.2 km high. While electricity and mobile phone networks have been re-established on the main island of Tongatapu, communications with the outer islands are intermittent. The Tongan Navy has reported major damage in the Ha'apai group where waves were estimated to be 5-10 metres in height, reaching 500 metres inland. Pending assessments, damage in the northern more isolated islands could be significant and would likely include contaminated water and food supplies as a result of ashfall, as well as damage to buildings and crops caused by inundation.

Anglican Missions is working closely with the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia and has launched an Appeal. Funds will be used to replenish prepositioned relief supplies located at four Anglican churches in Nuku'alofa. Other activities will depend on an assessment of needs which should be available over the next few days.

Donations can be made via the Anglican Missions [website](#). We will provide regular updates on our website as well as on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Given we do not yet know what the needs are in Tonga, we encourage people to donate money rather than goods. Please see the link here on the importance of **not** sending goods straight after a disaster: <https://donateresponsibly.org/pasifika>

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