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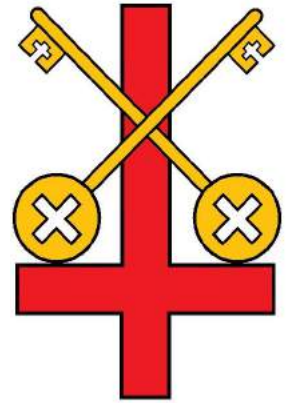


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你好

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**13th February 2022
Ordinary Sunday 6**

I was touched

40 years ago my father died. Many kind people gathered around me. But to be honest I can't remember a single word they said but I can still tell you who hugged me, and who held my hand. Our touch and the touch of another human being has the power to heal and to communicate love. It also of course has the power to hurt and be incredibly creepy!



Jesus' touch was so very healing that we read in today's Gospel that, "all in the crowd were trying to touch him..." Jesus redrew the map of access to God with his very own body. The lines of touch were very clearly defined by law and Jesus broke down everyone of them. He went out of his way to embrace the lepers, bless the children, even to touch women who had been bleeding, and the dead.

To know the touch of Jesus was to know the healing power of God.

The good news is that the healing touch of Jesus is still ours today, in the touch of a friend, the cuddle of a loved one, and of course that moment in the Eucharist when we receive the sacrament, even we believe, touching Jesus himself who comes to us in bread to heal and to make whole.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Lenten Studies

Each year we offer a Lenten study. Lent is the 40 days before Easter and a time when we follow the example of Jesus in the desert and fast, give and pray. This year we will offer two studies. Both in the Atrium, (because we need the internet and the giant TV.) One on Wednesday's at 11am, and one on Sundays at 4pm. The clergy will lead them and they will renew your relationship with God and scripture. Tell one of the clergy if you want to book your place. Beginning, the 2nd of March. ~ Nick



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

AGM Reports

A quick reminder as our AGM is coming up in April, all teams are to prepare reports soon and email the office by Sunday 27 March 2022.

Judith's Christmas Cards

The cards that are left on the table in the back of the church are the last ones left for this year.

Furniture and Things

Saturday, 19 February 9am to midday. It will be run outdoors on the glebe land and between the halls and in and around the Bowden Hall. If wet it will be cancelled. Wide range of second hand furniture and other items in good condition for sale. Includes Church Pews and Household furniture. Scanning facilities available. EFTPOS available for larger items.

~ 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

Prayer Exercise

A number have asked for the prayer exercise from an earlier sermon.

Read Mark 4:31-45 slowly to yourself, with the aid of Rembrandt's

painting image yourself in the scene. Use all your senses. What does the storm feel/smell/look/taste/sound like? What does the rising anxiety in you feel like? Imagine waking Jesus, hear his words to the storm, "peace be still." What does the calm feel like? Repeat the exercise with any anxiety you have. Return to the scene as many times as you need to with any fears or anxieties. Allow Jesus to minister his peace and calm to you.

~ Nick



Donating Goods for Garage Sale

We are no longer accepting goods until we manage to clear what we have. Our storage is at its capacity.



The preschool had a wonderful Waitangi Day/Chinese New Year celebration with some of our families last Friday night. Parents enjoyed seeing their children dress up in Chinese costumes for the performance. The children performed a play based on the Treaty of Waitangi, called 'The Blues and the Yellows'. We sang the Lord's Prayer and Te Aroha (the preschool's waiata) followed by 2 songs in Mandarin, one about a flower and one that expressed good wishes for Chinese New Year. The evening ended with each person being given a dessert goodie bag, containing a New Zealand dessert and some Chinese sweets. We also gave a mandarin to each attendee which is a traditional gift given at Chinese New Year."

~ Liz Orr
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Mission Focus

January Mission Table

We held a very successful Mission Table for St. Andrew's school in Tonga last Sunday.

Grateful thanks to everyone who bought in all the lovely goods to sell - our table was laden!

Thank you also to everyone who came and spent their money for such a worthwhile cause, We raised over \$630-incl. \$98-20 from the Exercise Class.

If you were not in Church last Sunday but would like to support Tonga and the Hornsby Trust, the contact is www.hornsbytrust.org.nz

~Jill and Noeline

Sunday 13 Feb

Family Church - 11:15am - Church

Vestry Retreat (FULL) - 12pm

Monday 14 Feb

Happy Valentine's Day!

Walking Group (FULL)—1:30pm,
Fendalton Park

Tuesday 15 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting —9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class —9:30am, Parish Hall

Elms Court Village Service —11:00am

Wednesday 16 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Wed Service —10am, Church

Thursday 17 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group (FULL)—9.30am, Princess
Margaret (coffee)

Coffee & Chat—10am, Parish Hall

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 18 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

St Allisa Life Service —10:30am

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Saturday 19 Feb

Furniture and Things — 9am-12noon, on
the Glebe

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

Family Church

11:15am—Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 6.17-26

Sentence

Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. (Luke 6.23)

Collect

Let us pray to be whole:

Faithful God,
you have promised
that when the kingdom comes
we shall all be whole:
help us in our brokenness
to live out your promise;
in the name of him who suffered
for us all,
Jesus Christ, the Righteous. Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Healing Christ
touch us again.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 45.3-11, 15
Psalm 37.1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50
Luke 6.27-38

Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...
 - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
 - ◇ "We pray for people in our community who are feeling anxious, frustrated or depressed due to COVID-19. Thank you for all are working to assist them cope better"
 - ⇒ **Preschool:**
 - ◇ For children in transition between rooms at preschool or from preschool to school
 - ◇ New children to grow our roll
 - ◇ Wisdom for staff as we navigate how to keep preschool hygienic /safe for children and families under Omicron Red Traffic light setting
- For those in need of prayer, especially Marcia H, Diane R, Beverley P, Alison R, Helen E, Margaret W, Storm B, Leonie, Irene C, Audrey P, Elizabeth C, Neville, Anne S, Helen, Taz, Sheldine, Albert F, Ken B and others on our hearts and minds.
- **RICCARTON-SPREYDON**
 - The Rev'd Sampson Knight (Kim)
 - The Rev'd Victoria Askin
 - The Rev'd Jonathan Carson (Judy)
- **SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH**
 - The Rev'd Jeff Cotton (Jo)
 - The Rev'd Hilary Barlow
 - The Rev'd John Meadowcroft
 - The Rev'd Laurence Le Petit
- The NZ Church Missionary Society
National Director: The Rev'd Rosie Fyfe



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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