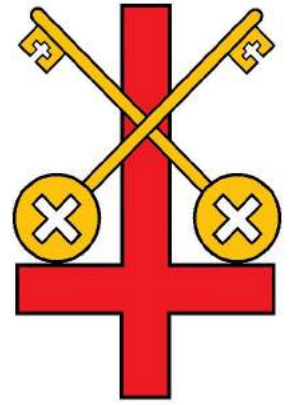


Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**20th February 2022
Ordinary Sunday 7**

The Golden Rule

The "Friends" sit-com is one of my family's favourite shows, and as you watch the relationships develop, you begin to connect with the characters. As Monica and Chandler were preparing for their wedding, their best friend Joey really wanted to be the person to officiate at the ceremony. To convince his friends that he was the right person for the job he wrote this speech for the ceremony: "We are gathered here today on this joyous occasion to celebrate the special love that Monica and Chandler share. It is a love based on giving and receiving as well as having and sharing. And the love that they give and have is shared and received. And through this having and giving and sharing and receiving, we too can share and love and have...and receive."



It's funny, but it is also - true. I remember being taught, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Another important lesson was, "It is better to give than to receive." Essentially, the more effort you put into a relationship, the more you get out of it. If you want to be truly cared about then you have to care about others. There is also the message which suggests that being kind brings kindness.

I appreciated early on in my life that careful thought into what I was giving brought great joy and happiness to others, and that came back to me. The effort we put into our relationships, friendships and family, comes back with many rewards. But the most important relationship, our one with God, is not about following rules, it is about loving God and enjoying God's love.



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

Gateway Deadline

The last date for contributions for the Autumn 2022 GW is Thursday 24th March. ~ Graeme and Heather



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 to, i.e. masking up, signing in with our vaccine pass, deep cleaning between services, keeping a metre apart, having communion as bread only, not physically sharing the peace, not passing the plate around and not handing out bulletins. We are under 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

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

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.

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 has experienced a time of transition for children and staff since we re-opened on January 17. Eight children have now graduated to start school at the beginning of the year. We have welcomed 4 new children this year as well.

Our ethnic mix is expanding again and we now have a mix of 9 different ethnicities amongst the children. They are (from highest number to lowest number):

Indian (11); Filipino (7); Mainland Chinese (5); Malaysian Chinese (1); New Zealand European (4); Māori (1); Kenyan (1); Tongan (1); Cambodian (1).

It adds to the vibrant atmosphere of our preschool!

~ Liz Orr

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Monday 21 Feb

Walking Group (FULL)—1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 22 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting —9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class —9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 23 Feb

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Wed Service —10am, Church

Thursday 24 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

Walking Group (FULL)—9.30am, Burnside Park

Coffee & Chat—10am, Parish Hall

St Peter's Choir —7:30pm, Church

Friday 25 Feb

Morning Prayer —9am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 27 Feb

Baptisms of Dre and Samuel Crossley - 11:15am



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

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

Sentence

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. (Luke 6.32)

Collect

Let us pray to love without seeking reward:

God of new wisdom,
yours is the love that knows no
bounds:
teach us, we pray,
to be quick to give,
but slow to count the cost;
through Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of love

grant our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 55.10-13
Psalm 92.1-4, 12-15
1 Corinthians 15.51-58
Luke 6.39-49

Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

"We give thanks for all who represent Petersgate from our community on the Trust Board, and the volunteers who help at reception. We especially pray for Gray Crawford and the continuing financial viability of Petersgate."

⇒ Preschool:

◇ For wisdom for staff as we navigate a new phase of COVID19 Red Traffic Light setting

◇ For our roll to continue to grow

- For those in need of prayer, especially Marie T, Marcia H, Diane R, Beverley P, Alison R, Helen E, Margaret W, Storm B, Tony C, Irene, C, Audrey P, Elizabeth C, Neville, Anne S, Helen, Tas, Sheldine, Albert S, Ken B and others on our hearts and minds.

- MAYFIELD MT SOMERS

The Rev'd Annette and the Rev'd Harvey Eggleston

- METHVEN

The Rev'ds Michael and Mary-Jo Holdaway

- RAKAIA

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The Rev'd Ina Avis (Nick)

The Rev'd Glenis Pluck (Graham)

Mr Alan Kingsbury (Widower of Joan)

- The Diocese of Nelson: The Rt Rev'd Steve Maina (Waitiri)

