

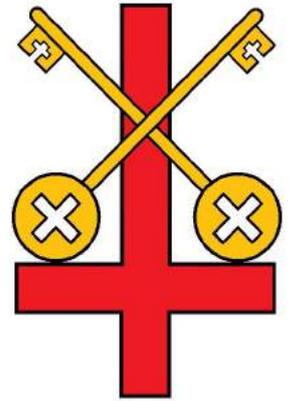
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**27th March 2022
Lent 4**



God's love is so big that it doesn't matter how far we turn away from God, the unconditional love that God has for us means we will always be met with open, joyful and loving arms.

The Prodigal Son is a well known parable. (Prodigal has come to mean "wasteful and extravagant"). When we read the Lesson from Luke's Gospel, (Luke 15: 11 - 32) we understand that the father in the story is God. It is interesting that, depending on where we are in our spiritual journey, we can relate as the older or younger son in this parables. The older son is earnestly seeking to do his father's will and to be the 'good' son. Sometimes, we let the problems and priorities of the world come between us and God and we may relate more to the younger (prodigal) son. Whichever way you are relating to this parable today, please note, this parable about living your life with God ~ is between you and God ~ and being thankful that God is always there for you and will welcome you home with a loving embrace.



Blessings, Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Easter Focus

10 April Palm Sunday -

8am Blessing of Palm crosses and
9:30am Eucharist
9:30am Combined Family Church
and visit of Edmund the Donkey
brother of Wonky Donkey.

14 April Maundy or Holy Thursday

7:30pm Brake St Methodist: Liturgy-
including play by Keeping Good
Company and choir Anthems.

15 April Good Friday

9:30am Service of Devotion around
the cross - St Peter's.

17 April Easter Day

8am and 9:30am Eucharist St Peter's.
9:30am St Luke's. Greening of the
cross at all services, bring some
greenery.

Garage Sale Update

It is with regret we have decided to
cancel the Garage Sale again. No new
date but it will happen, certainly as
the weather warms - maybe earlier.
Many thanks for the work already put
in. ~ Jo 027 2567 205

Potting Mix

Potting mix is now available in the
Potting Shed (by the Garage)- for
keen gardeners who are potting up
plants for the Plant sale in October.

~ Jill

Palm Crosses

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before
Easter is approaching. We give out
300 palm crosses each year, not
counting the ones the preschool
make. Those who want to be part of
the cross-making team please contact
Dianne Rait 03 338 6677. Full training
is provided. ~Nick

Spectacle Drop Off

I have found a new drop off point for
our unwanted spectacles. They will be
sent to the Fred Hollows Foundation
NZ to those who need them across
the Pacific Islands. To date we have
collected 514 pairs. There is a
(marked) drop off bag in the church
for any that can be spared.

~ Leigh C 342 9110

Changes to Traffic light setting

Worship continues as always with a
few changes announced by the
Government. We continue to leave
1 metre between each other,
especially in the porch! We
continue to wear masks, even over
our nose! Communion is in bread
only and no morning tea. We
continue to suspend handing
around the plate, and touching each
other during the peace.

We are able to increase the number
to 200 which is good news indeed
for Easter celebrations and no need
to show your pass after the 5th of
April.

I know most of us are over it! but we
aren't over the worst of Covid yet in
our community so working together
we can keep the numbers down in
hospital.

I continue to get kind people
offering to be buddies to bring food
and medicine so please tell us if you
get Covid and we can arrange help
for you. ~Nick

Church Pews for Sale

We still have a few church pews for
sale. We have made several sales over
recent weeks. Be quick - or let
anyone you think might like one to
get in touch. \$400 each.

~ Jo 027 2567 205

Daffodil Bulbs for Sale

This is the last Sunday to sign up for
packets of 6 Daffodil Bulbs. \$10 for 6
King Alfred Bulbs - the yellow, full
trumpet variety. Talk with Jo please
027 2567 205 or put your name on
the form at back of church. ~ Jo

Sunday Service Roster for April

There are some hard copies available
on the table at the back of the church
should you need one.

AGM Reports

Last reminder for all teams to prepare
annual report and email the office by
Sunday 27th March 2022. AGM is
now confirmed on Sunday 01 May
2022 after 9:30am service.



"Being thankful is something Jesus asks us to do, and I had a good reminder of this last week in a meeting with Rev Nick. There is now also a lot of research that suggests that being thankful each day is good for our mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health.

So I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the clergy, vestry and parishioners of St Peter's and St Luke's for their ongoing support of our preschool. It is always appreciated and valued.

I believe we are working together in partnership to bring children from all over the world back to Church Corner."

~ Liz Orr
stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

Mission Focus

The Mission Table held this month was well supported, raising \$470.20 (incl. \$114.10 from the Exercise Class) for the Anglican Mission Lenten Appeal.

Many thanks for all the sale items - and especially to Gwen and Dennys who picked all the fruit we sold! Also thank you to everyone who generously supported the table.

~Jill and Noeline

Sunday 27 Mar

Family Church—11:15am, Church

Lenten Study—4pm, Atrium

Monday 28 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Walking Group—1:30pm, Fendalton Park

Tuesday 29 Mar

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting —9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class —9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 30 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Lenten Study — 11am, Atrium

Thursday 31 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Walking Group—9.30am, Mona Vale
Railway

Coffee & Chat — on hold

Friday 01 Apr

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

A-Team— 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Saturday 02 Apr

Card Making — 10am, Bowden Hall

Pontius' Puddle



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion
9:30am—Holy Communion
11:15am—Family Church

Readings: Joshua 5.9-12
Psalm 32.1-2
2 Corinthians 5.16-21
Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Sentence

While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. (Luke 15.20)

Collect

Let us pray to know God's embrace:

Prodigal God,
when we were still far off, you surprised us
with a banquet of forgiveness:
may we who have a place at your table,
now make room for others,
willingly sharing what we have received
that all may dine with you,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Loving God,
embrace us

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3.4b-14
John 12.1-8



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

"Lord God, we thank you for the volunteers who assist at Petersgate. Thank you for those who are training to help at reception – help them to pick up the skills that are needed.

We pray for those who are staying away until the worst of COVID is over, may they stay well and be supported."

⇒ Preschool:

*Thankfulness for the parish support for preschool, and for every staff member God has called to preschool.

*Thankfulness for each child and family the Lord has blessed us with.

*Thankfulness for the privilege of being part of this Christian preschool to show God's light and love as we care for and educate our children.

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

• AVONSIDE

Vicar: The Rev'd Jill Keir
The Rev'd John Latham (Jill)
The Rev'd Philip Robinson
(Adrienne)

- **The Diocese of Auckland:** The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay (Jacquie)

10 April

Palm Sunday



St Peter's

8am & 9:30am

Eucharist

9:30am

combined

Family Church

&

visit of Edmund the Donkey

14 April

Maundy or Holy Thursday



Brake St Methodist

7:30PM

Liturgy

*including play by
Keeping Good Company
and choir Anthems*

15 April

Good Friday



St Peter's

9:30am

Service of Devotion
around the cross

17 April

Easter day



St Peter's

8am & 9:30am

Eucharist

St Luke's

9:30am

Greening
of the cross

*at all services
bring some greenery*



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OPEN CHRISTCHURCH



DISCOVER YOUR
CITY THROUGH
ARCHITECTURE

30 April - 1 May

TE PŪTAHI
CENTRE FOR
ARCHITECTURE
& CITY MAKING

St Peter's is indeed fortunate to have been included in the auspicious line-up of 46 buildings in this year's Open Christchurch, which features Heritage buildings and other buildings and structures of special note in this beautiful city. This is only the second year that this event has been staged. We can expect hundreds to visit our church over the two days - **Saturday April 30th 10.00am to 4.00pm**, and **Sunday May 1st from 12.00noon until 4.00pm** (the church always being open to visitors during the Church Services at 8.00am and 9.30am).

We are looking for **Visitor Guides** who are prepared to spend up to 2 hours being on duty with an assistant to ensure that our church is protected and that visitors are provided good information about our church. We have a brochure, specially prepared for visitors, and historical notes for the Guides.

We are also looking for **Organists, Pianists or musical instrument players** who would be willing to spend an hour of their time filling the church with sweet or sacred sounds at the same time as the church is open to visitors.

If you are interested in helping, please ring **Dennys on 357 4204** to discuss timing and Visitor Guide training, if you were not already part of the team recruited before Christmas.

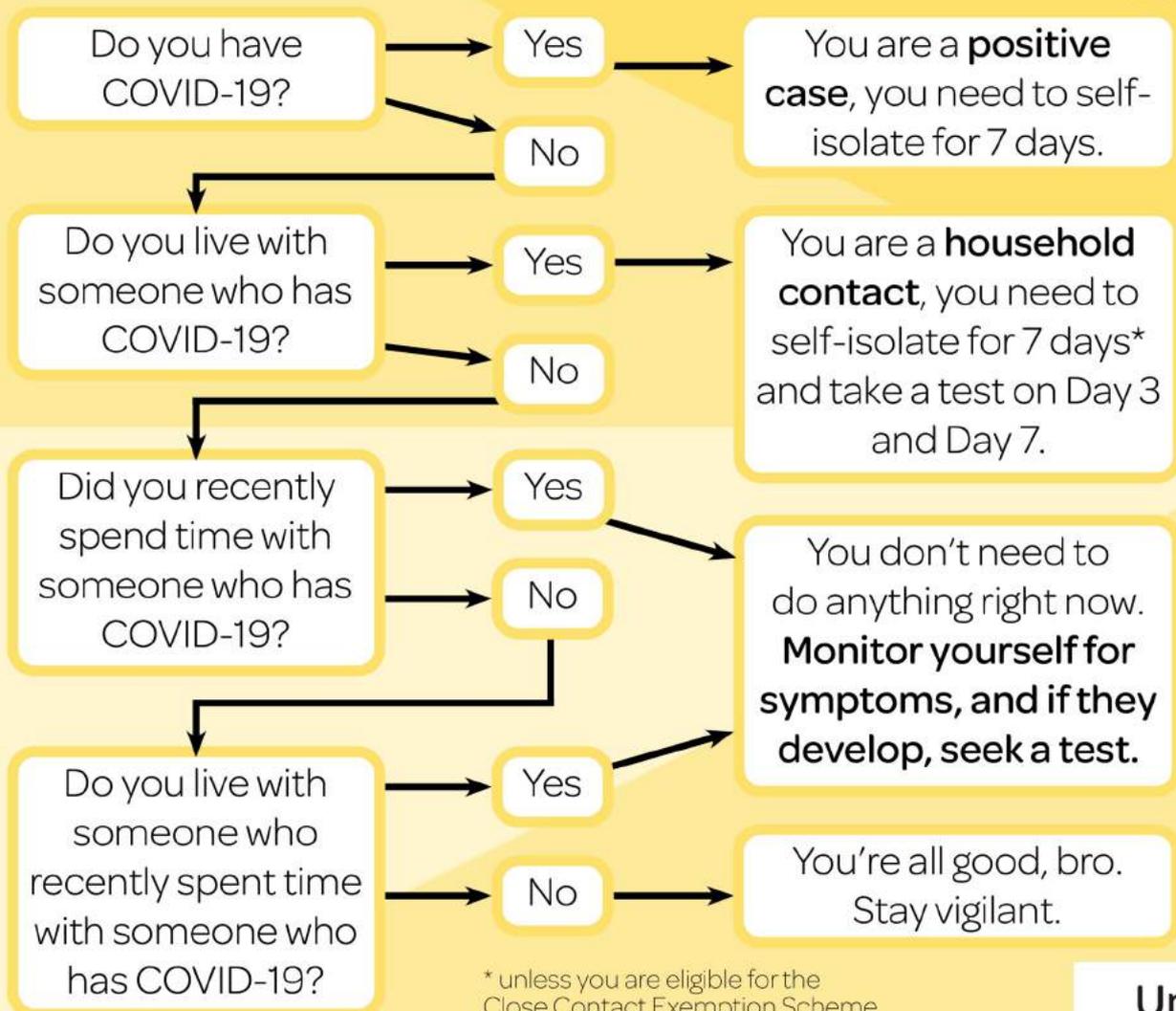
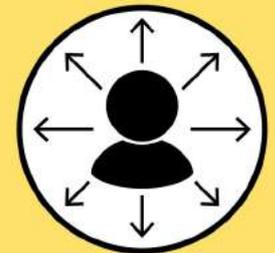


Quince Jelly

Can anyone make quince jelly for the mission table out of quinces available from the parish orchard?

If so, please contact Denny's 357 4204 to arrange picking up quinces.

What type of **contact** are you?



The invasion of the Ukraine

**Rangimārie! Rangimārie! Ahakoa te utu!
Peace! Peace! No matter what the cost!**

This was Archdeacon Tiki Raumati's oft repeated korero, speaking out of his people's lived experience of the inter generation impact of naked aggression and the greed for land.

As the Russian army invades Ukraine without provocation, the world must again defend the innocent. We call on all Christians to pray for the people and leaders of Ukraine and for the people and leaders of Russia. This act of war will create suffering and destruction and will win nothing. We must pray for, and support, world leaders in responding with wisdom, compassion, and resolution for the protection of the innocent and the restoration of justice and peace.

We also encourage you to pray daily for the Ukraine and to participate with the wider church in Pope Francis's call to make Ash Wednesday, 2 March, a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Eternal Creator,
You have made us in your image, though we often obscure it;
You have made us stewards of the earth and guardians one of one another.
Give the people of Ukraine Your protection, strength, and assurance,
Give us the courage to support and defend our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, and
Give world leaders wisdom, compassion, and resolution in their decisions.
In this crisis, remind us again of the need to always strive for peace,
that the people of Ukraine may once again know peace and justice, and
that all your children may know the perfect freedom found in serving one another.
Amen.

Prayers from around the church...

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

*Archbishop Justin Welby,
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

Sovereign God,
We pray for the nation of Ukraine, its leaders and people.
We pray that you would make your presence known to them at this time of strife.
We pray for their protection and for an end to the Russian invasion.
We pray for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed, and those who have lost loved ones, homes and family.
We pray that you would bless the endeavours of those who work for peace and an end to this conflict.
Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine.
May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all.
Continue to stir up the leaders of the world to work together for the good of all.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

*Archbishop Geoffrey Smith,
Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate of the
Anglican Church of Australia*

Sovereign Lord,
you observe all those who dwell on earth.
Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer the miseries of a war not of their own making.
Have compassion on the wounded and dying;
comfort the broken-hearted;
confound the hatred and madness of those who make war;
guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world.
Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace,
before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account,
and in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Archbishop Kanishka Raffel,
Archbishop of Sydney*

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.
Amen.

*Archbishop Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh,
Catholic Primate of All Ireland*

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.
May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace.
Amen.

*Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding
Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America*