



# to the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

# <u>Celebration and abundance</u> <u>in the midst of trouble</u>

Our Gospel reading this week is a familiar story – one found in all the Gospels with slight variations. What struck me most is that although Jesus and the disciples were aware that the Jewish Council was planning his death, and although Jesus would have known how imminent it was, we still start this reading with a joyous



occasion. Jesus has come to a dinner put on for him at his best friend's place: Lazarus, whom he had recently raised from the dead. While at dinner, one of Lazarus's sisters performs the ritual footwashing, but with a jar of extremely expensive perfume. The beautiful fragrance fills the whole house. This is what the beautiful, generous love of God is like: it fills every inch (centimetre) of our being. Just as Mary pours out her love on Jesus, God pours out love on us: be fully present with God in Jesus and soak in that abundant love today.

~ Margaret

Due to sickness, there will be no live stream this week

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# **News in the Parish**

#### **Easter Focus** 10 April Palm Sunday -

gam 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: Liturgyincluding 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.

#### **Palm Crosses**

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter is approaching. We are making the palm crosses on **07** April, anyone who is keen to join are welcomed. Full training is provided.

~Dianne 3386677

#### Mission Table

The next Mission table scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> Apr is now cancelled. ~Jill

#### 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

#### 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 514 pairs. There collected İS а (marked) drop off bag in the church for any that can be spared.

~ Leigh C 342 9110

#### Worship

Following decisions by the Government, Standing Committee and Vestry, from Sunday 10 April 2022 onwards, all services (and other church gatherings/events) are all people, open to without requirement to show a vaccine pass You may scan in but there is no requirement too. There is still requirement to wear a mask. We will continue to keep physical distance, have Communion in one kind and no morning tea, no passing of the peace or plate. These settings will be reviewed each week.

If you have Covid let us know so we can support you. I have kind people who have offered to be bring food and medicine. buddy to

Together we can do this.

~Nick



# **Daylight Saving**

Don't forget to "Fall back" Buck your clock before you go to bed on Saturday 02 Apr!

#### **Quince Jelly**

Can anyone make quince jelly for the mission table out of quinces available from the parish orchard? If so, please contact Dennys 357 4204 to arrange picking up quinces.

#### **Open Christchurch**

Volunteers needed for the event. Looking for Church guides, Organists, Pianists or musīcal instrument players, details on the inserts. Please contact Dennys on 357 4202 if interested.

#### 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

#### <u>Sunday Service Roster for April</u>

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





o Church Corner "Life at preschool continues to change in our COVID19 world. We have now had some the first case of COVID19 in our preschool whanau (tamily) occurred 4 weeks ago and we had 2 families self isolating. We had a pause of 1 week with no new cases, then last week we

had a run of a few days where there were more families self isolating every day. Nearly all of these children now back at preschool, are We have now healthy adaın. families from had staff/ children that have been/are in grateful isolation. I'm that God is holding us all in the palm of His hand during this

> ~ Liz Orr stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz



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#### ONLINE GIVING

Bank: Bank of New Zealand Branch: Upper Riccarton, Christchurch Account Details: 02-0874-0021566-00

"We must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up."

**GALATIANS 6:9** 



#### 'eek's Diary

Sunday 03 Apr --- Daylight saving! Baptism—9:30am, Church Lenten Study—4pm, Atrium

Monday 04 Apr Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel Walking Group—1:30pm, Riccarton Domain

Tuesday 05 Apr

Morning Prayer—9am, Chapel Staff Meeting —9:15am, Atrium Exercise Class —9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 06 Apr

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Wed Service — 10am, Church Lenten Study —11am, Atrium

Thursday 07 Apr Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Walking Group—9.30am, Nunweek Park (coffee)

**Coffee & Chat** — resume on 21 April

Friday 08 Apr Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel A-Team— 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed open Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall



# Worship Details

**St Peter's Church** 8am—Holy Communion 9:30am—Holy Communion **St Luke's Church** 9:30am—Holy Communion

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

# Sentence

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. (John 12.3)

# Collect

Let us pray to have God permeate our whole being:

Self-giving God, the extravagance of your love knows no bounds: grant us such knowledge of your

love

that it becomes for us like perfume

costly, yet freely poured out – permeating all that we are; in Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.** 

#### Versicle and Response for Intercessions Self-giving God hear our prayer.

# Next Sunday's Readings:

Luke 19.28-40 Zechariah 9.9-12 Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2.5-11 John 12.12-16 Prayer Focus

For our mission partners...

# $\Rightarrow$ **Petersgate:**

"Lord God, we pray for the staff, counsellors and clients who are currently isolating, suffering from or recovering from Covid-19. Comfort and heal them swiftly."

# ⇒**Preschool:**

\*For wisdom as we navigate COVID19 and the upcoming changes on Tuesday \*New children for our roll \*Health for those families that are self-isolating.

- For the two children getting baptised: Samuel Mattias McGregor Romero and Dre Thomas Crossley
- For those in need of prayer, especially Fiona G, Ethan, Tas, Ian B, Graeme S, Marie T, Marcia H, Helen, Beverley P, Ken B, Alison R, Helen E, Daniel, Tony C, Margaret W, Storm B, Irene Ch, Audrey P, Elizabeth C, Anne S, Neville, Sheldine, Andrew M, Irvine K and others on our hearts and minds.

# • BRYNDWR

Vicar: The Rev'd Jacqui Stevenson (Timothy) Priest Assistant: The Rev'd Dr Bob Robinson (Heather)

• BURNSIDE-HAREWOOD:

Vicar: The Rev'd Chris Ponniah (Joy) The Rev'd Glenda Hicks

• The Association of Anglican Women:

National President: Dr Judith Mac-Kenzie (Don)

Diocesan President: Mrs Raewyn Dawson

Chaplain: The Rev'd Justine Tremewan (Bob)



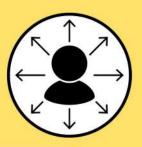
St Peter's is indeed fortunate to have been included in the auspicious line-up of 46 buildings in this year's Open Christchurch, which features Heritage buildings and other buildings and structures of special note in this beautiful city. This is only the second year that this event has been staged. We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

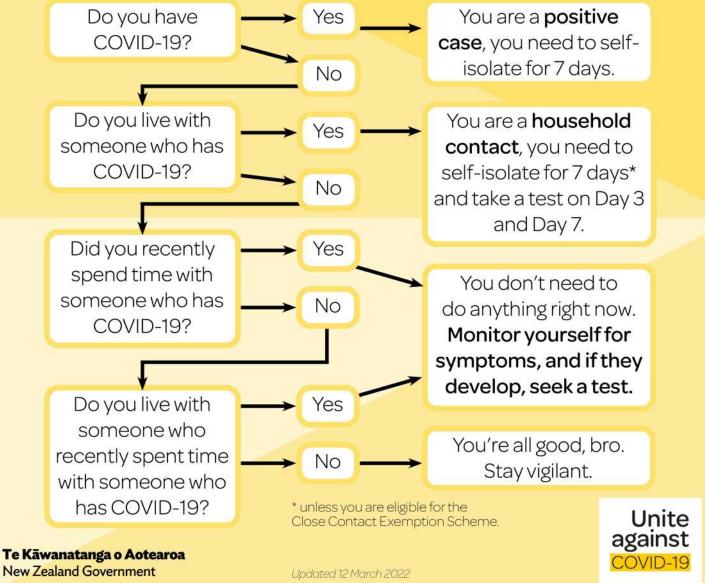
We are looking for Visitor Guides who are prepared to spend up to 2 hours being on duty with an assistant to ensure that our church is protected and that visitors are provided good information about our church. We have a brochure, specially prepared for visitors, and historical notes for the Guides.

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.

# 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 off 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