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to the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's & St Luke's



14th August 2022 Ordinary Sunday 20

Go Birmingham!

"The most successful Commonwealth Games ever," is how the Birmingham games have been described. "Why is it," the New Zealand chief de mission was asked, "was it so successful?" He named the athletes, of course, but he also named the people of Birmingham. "They have been just such good crowds. Cheering on our athletes, and making us feel at home."



This is exactly what the writer of our Hebrews reading had in mind, when he wrote of the "great crowd of witnesses." A stadium packed full of people all cheering the runner on. He had in mind the first Olympics, not the Commonwealth Games of course. To be a Christian in our world we need the encouragement of the great crowd of witnesses; those dead heroes of the faith - the saints - but also those living.

Jesus knows full well how difficult being a Christian can be, and we have it so tame. But with the encouragement of others we can do it.

When did you last encourage someone in their Christian life?

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Riccarton Horticultural Society

We welcome new members. The subscription is \$20 per year. We have 2 afternoon meetings and 8 evening ones, at St Peter's Hall. We have a variety of speakers, a monthly competition and occasionally a table show as well as raffles and a sales table.

Members pot up and bring plants or other items for this. Supper provided. All very welcome.

> Contact Jenny Bell Secretary/ Treasurer 021610787

PLANT SALE

Only nine weeks to the October Plant Sale (Oct 15th). There is still time to pot up plants- if the recent wet weather allows -but they need to be done soon to allow time to establish. Some of the most popular plants are alstroemeria, begonias, hostas, begonias, peonies, chrysanthemums, strawberries, geraniums, etc.

Pot up no more than 6-8 of each variety, name each plant and its flower-colour if possible. Dahlia tubers and gladioli corms can be either potted up - or bagged and labelled in their dormant state.

Please do not pot up SMALL hellebores, delphiniums or heuchera - they are not really saleable.

Potting mix is available at St. Peter's, in the Potting Shed (by the Garage), along with a big range of pots.

Any questions please contact Ann 027 629 2537 or Jill 3581115.

Thanks from the plan sale team.

~ Ann

Spring Gateway

Closing date for submissions for the Spring Gateway is 22nd August.

Rides to Church

If there is anyone in the community who is unable to come to church because of lack of transport, please contact the office. We can then try to link up with those who live nearby to collect you. ~ Jo Winfield

Workshop

Following a shared lunch on the 9th of October, Archdeacon Mark Chamberlain, Archdeacon for regeneration and mission, will lead us all in a workshop to develop a Parish Mission Action Plan. This plan will guide our priorities for the next year. All are very warmly invited. Finishing at afternoon tea time.

Animal Blessing Service

9:30am, 4th September in St Luke's Church, we will be holding our first Spring Pets' Thanksgiving service. More information will follow! ~*Peg*

EXERCISE GROUP

Resumes Tuesday 16 August.

2nd Defibrillator

We have been given a starting donation towards a second defibrillator. Please contact one of the clergy or the office if you wish to contribute to this. ~ Margaret

Mahjong Club

Is there anyone with a spare card table, mahjong set or mahjong cards? We would be pleased to borrow them. Better still, come and play with your equipment, we are patient teachers. ~Sue Robb 021 657 962

Margaret Morton 342 8101

Upcoming Special Service dates

Spring Service - 4th Sep Pet Service St Luke's - 4th Sep Petersgate Service - 25th Sep





We have had a Sports day this week as part of our focus on the Commonwealth Games. Next week there is a 'cultural day where children can dress in their national costumes for the day. The preschool will be extra colourful and vibrant with the range of cultures represented here.

As spring is on the horizon we have started a gardening interest with the children. Last week they planted some sunflower and bean seeds there has been excitement this week as the first ones have germinated. There are now discussions amongst the children as to when the next ones will pop

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Mission Table

This Sunday we will be raising funds for St. Paul's Anglican School in Fiji. This rural school with a roll of 90 pupils, has recently opened a new library

Our donation will go towards buying books to fill the shelves.

~ Jill and Noeline







Sunday 14 Aug

Family Church — 11:15am, Church **Growing Faith** — cancelled this week

Monday 15 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Tuesday 16 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:20am, Atrium

Elms Court Village Service — 11:00am

Wednesday 17 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 18 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Coffee & Chat — 10am, Atrium

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 19 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Garage Sale Team — 9am, by the hall

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

St Allisa Life Care Service — 10:30am

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 21 Aug

Growing Faith — cancelled this week

OUR SONGS

A warm winter afternoon with

THE CECILIAN SINGERS

Conducted by Rosemary Turnbull Accompanied by Sarah Kang

Including music by Buchanan, Childs, Hamilton & Ritchie

2:30pm, 14 August 2022

\$25 Pre Sales

\$30 Door Sales http://trybooking.co.nz/KUD

St Peter's Church, Church Corner, Upper Riccarton

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion 9:30am—Holy Communion

Family Church
11:15am—Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 23.23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-56

Sentence

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? (Luke 12,56)

Collect

Let us pray to face troubles with courage

Disturbing God, like refining fire you move amongst

setting parent against child: may we never shy away from the demands of the Gospel, but, with courage, face the time of

through Jesus Christ we ask it.

Amen

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God, in division bring us together.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 58.9b-14 Psalm 103.1-8 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17

Prayer Focus

For our mission partners...

⇒**Petersgate:**

We give thanks for the skills of our counsellors, and pray for our current clients, their families, and supportive friends.

⇒Preschool:

- Healing for those who are sick
- 2 new enrolments each week
- Wisdom for staff as we plan activities for our cultural day

Youth in our Parish:

- Sunday School: may we be blessed with more children and new families
- 🛡 Intermediate: We seek God's wisdom and direction for Youth Ministry
- For those in need of prayer, especially Barbara F, Jim C, Audrey P, Elizabeth C, Sheldine, Liz I, Alison R, Ken B, Irene Ch, Helen E, Dorothy, Anne & John S, Ian & Carole B, Ethan, Neville, Daniel, Maureen D, Marie T, Helen, Marlene, Marcia H, Fiona G, Irvine K, Margaret B, Winifred and Roger, and any others on our hearts and minds.
- We give thanks for the life of Dorothy Pennington and the life of Graham Reed, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Priest and Team Leader: The Rev'd Vivien Harber

The Ministry Support Team Priest: The Rev'd Vivien Simkin (David)

Local Shared Ministry Deacon: Rev'd Frances Stapleton (Doug)

Workplace Support - Chief Executive: Ms Viniece Blain



Silver Birch trees

A contract has been awarded for the removal of the silver birch trees around the St Peters site. There are several reasons for this.

- 1. Church property trustees have asked us to remove them because they are a danger to people with allergies, asthma and are filling up the guttering with leaves.
- 2. Removal of the trees will enhance the visual impact of the church and improve security.

The parish has a dedicated tree fund to pay for this.

Vestry

IT'S BACK!



Yes, another quiz night which many of you have been hoping for. So mark on your calendars now **Friday**23rd September in the Parish Hall. It will be the usual format and more details will be provided closer to the time, but you can start gathering up your team members now (up to 6 per team as previously).

In the meantime you may like to look out some raffle prizes that you could donate, both for the quiz night but also anticipating another major raffle later in the year. These can be given to David or Jo Winfield or dropped off at the office. All proceeds continue to support our restoration.