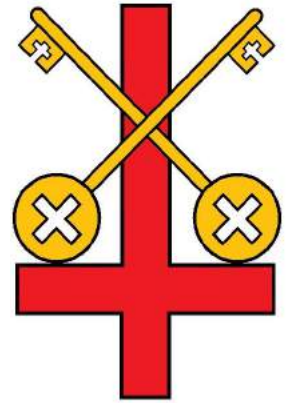


Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**21th August 2022
Ordinary Sunday 21**

Breaking Down the Barriers that Divide

(This conversation and message is a result of morning prayer on Tuesday morning, thank you Nick for your grace-filled input!)

Jesus has often been assumed by authorities to be a rule breaker. He pushed the boundaries for sure, I believe Jesus was here to help us understand the most important rule of all, "Love one another."

To be a follower of Jesus, we are trying to be more like him, to look for ways we can break down the barriers that divide. In one of our liturgies we say of Jesus: "Blessed be the Prince of Peace, who breaks down the barriers that divide." We don't need to be doing great big things, just little things. It begins with noticing, just like Jesus did: noticing the person who is on the outer of the circle, the one who isn't fitting in, the one at work who others make fun of, the one down the street that others avoid. A small, simple gesture, a smile, a door opened, a wave: such things break down the barriers that divide. And this is how community begins and how community is made.

Love one another.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

PLANT SALE

Only eight 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, chrysanthemums, begonias, peonies, 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 plant sale team.

~ Ann

Silver Birch Trees

Please note that the workers are coming on Wednesday and Thursday (24-25 Aug) to remove the Silver Birch trees. Please be careful as you come in the driveway.

Preschool celebration

Preschool is celebrating it's 3rd birthday, together with the Chinese Mid-autumn Festival celebration on Sunday 11th Sep. They will be among us at Family Church and then parishioners are invited to join them at the Preschool for Thanksgiving, finger food lunch and party games.

Spring Gateway

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

Spring Service

We are holding a special spring service at 10am on the 4th of September at St Peter's. We are inviting our neighbours Riccarton Methodist.

~ Nick

Thankyou gift for Margaret

We are very thankful to have Rev Margaret among us, sadly she is moving on to her new faith journey at the end of October. We are organizing a Thankyou gift for her, you are welcome to make a contribute towards her gift if you wish.

Vestry Meeting

Next Vestry meeting is on Wednesday 24th Aug. Please forward your report to the office for circulating by Monday 22nd Aug.

Animal Blessing Service

9:30am, 4th September in St Luke's Church, we will be holding our first Spring Pet's Thanksgiving service.

~Peg

Social Justice & the Environment

As Christians we acknowledge God as Creator and sustainer of all. God invites us to share in caring for our natural world, as well for other people. One positive action we can take as a church, and in our homes and workplaces, is to put less rubbish in the bin.

Our church is starting a zero waste journey, with the help of A Rocha, as part of Eco Church. We will be working with a Māori zero waste service called Para Kore. They train and inspire people around the country to care for our natural world, with fun and story, insights and interaction. You are invited to a 2-hour practical workshop on Friday 14 October, 9-11am, at St Peter's.

~Peg



We are in the last week of our Commonwealth Games focus this week. Last week's Sports Day was a lot of fun for the tamariki (children): they tried 3-legged races, sack races, long jump into the sandpit and basketball throws into the hoop. From the feedback I have received, the long jump was the favourite activity.

Our 'cultural day' this week was a very colourful affair. Our children looked magnificent in their national costumes and there was a range of costumes from staff and children. The tamariki were so proud to wear "clothes from their country" (as one child aptly described it).

~ Liz Orr

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Sunday 21 Aug

Growing Faith — cancelled this week

Monday 22 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Tuesday 23 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:20am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 24 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Vestry Meeting — 7:00pm, Atrium

Thursday 25 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Coffee & Chat — 10am, Atrium

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 26 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Garage Sale Team — 9am, by the hall

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 28 Aug

Growing Faith — 4pm, Atrium

Upcoming Special Service dates

Family Church - 28th Aug

Spring Service - 4th Sep

Pet Service St Luke's - 4th Sep

Petersgate Sunday - 2nd Oct

St Luke's Patronal Festival - 16th Oct

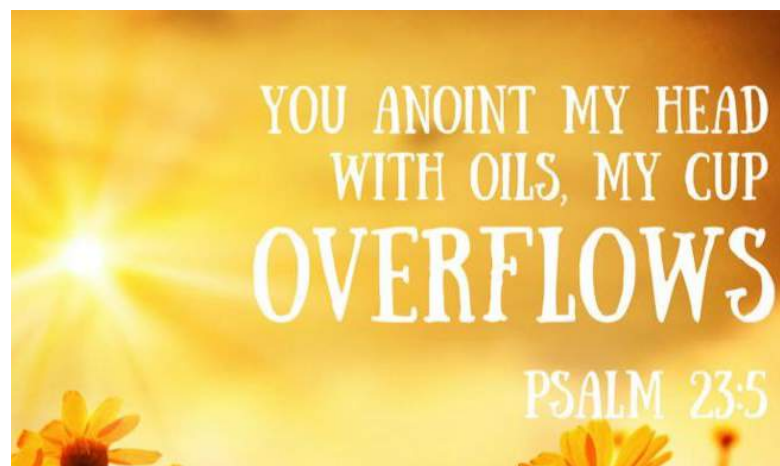


Mission Table

Last Sunday's Mission table raised \$300-10 for St Paul's Anglican Primary School in Fiji to help pay for books for their new library.

Thank You to everyone who contributed by setting up and providing and/or buying items from the Table - a very good result!

~ Jill and Noeline



Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

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

Sentence

Jesus placed his hands on her, and at once she straightened herself up and praised God. (Luke 13.13)

Collect

Let us pray to be healed

Wounded, healing God,
we come to you burdened
and bent over
with the cares of the world:
grant us such knowledge of you
that we are made whole once more
and walk with heads held high;
in the name of Jesus we ask it.

Amen

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Healing God
make us whole.

Next week's readings:

Proverbs 25.6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Luke 14.1, 7-14



Prayer Focus

• For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

♥ We give thanks for Gray's work as business manager of Petersgate and pray for the administration team of Sharon, Rachel and Vita. Bless in their work that enables Petersgate to function efficiently.

⇒ Preschool:

♥ Healing for those who are sick
♥ 2 new enrolments each week
♥ Preparations for our 3rd birthday party on 11 September

Youth in our Parish:

♥ *Sunday School:* God's favour, wisdom and knowledge upon children and the leader
♥ *Intermediate:* Asking the lord to bring more youth people to the church

• **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, Neville, Anne & John S, Ian & Carole B, Ethan, 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 Harvey Bray, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

• **HORNBY, TEMPLETON & WEST MELTON**
Priest in Charge: The Rev'd Les Memory (Margi)
The Rev'd Raymond Salisbury (Jean)
The Rev'd Don Pilgrim (Justine)
The Rev'd David Hastings (Dorothy Hastings-Whitford)
The NZ Church Missionary Society and Staff
National Director: The Rev'd Rosie Fyfe
Diocesan Council for World Mission
Chair: The Rev'd Peter Hurricks (Madeleine)



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!



Q U I Z
N I G H T

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.

Our sincere thanks to those who have already provided us with goodies.