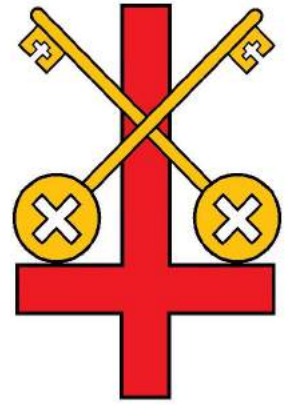


# Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**28<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Ordinary Sunday 22**

## The God of Love is the Host

I love dinner parties. The joy of sharing good food together with good company. But formal dinners, wedding banquets and so on can be different affairs. Jesus tells lots of stories around food – but here he is using the more formal dinner party scene to show up the Pharisees: the people who like to be seen doing the right thing, they have a sense of entitlement and like people to know how important they are.



I believe the message in this week's gospel is about sharing food together – with friends and neighbours, not just the important people but the people who don't usually get to dinner parties. The position we have in society gets forgotten because God treats all his family as important and equal. This is Divine hospitality, and we get to share in it – not only the super righteous, or the ones who have lots of money to give to the church. There is no criteria to meet, no ranking order or ballot: The God of Love generously invites us all.

*~ Margaret*



**Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service**

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

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## News in the Parish

### **St Luke's Work-Party**

There will be a Working Party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 9am, at St. Luke's to tidy up the garden and grounds before the Spring Pets Thanksgiving Service the following day (Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>).

Everyone is very welcome, and morning tea will be served!

Jill and Janet

### **PLANT SALE**

Only seven weeks to the October Plant Sale (Oct 15<sup>th</sup>). 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

### **Preschool celebration**

Preschool is celebrating it's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, together with the Chinese Mid-autumn Festival celebration on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Service**

We are holding a special spring service at 10am on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **First Aid Refresher Course**

The admin officer is planning on attending a First Aid Refresher Course in September, anyone who would like to join can let the office know.

### **Animal Blessing Service**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September in St Luke's Church, please bring your pets to 9:30 Eucharist service, and they will be blessed. If your pets cannot be restrained in a cage, bowl, carrier box or harness, then please bring a favourite picture of your pet. Preferable in a plastic bag so it can be blessed with water!

~Peg

### **Social Justice & the Environment**

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

### **Defibrillator**

- Thank you for the donations so far: only \$1100 needed now. Please contact Margaret or the office if you can help.



We have had a special Sports day last week as part of our focus on the Commonwealth Games. This 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. The week before they planted some sunflower and bean seeds and there has been excitement last week as the first ones have germinated. There are now discussions amongst the children as to when the next ones will pop up.

~ Liz Orr

[stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz](mailto:stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz)

Monday 29 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

Tuesday 30 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Staff Meeting** — 9:20am, Atrium

**Exercise Class** — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Wednesday 31 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Wed Service** — 10am, Church

**Mahjong Club** — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 01 Sep

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Coffee & Chat** — 10am, Atrium

**Choir** — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 02 Sep

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Garage Sale Team** — 9am, by the hall

**A-Team** — 9am, by the hall

**Family Orchestra** — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 04 Sep - Father's Day

**Spring Service** — 9:30am, St Peter's

**Pet Service** — 9:30am, St Luke's

**Growing Faith** — 4pm, Atrium

### Upcoming Special Service dates

Spring Service - 4<sup>th</sup> Sep

Pet Blessing St Luke's - 4<sup>th</sup> Sep

Petersgate Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

St Luke's Patronal Festival - 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

### September Roster

There are limited copies of the roster in the back of the Church on the table for those who need one.

BE WATCHFUL,  
STAND FIRM  
IN YOUR FAITH,  
BE COURAGEOUS,  
BE STRONG.



## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

### Family Church

11:15am—Holy Communion

**Readings:** Proverbs 25.6-7  
Psalm 112.1-9  
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14.1, 7-14

### Sentence

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. (Luke 14.13)

### Collect

Let us pray to offer true hospitality

God of overwhelming generosity, graciously you invite us all to dine with you:  
grant us to grow communities after your example,  
where love is unconditional,  
and all have equal dignity;  
for your name's sake we ask it.

**Amen**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Generous God  
**help us follow your example.**

### Next week's readings:

Psalm 104, 24-34, 35b

Philemon 1-21

2 Corinthians 5.17-18

Luke 14.25-33



## Prayer Focus

• For our mission partners...

### ⇒ Petersgate:

♥ Loving God, thank you for the team work and collegiality of the counsellors at Petersgate. Give them understanding and patience as clients cancel and reschedule due to sickness.

### ⇒ Preschool:

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

### Youth in our Parish:

♥ *Sunday School:* The word of God will be rooted into their soul, spirit, mind and heart.  
♥ *Intermediate:* Open the eyes of every discouraged youth to see this church as their God-ordained place of refuge, where their trials shall be turned to testimonies.

• **For those in need of prayer,** especially Bobbity, Barbara F, Jim C, Audrey P, Elizabeth C, Sheldine, 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, Nesta B, Winifred and Roger, and any others on our hearts and minds.

### • HORORATA

Vicar: *Vacant*

The Rev'd Louise Deans

The NZ Bible Society; The Bible Reading Fellowship; The Scripture Union

**Diocesan Synod** 1-3 September 2022

Be still AND KNOW  
THAT I am God  
PSALM 46:10

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.