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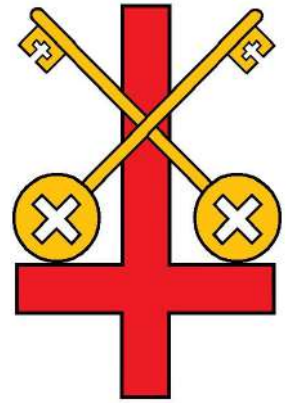


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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**4th September 2022
Ordinary Sunday 23**

Joining in Spring

Have you ever stopped to wonder at Spring? Every year the days grow longer and warmer, the long dormant bulbs burst into flower and the birds have babies. It's all too easy to miss this amazing act of regeneration. 1700 years ago St Augustine wrote, *"when Jesus turned water into wine the whole world wondered, yet daily the grape vine does the same and no one wonders."* Creation is God's first revelation of Himself to us.



But if we just stopped at wondering we might miss the point. Daily we are to be growing more and more like Christ. Following His example and becoming like the Spring flowers - a sign to the world of God's love.

May we thank God for the Spring, but also grow in Christlike grace one to another .

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Sowing Seeds for the Plant Sale

On Sunday 4th Sept after both Services, there will be vegetable seeds available for parishioners to take home and sow for the Plant Sale. The seeds are "easy to grow"; seed-raising is not difficult, and there are instructions, potting-mix and troughs provided.

Please help - each year the Plant Sale raises a lot of money from the sale of vegetable seedlings. *Jill and Janet*

PLANT SALE

Only six 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 chrysanthemums, begonias, hostas, alstroemeria, 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

Quiz Night - Friday 23 Sep

Please register your attendance on the list at the church door or email davenjo@xtra.co.nz so that we know how many to expect." See insert for details.

~ David

Defibrillator

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

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 contribution towards her gift if you wish.

Preschool celebration

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

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining

As you all know, we had to fell the silver birches for health reasons. These trees have now been converted into firewood - silver birch firewood, hence the silver lining - and we now have trailer loads for sale. It's all been split into small pieces that will fit in a log burner. We are selling the firewood for \$40.00 a trailer load wet, or, when dry in a years time, \$60.00. This is for an ordinary single axel trailer with no crate. We can negotiate prices for any other type of trailer. Proceeds towards the restoration.

Please ring Dennys 357 4204.

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



This week at preschool is all about preparing for Father's Day (This coming weekend). There have been a range of 'dad' theme activities in all areas of the curriculum. Some children have been busy making cards for their dads; others have painted a picture for him; others have pretended to be a 'dad' and building things, talking on the phone from their 'office' and running as fast as 'Dad'. On Friday we are having an 'Open House' for 'Dads' (or significant adult in a child's life as not every child has a dad), where dad/father figure can come and spend some time with their child at Preschool.

~ Liz Orr
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The Hope Seminar 2022

WE ARE CONNECTED

An open event of A Rocha Christchurch

Sun 11 Sept
3pm - 5.30pm
Papanui Baptist Church

Mission Table

A Mission Table will be held next week on Sunday Sep 11th. All contributions of jams, jellies, sauces, pickles etc, and baked goods - biscuits, muffins, loaves etc, fresh fruit and veggies, and also craft items are very welcome.

Please price everything - and remember to bring along some cash!
~ Jill and Noeline

Sunday 04 Sep - Father's Day

Spring Service — 10:00am, St Peter's

Pet Service — 9:30am, St Luke's

Growing Faith — 4pm, Atrium

Monday 05 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Tuesday 06 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Parkstone Care service — 10:30am

Oaks Lifestyle Care Service — 11:00am

Wednesday 07 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Ilam Retirement Service — 1:30pm

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 08 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Coffee & Chat — 10am, Atrium

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 09 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Garage Sale Team — 9am, by the hall

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 11 Sep

Family Church with Preschool birthday

— 11:15am, Church

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

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion

10:00am—Holy Communion

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.17-18
Psalm 104.24-34. 35b
Philemon 1-16
Luke 14.25-33

Sentence

Then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil.

(Deuteronomy 11.14)

Collect

Let us pray to be thankful for God's creation

Lord of spring,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord of the springtime
come and renew us

Next week's readings:

Exodus 32.7-14

Psalm 51.1-10

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10



Prayer Focus

• For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

♥ 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
♥ Wisdom for teachers as preparations for our 3rd birthday party

Youth in our Parish:

♥ *Sunday School:* That God blesses each child and fills them with the Holy Spirit as they grow to be more like Christ.

♥ *Intermediate:* More youths will be raised up for preaching the gospel and bringing the fire of God upon other teenager lives.

• **For those in need of prayer,** especially Bobbity, Jim C, Audrey P, Maureen D, Anne J, Ethan, Elizabeth C, Sheldine, Alison R, Ken B, Irene Ch, Helen E, Neville, Anne & John S, Ian & Carole B, Daniel, Marie T, Fiona G, Helen, Marlene, Marcia H, Irvine K, Nesta B, Winifred and Roger, and any others on our hearts and minds.

• **ANGLICAN CARE:** The Trust Board
Chairperson: Moka Ritchie
Executive Officer: Mr Patrick Murray
Anglican Advocacy: The Rev'd Jolyon White
City Missioner: Corinne Haines
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Alcohol & Other Drugs Detox Team-
Manager: Jan Spence
Social Services Team: Community Development Team; Night Shelters; Food Bank; Business Development Team
Anglican Care, South Canterbury
Ocean's Programme: Mr Matt Cameron
Social Justice Enabler and Researcher: Ruth Swale (Evan)

IT'S BACK!



Q U I Z
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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.

Please register your attendance on the list at the church door or email davenjo@xtra.co.nz so that we know how many to expect.

An estimated 33 million people have been affected by severe flooding across much of Pakistan. Photo: CWSA

There are worrying images and disturbing reports coming in about the flooding in Pakistan. Many people are in urgent need of food, safe water, shelter and medical care. I wanted to write to you now so that you knew how to help.

Heavy rains continue to cause widespread harm across much of the country. In the worst affected regions, people are struggling to stay above the water. More than 1,000 have lost their lives. Across the country an estimated one million homes have completely washed away.

Our partner Community World Service Asia (CWSA) has requested urgent funds to assist some of the many people urgently in need of relief.

CWS is appealing for funding to help meet their urgent needs.

CWSA has responded after previous flooding events but says this year is much worse:

"Rainfall is 2.87 times higher than the national 30-year average, with some provinces receiving more than five times as much rainfall as their 30-year average. The climate minister, Sherry Rehman, said the country was going through its eighth monsoon cycle "while normally the country only has three to four cycles of rain".

"Millions are without food and shelter in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces, which have been most affected by this "climate change catastrophe". People have lost their homes, their cattle, their lands and livelihoods and are now totally dependent on humanitarian assistance. Affected communities are in immediate need of clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance, and shelter. The poorest and most vulnerable are on the frontline of this crisis."

Please remember the people affected in your prayers and if you can, support our Pakistan Flood Appeal.

CWSA's emergency response team is monitoring the situation closely and working closely to coordinate with local government and other stakeholders. It will finalise its rapid assessment plan as soon as staff can reach the flooded regions, especially the areas where it has worked before.

Warm greetings
Ngā mihi nui

Murray Overton
National Director
Christian World Service

P.S. Please pray for the mothers, fathers, children, young people and grandparents, and if you would like to help, make a donation.

