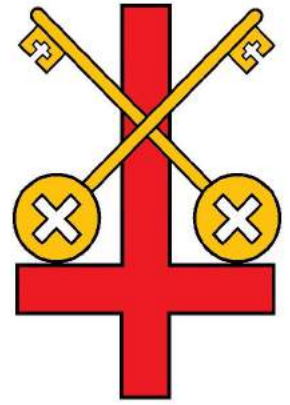


Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**11th September 2022
Ordinary Sunday 24**

How much are we worth?

A group of cunning scientists recently estimated that if all the chemicals in our body are broken down we are worth 9 dollars and 55 cents! But Jesus has a different view. In fact He tells stories to impress on us just how much we are worth in the eyes of God. Lost sheep, lost coins, lost sinners, these are the illustrations in today's Gospel. The shepherd, and the house holder go after the lost sheep and the lost coin with everything they have.



On this, the 3rd birthday of the Preschool, we know that each child is loved and cherished by God and us!

Jesus' point is that we are worth everything. Nothing is too much trouble to bring us home in love. In fact God didn't even spare His beloved child in order to bring us home. We are worth everything in the eyes of God.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Parish Demographics Survey

The Diocesan Ministry Action Plan asks for a survey to be conducted to gather demographics of those who attend church on a Sunday and during the week. In the pew you will find the survey sheet. It asks two questions; what is your gender, and what age bracket do you belong to. All you have to do is to tick two boxes and hand in the sheet before leaving church. The survey will take place over a four week period but you only have to fill out the form once either on a Sunday or at a midweek service. **Please do not complete it more than once.** Thank you for your participation in this important survey.

~ Edwin

Defibrillator

Thank you for the donations, we have now received enough funds.

Quiz Night - Friday 23 Sep

It's drawing closer - our next QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 23rd of this month. 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. A number of you have registered a team either on the list at the back of church or by emailing davenjo@xtra.co.nz but there is certainly room for more. Teams of up to six and \$10 a member (\$5 school students) payable on the night. Bring your own refreshments and some extra cash for raffle tickets - we would really appreciate donations of prizes too. So plan to join us for a fun evening with a bit of a mental challenge and spread the invitation to family and friends. Any queries speak to David or Jo Winfield.

~ David



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

The Preschool is celebrating its 3rd birthday, together with the Chinese Mid-autumn Festival celebration on Sunday 11th Sept. 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 year's time, \$60.00. This is for an ordinary single axle 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



Preschool is a busy place this week as we celebrate Tongan Language week and prepare for our 3rd birthday celebration on Sunday. The children have been learning about the Tongan flag, then designing their own flag, and learning to count to 10 in Tongan. We have put red flowers on the kai (Food) tables this week as a centrepiece and around the rooms which gives preschool a slightly more 'Pacific' feel.

We've also been practising our songs to lead the congregation during 'Family Church' on Sunday. Sunday afternoon is going to be a fun filled carnival atmosphere for our families and guests which you are welcome to join in with.

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

Sunday 11 Sep - Father's Day

Family Church with Preschool birthday

— 11:15am, Church

Growing Faith — 4pm, Atrium

Monday 12 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Tuesday 13 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service — 11:00am

Mayfair Life Care Service — 3:00pm

Wednesday 14 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wed Service — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 15 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Coffee & Chat — 10am, Atrium

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 16 Sep

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Garage Sale Team — 9am, by the hall

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall



I have no greater joy
THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN
walk in the truth
3 JOHN 1:4

Mission Table

The Mission Table this Sunday will be raising urgently needed funds for the CWS Pakistan Flood Appeal. Following the widespread flooding - a "climate change catastrophe" - millions of people are without food and shelter, have lost their homes, cattle, lands and livelihoods, and are in immediate need of clean drinking water, food, emergency medical aid and shelter.

CWS's partner Community World Service Asia (CWSA) is appealing for funding to help meet these urgent need

~ Jill and Noeline

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8am—Holy Communion

9:30am—Holy Communion

Family Church

11:15am—Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 32.7-14
Psalm 51.1-10
1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

Sentence

Jesus said, 'Which of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost.' (Luke 15.4a)

Collect

Let us pray to seek the lost

O God, you long and search for the one who is lost:
fill our hearts with love
that we search out the lost
and bring them home rejoicing;
for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Caring God,
help us care for the lost.

Next week's readings:

Amos 8.4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2.1-7
Luke 16.1-13



Prayer Focus

• For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

♥ We pray for people in our community seeking counselling and support. We pray for families under financial stress and individuals isolated with anxiety and depression. Lord, be with them and keep them safe.

⇒ Preschool:

♥ Preparation for Sunday
♥ 2 new enrolments each week
♥ Healing and rest for those who are sick

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 any others on our hearts and minds.

• KAIAPOI

Vicar: The Rev'd Sandy Constable

LINCOLN

Vicar: The Rev'd Mark Barlow
Assistant Priest: The Rev'd Christine Allport (Barry)

The Rev'd Chrissy Smith (Kim)
The Rev'd Lester Fletcher (Carol)
The Rev'd David Farmer (Susan)
The Rev'd Ken Light (Lynnette)
The Rev'd Pam Tizzard
The Rev'd Lynne Horwood (John)

Upcoming Special Service dates

Petersgate Sunday - 2nd Oct
St Luke's Patronal Festival - 16th Oct



**PLANT &
GARDEN
SALE**

**Saturday
15th October
9am-12 noon**

Large range of plants,
tools, garden accessories

Cash and Eftpos
Proceeds to St Peter's Church



ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL
CHURCH CORNER, UPPER RIGGARTON
Contact: 348 5653 Email: stpeter@world-net.co.nz

St Peter's



**GARAGE
SALE**



**SATURDAY
29th
October
9am - 12noon**



**22 Main South Road
Church Corner, Christchurch
St Peter's Anglican Church**

Greetings!

The daffodils are starting to flower which means the end of winter must be in sight. While I'm sure there is still rain and cold to come, the darkness of our winter is lifting. The sun is setting later, and we are starting to get a sense of spring and the new life that comes along with it. This winter has been an unseasonably fruitful time for Sister Eveleen House. The winter of 2021 was a cold and quiet affair, but this year it's been cold but filled with people on retreat, both individually and as part of groups. In July, we were blessed to be given the opportunity to assist Kelvin Wright, John Franklin, and Alumine Andrew with a Centering Prayer retreat based at Sumner/Redcliffs church. We also ran our own retreats on creativity and saints Francis and Clare, and hosted a group doing the third week of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius.



One theme that seems to accompany the lead-up to spring is an increase in activity and a mild dread of the business of the summer season. It is something of a paradox that the two seasons that provide us with the greatest opportunities for rest, reflection, and enjoying nature are often the busiest periods of the year. Christmas too has changed remarkably in the modern era. What used to be a spiritual festival where we connected with God and our loved ones has become a time filled with commercial excess and feuding with our families! For people working in ministry, Christmas is often a season of packed schedules and the many demands of other people. Of course, it is not possible to escape our obligations and the complexity of human relationships but I encourage all of us to set aside some time for retreat this spring or summer. Some of us will be drawn to nature and the outdoors, others toward some sort of creative activity. And some will be drawn to the solitude of silence. Wherever your heart is drawn, the most important thing with any retreat is that it is for you, and you alone. We all need time where there is nobody present but us and God. So even if it's just a morning out of a week, consider setting aside some time to spend in quiet reflection, rest, and prayer.

For those who are interested in joining an organised retreat, we've got some excellent options during the final months of the year. We're particularly looking for a couple of people to join one of our 7-day retreats scheduled for October and November. For those who would like to come but have financial constraints, I encourage you to get in touch. We are able to bring the price down for those who need assistance and don't want money to be the reason for people not enjoying the fruits of a guided retreat.

Blessings for this upcoming spring season.

Eddie O'Connor
Director - Sister Eveleen Retreat House