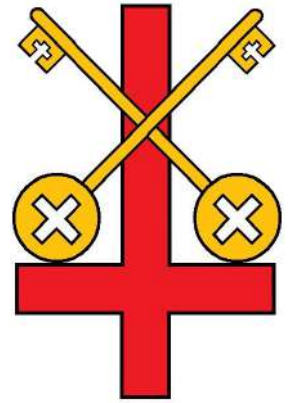


Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**25th December 2022
Christmas**

Christmas is about Love!

First and foremost, it is about God's enormous love for us and the Greatest Gift of all... and the symbol of this is the light we share when we burn with God's love in the world.

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." *C. S. Lewis.*

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you ... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." *Mother Teresa.*

And finally, from a Muppet Christmas Carol, (*Paul Williams, It Feels Like Christmas.*) "Yes, when you do your best for love ~ It feels like Christmas. It is the season of the heart ~ A special time of caring ~ the ways of love made clear. It is the season of the spirit ~ The message if we hear it ~ is make it last all year" .

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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Christmas Worship

Sunday 27th Nov

8am and 9.30am - Christmas Appeal (CWS)
with guest preacher

11:15am - Christmas Service with Preschool, followed by lunch

Sunday 11th Dec - 8am and 9.30am

Remembrance of departed
part of normal services

Sunday 18th Dec

St Peter's - Holy Communion 8:00am

St Peter's Carol Service – no Eucharist 9.30am

St Luke's Carol Service – no Eucharist 9.30am

Friday 23rd Dec - 5pm

Rehearsal of the Nativity Dress-up Service

Saturday 24th Dec

5pm - St Peter's Nativity Dress-up Service

Midnight Mass St Peter's

Start with Carols at 11:15pm

Sunday 25th Dec

St Peter's 8am and 9.30am

St Luke's 9.30am



Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's: 22 Main South Road, Church Corner
St Luke's: 43 School Road, Yaldhurst



We have reached the end of a busy, eventful year at preschool. The teachers are now focusing on end of year tasks as we prepare to close for 3 weeks.

I am grateful to the Lord for his provision of a wonderful staff team, and each one has a huge heart for sharing Jesus' love with our children and their families that we serve every day. I am thankful for the wonderful families God has brought to St Peter's Anglican Preschool this year, and we are always grateful for the support of clergy and parishioners'

Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us in 2023.

~ Liz Orr

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Friday 23 Dec

Parish Office Closed -- 12:30pm

Monday 16 January 2023

Parish Office Opens — 9am



ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

Account Details: **02-0874-0021566-00**



THIS CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Let Your
Light Shine



Worship Details

St Peter's Church
24th - 5pm Children Dress up
11:15pm Christmas Communion

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

St Luke's Church
9:30am—Holy Communion

Readings:

Midnight:

Isaiah 52.7-10
Psalm 98
John 1.1-14

Christmas Morning

Isaiah 62.6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3.4-7
Luke 2.8-20

Sentence

And the Word became flesh and lived among us; and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (*John 1.14*)

Collect

Let us pray to trust God's purpose:

Joyous God,
glory in the highest is yours today:
for in the Child of Bethlehem,
you are one of us;
may we so gather round your
manger, that our happiness is made
complete and the song of the angels
is never silent;
now and forever. Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord, born anew,
hear our prayer.

**Next few Sunday's Readings,
please refer in January bulletin.**

Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners...

⇒ Petersgate:

♥ In the light of this year's financial deficit, we pray for an upturn in the funding and grants for Petersgate in 2023.

⇒ Preschool:

♥ For a refreshing holiday and for children families and staff.

♥ For our families to understand more about the gift of Christ at Christmas.

Family Church in our Parish:

♥ We pray for a blessed Christmas for all our children and families.

- **For those in need of prayer,** especially Helen, Jim C, Barbara F, Ashley L, Graham S, Maureen D, Anne J, Elizabeth C, Alison R, Neville, Irene Ch, Helen E, Anne & John S, Carole & Ian B, Winifred, Lesley J, Barbara F, Marie T, Daniel, Irvine K, Nesta B, Marlene and Brian, and any others on our hearts and minds.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Bishop, the Cathedral and all the Ministry Units of this Diocese





Restoration Fundraising

Yes, it's still ongoing and we can happily report that our outstanding balance is now under \$150,000 so one more push can clear the debt in 2023. Parishioners and others continue to be most generous and of course donations can qualify for tax exemption at the end of the financial year. There is a facility for this on the parish website or the Parish Office can provide EFTPOS for the purpose.

Thank you to our quiz supporters who added just over \$700 to the cause recently. You may be wondering about our Christmas raffle but time has not allowed us to get tickets printed and distributed and so this will be postponed into the new year (perhaps an Easter raffle!). In thanking those who have donated prizes we would still appreciate some more quality items, business vouchers or monetary gifts please.

Our committee recently considered a number of fund-raising events for 2023 and these will guarantee to entertain and interest all ages. Watch this space.

Our committee join to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

David Winfield



JOIN US ON A CELTIC CHRISTIANITY PILGRIMAGE THROUGH

England, Wales, Ireland & Scotland

APRIL 22nd - MAY 11th 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

On this comprehensive and unique 20-day pilgrimage you will:

- Visit well-known and less-visited sites, all important in the development of Celtic Christianity;
- Walk in the footsteps of the Celtic saints;
- Experience the heart of Celtic Christianity and learn of its relevance for today.

The pilgrimage includes time on the islands of Iona and Lindisfarne.

Two Retreats:

- 3 days on Iona
- Half day with Bishop Ellie Sanderson previous Assistant Bishop of Wellington and now Bishop of Hull



The Chaplain:

Archbishop (Emeritus) Sir David Moxon

The Leaders:

Rev John Hornblow & Dr Jenny Boyack

This pilgrimage is offered in association with

Tours International (UK) www.tours-international.com

The fee for the pilgrimage (excluding international airfares)

is £4956 per person.



Keen to know more or Register?

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Visit: www.pilgrimagez.nz

for a full itinerary, other details and a registration form

Interested in a Franciscan Pilgrimage through Italy in 2025?

Email for initial details