

to the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

## St Peter's & St Luke's

25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Ordinary Sunday 12



#### **Trees of hope**

It really feels like winter. The shortest day and longest night is happening as I write this. Many of us have flus or colds, or Covid. The days are cold and the news seems bleak.

Standing as I do at the door to welcome worshippers I often get asked about the trees that are blossoming currently in the graveyard. They do it every winter and in spring as well. I have even seen them blossoming in the snow!



Blossom in the winter is a sign of hope. A sign that beauty is still to be found, when we have eyes to see it. A sign that spring is just around the corner.

There is another tree. It was winter bleak for its load was not blossom but a man tortured to death for loves sake. It too is a sign that new life is just around the corner. It too is a sign that beauty can be found in the worst of suffering. It too is a sign that God has never and will never forsake us not this winter or any winter

~ Nick



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

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

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#### **News in the Parish**

St Peter's Day

Our **St Peter's** Day Celebrations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. There will be an 8am as usual but no 9:30am at St Peter's; we are encouraging everyone to come to a combined service with **Victory** Church at 11am, followed by a shared lunch in the Hall at 12:30pm. Please bring food to share.

The Bishop is coming and preaching and it promises to be a wonderful celebration of St Peter's and also our

shared life together.

Growing in Faith - Day by Day
July 2: No meeting due to the
combined service for St Peter's Day
July 16: A Field Guide to the Bible

Patronal Celebrations

Inviting your participation in a couple of events, both events restoration fundraisers.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June gather your team

together for our next Quiz Night.
Usual format: teams of up to 6, \$10
a head (\$5 students), BYO
refreshments, multi draw raffle,
good prizes, register on the list at
the back of church or in the Atrium.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, a cooked breakfast in the Parish Hall from 8.30am complete with a celebrity speaker, \$10 a head. Names on the list at the back of church or in the Atrium. Anyone wanting to assist in the kitchen would be most welcome too. ~David & Jo

**Plant Sale** 

This year there is a shortage of strawberry plants so if you are able to pot up some for sale that would be great plus any other fruit trees. Also remember Hostas, Peonies and indoor plants are also popular. Potting soil and pots available in the potting shed.

~Fiona, Ann and Diane



## Winter Gateway deadline 5.00pm, 26<sup>th</sup> June

Please note we have a page limit for each edition, so if you want to make sure your contribution is included please send it in as early as possible. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee later articles will be included, but they can be carried over to the next edition if still relevant. Thank you. ~Heather Cox (editor)

**Webinars on Climate Crisis** 

We can highly recommend these free webinars, run by the Religious Diversity Centre: E tū mana o Te Ao, Building a Climate of Hope -

Wednesday 28 June, 5 July at 7.30-8.30pm. Giving hope, inspiring, educating, and encouraging action in the face of climate change in the Pacific region.

~Richard Milne 021 0236 1114

<u>Te Korowai O Grannies (Registered Charity)</u>

Is a self resourced charity which has

been going over 5 years.

The volunteers live in our local neighbourhoods and contribute to our weekly Saturday runs by providing free foods to struggling and vulnerable people in our local and nearby communities. We appreciate and value donations of surplus fruit growing in vegetables people's gardens which can help in our weekly distributions. For information on our food distribution points and dates, please refer to our Facebook page.

~Liz Delamare: 021 022 73313

What a great result

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to the very successful annual book sale last weekend. As a result of your efforts \$2895 was added to the Restoration fundraising so well done! Although she will credit her many helpers we offer a particular shout-out to Jo Winfield for all her organising skill. ~David

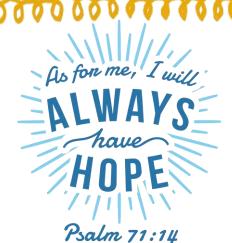




Last week our multicultural week finished with an array of brightly dressed children and staff in their national costumes. It was a marvellous sight.

learning Our focus preschool this week is 'Caring for our bodies'. Our focus on basic washing (and drying) hygiene; coughing and sneezing etiquette and brushing teeth. We have been blessed to be able to get access to a kit from Te Whatu Ora on teeth hygiene that includes a big set of teeth and the biggest toothbrush I've ever seen. It's a great time of year to be thinking about hygiene as there so many winter bugs around at moment.

> ~ Liz Orr stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz







#### ONLINE GIVING

Bank: Bank of New Zealand
Branch: Upper Riccarton, Christchurch
Account Details: 02-0874-0021566-00



#### This Week's Diary

#### Sunday 25 June

Family Church & Preschool worship — 11:15am, Church

Monday 26 June

Clergy Conference— 3pm

Tuesday 27 June

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

**Staff Meeting** — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

**Clergy Conference**— 3pm

Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

Wednesday 28 June

Wednesday Eucharist —10am, Church

Church Tour for Northwest Anglican

**AAW** — after the Eucharist

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 29 June

Coffee & Chat—10am, Atrium

Friday 30 June

Meditation—9:00am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

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

**English Conversation Class** — 4pm,

Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

**Quiz Night** — 7:30pm, Parish Hall

Saturday 01 Jul

Parish Breakfast — 7am, Parish Hall

Sunday 02 Jul

St Peter's Day Combined Service —

11am, Church

(shared lunch at the Preschool, 12:15pm)



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#### Worship Details

#### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist 9:30am—Eucharist Family Church 11:15am—Eucharist Victory Church 2:00pm

**Readings**: Genesis 21.8-21

Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39

#### **Sentence**

'Those who dwell in the shelter of the most High, abide under the shadow of the almighty. They shall say to the Lord: You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I trust.' (Psalm 91.1, 2)

#### Collect

Let us pray to fear God and nothing else:

Caring God, even a sparrow is protected by you: imprint upon our hearts, that because we belong to you no one can pluck us from your hand, and because we fear you, we need fear no other; in Christ's name. **Amen.** 

#### **Versicle and Response for Intercessions**

For your loving care we give you thanks.

#### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

Acts 12.1-11 Psalm 125 Matthew 16.13-19



#### **Prayer Focus**

For our mission partners

#### ⇒**Petersgate:**

We give thanks for the continued support of St Peter's and the other churches within the community, and we pray that our counselling will always be filled with God's love.

#### ⇒Preschool:

Thankfulness for our continued growing roll.

For rest and refreshment for staff, children and families over our winter break.

#### Mission Action Plan

Ethan and Nick presenting to clergy conference

#### Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Doug G, Jasper, Helen E, Max, Elizabeth & John C, Alison R, Anne & John S, Sue C, Marlene C, Irene Ch, Lesley J, Christine C, Alison & Irvine K and others in our hearts and minds. We pray for the family and friends of Pat Murfitt at her recent death.

#### Diocesan Prayers

**FENDALTON** 

Priest in Charge: The Rev'd Jenny Wilkens

Senior Assistant Lay Minister: Dr Andrew Butcher (Yvette) The Rev'd Dr Pauline Stewart Tongan Congregation: The Rev'd Leni Havea (Kofe) GERALDINE

Interim Priest in Charge: The Rev'd Hugh McCafferty (Fi) Members of Parliament



# The Great Stash Swap

Come along and swap your craft stash

11am-2pm Sunday 2 July South Library



#### The Religious Diversity Centre 2023 Webinar series



#### E tū te mana o Te Ao: Building a Climate of Hope

The Religious Diversity Centre has put together a 4-part webinar series with an outstanding group of speakers, commentators, and moderators who will deliver action-oriented messages of realism and hope.

28 June Hope for the Pacific Region

Keynote: Mary Moeano-Kolio, youth leader, Pacific Climate Warriors.

The reality of Climate Change for the Pacific Region

5 July Hope for Our World

Keynote: The Rt Hon Helen Clark, former PM and administrator of the UN Development Programme, Editor of "Climate Aotearoa, what's happening & what we can do about it"

Webinars 1, 3 and 4 will be hosted by noted journalist Rod Oram and will include a panel discussion.

Our faith traditions call us to act justly, tread gently on the earth, and care for one another.

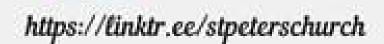
Information and registration: https://rdc.org.nz/rdc-webinar-series-2023/





# Scan Socials







#### Parish Event Calendar 2023

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes	
25 June (Sun)	Preschool Service (11:15)	Matariki	
30 June (Friday)	Quiz Night		
1 July (Saturday)	Parish Breakfast		
2 July (Sun)	St Peter's Patronal Service		
9 July (Sun)	Nurse Maude Service		
6 August (Sun)	Racing Sunday		
3 September (Sun)	Spring Service		
7, 8, 9 September	Synod		
10 September (Sun)	Preschool Service (11:15)	4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration	
23-24 September	Mission Impact Review		
7 October (Sat)	Plant Sale		
14 October (Sat)	Garage Sale		
12-14 October	LYCIG	Leading Your Church Into Growth	
15 October	St Luke's Patronal Service		
27-30 October	Parish Retreat	Friday-Sunday	
5 November	All Saints Sunday		
3 December	Advent Sunday		
10 December	Remembering the Departed		
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17 December	Carol Services	St Luke's & St Peter's	
24 December (Sun)	Children's Nativity 5pm Midnight Service		
25 December (Mon)	Christmas Day		

Note: This is a living document, will be updated as required.