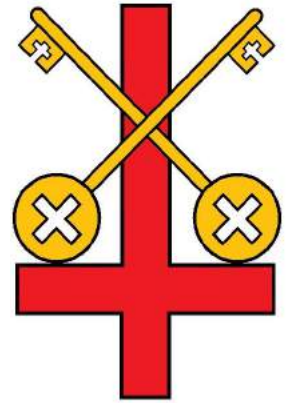


# Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**30<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Ordinary Sunday 17**

## Small thing - big difference

The film, Oppenheimer is proving very popular. Along with 132,000 others he built the first atomic bomb. He knew the difference a small thing can make. The first bomb to be used in anger was dropped on Hiroshima and despite decimating a city it only contained 64 kg of Uranium. A tiny amount of Uranium gives off enormous energy.



Jesus' disciples had no concept of Atomic fusion but they did know about yeast, mustard seeds and pearls. Small things, in fact the mustard seed was the smallest of seeds and yet it grows into a huge bush. Other times in the Gospels Jesus uses salt and light as metaphors too.

We are to be like yeast, salt, and light. Although we the people of God are small in number and lacking in power, we can make a big difference in our community.

We are the only bearers of Jesus' hope to an otherwise hopeless world. We have Jesus, to share who can give lives, hope, meaning and purpose.

~ Nick



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

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

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## News in the Parish

### **Growing in Faith - Day by Day**

In next two sessions we are looking at The Field Guide to the Bible, August 6 and August 20, 11:15am at the Atrium. Feel free to join us for one or all of these sessions! Books are provided.

~Peg

### **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

### **Sunday Service Roster - August**

There are copies of the August roster at the back of the church should you need one. Please let the office know if you didn't get one by email.

### **Meet the Candidates**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2-4pm at the Parish Hall. For Wigram electorate.

### **Garage Sale**

We are very happy to assist you by taking all or some of your used goods for our October Garage Sale. We process all goods week by week so we are ready to go when October comes round. Also we will be accepting good used clothing for the secondhand sale from August which will happen at the same time.

We will take almost anything that works and in good condition. We are unable to take electric blankets, baby car seats, TVs and computer products are also a bit difficult for us. We also need any clean strong boxes you might have.

If you are unsure, please phone Jo 027 256 7205 otherwise drop anything off on Friday mornings from 9 to 11am. If you need goods picked up, please also phone Jo.

~Jo

## Tools to help you grow...

### **TUIA**

<https://tuia.app/>



### **Tuia gathers people in prayer.**

Though we may be distant physically, we are one in prayer.

*Tui, tui, tuituia mātou.*

### **Lectio 365**

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/lectio-365/>

[Google apps](#)

[Apple app store](#)

Lectio 365



The new daily devotional app from 24-7 Prayer and CWR

There are sites to help you understand the Bible - Try **Bible Project** on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/@bibleproject/about>

(or the free app: Bible Project on Google Play or App Store)

There is an amazing series, still in the making called The Chosen. It is on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheChosenSeries/videos>

It also has an app for both Apple and Android devices, even computers!



The Chosen

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Our Matariki Learning focus ended on Friday with a wonderful celebratory meal and disco with our children and their families. Lots of families turned up and I think it was one of our more successful parent events. A child asked me on Monday "how long is it until our next party"? I took this as a good sign (that she had enjoyed herself).

This week our learning focus is on kindness and ways to be a good friend. This culminates on Friday with a Trust wide friendship day. Our children are joining in lots of group games and activities where they have to help each other and work together.

~ Liz Orr

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

Sunday 30 Jul

**Meet the Candidates** — 2pm, Parish Hall

Tuesday 01 Aug

**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

**Victory Youth** — 5pm, Atrium

Wednesday -- 02 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Wednesday Eucharist** — 10am, Church

**Ilam Retirement Service** — 1:30am

**Mahjong Club** — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 03 Aug

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

Friday 04 Aug

**Meditation** — 9:00am, Chapel

**A-Team** — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

**Middlepark Service** — 11:00am

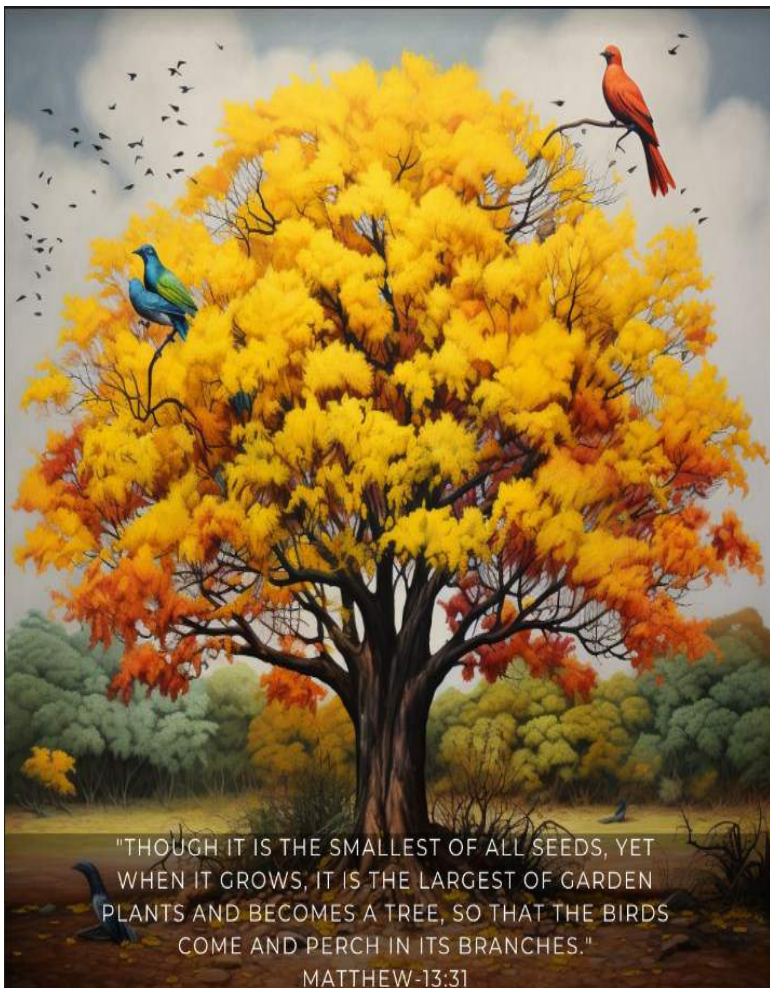
**Conversation English Class** - 4pm,

Bowden Hall

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

Saturday 05 Aug

**Card Making Club** — 10:00am, Bowden Hall



"THOUGH IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL SEEDS, YET WHEN IT GROWS, IT IS THE LARGEST OF GARDEN PLANTS AND BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS COME AND PERCH IN ITS BRANCHES."

MATTHEW-13:31



**Racing Service**  
9:30am

## Worship Details

**St Peter's Church**  
8:00am—Eucharist  
9:30am—Eucharist  
**Victory Church**  
2:00pm

**Readings:** Genesis 29.15-28  
Psalm 128  
Romans 8.26-39  
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

### Sentence

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.' (Matthew 13.44)

### Collect

Let us pray to pursue your kingdom :

God of new joy,  
nothing can compare with the  
kingdom of heaven:  
help us to pursue your reign,  
with all of our strength,  
that our happiness  
will one day be made complete;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 55.1-5  
Psalm 145.8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9.1-5  
Matthew 14.13-21

**Next Family Church  
on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

## Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners
  - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
    - ◇ For good funding streams.
  - ⇒ **Preschool:**
    - ◇ For rest and healing for staff and children who are sick/injured.
    - ◇ For strength, wisdom and joy in our work with the children.
- **Mission Action Plan**
  - To grow our congregation
  - Growing our Cares of Creation
  - Growth of Family Church
  - Deeper connection with Victory Church
  - Growing Digital Ministry
- **Other Prayers**

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Doug and Betty, Liz I, Jasper, Irvine K, Sheila F, Helen E, Max, Alison R, Anne and John S, Sue C, Marlene C, Irene Ch, Jill L, Lesley J, Christine C and others in our hearts and minds.  
For Ashley Legat at his death, for love to surround the family.
- **Diocesan Prayers**

HINDS CO-OPERATING  
The Ministry Support Team  
Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ)  
The Diocesan Board of Nomination



### ONLINE GIVING

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



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## Parish Event Calendar 2023

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
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 Preschool Service (11:15)	Advent
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.*