

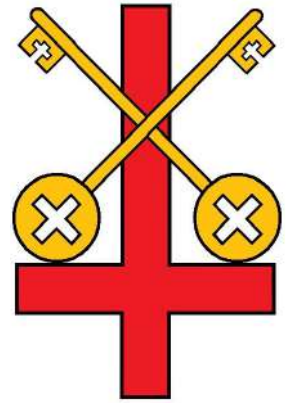
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**13th Aug 2023
Ordinary Sunday 19**



Doing the impossible

Nelson Mandela is credited with saying, "the impossible always seems impossible until it's done." Certainly dismantling apartheid without a civil war in South Africa seemed impossible.

Today in our Gospel Peter is setting out to walk on water. Certainly if anything seems impossible, it's got to be walking on water! Seeing the waves around him he begins to lose his nerve and sink below the water. Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls him up.

When we set out to rebuild St Peter's Church many said it was impossible. It certainly felt impossible at times. The enormous sums of money. Trying to get agreement between all the stakeholders. Finding the right teams with the right skills, masonry, organ rebuilding, stain glass etc. It would have been easy to sink below the waves.

The next seemingly impossible task is to fill it! The seemingly impossible task before us is to make new Christians.

Like rebuilding the church physically, rebuilding the church with new people is going to take courage, it's going to take vision, it's going to take putting our hand into Jesus' and being held and led and guided by him.

In years may others look back and give thanks for our courage to step out into new waters.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Invitation to Explore

Have you ever wondered what Baptism is all about? Have you been baptised and want to take your God commitment further? Perhaps you want to know more about Confirmation. Please email, or talk to Peg and we can meet and explore what might be in store! ~Peg

Spring Gateway

Please note that there is a cut-off of 8pm Sunday 3rd September for the Spring Gateway.

Growing in Faith - Day by Day

In our next session we are looking at The Field Guide to the Bible, August 20, 11:15am at the Atrium. Feel free to join! Books are provided. ~Peg

Social Justice

Join us on 16 August at 5pm at Theology House (95 Tuam St) to meet the movement and learn how you can help. For more information contact Nathaniel Herz Edinger at Living Wage Aotearoa NZ (022 4165 925).

Nathaniel will be at St Peter's on August 27 at 11:15am in the Atrium. He will give his presentation on the living wage movement and answer any questions we might have.

~Richard Milne

Plant Sale

Despite this cold blast it is still a good time to pot up plants including peonies, heuchera, hostas and indoor plants. Tomato plants grown from seed can be planted and this weekend might be a great time to start looking for any items which you could donate including tools, vases, garden ornaments, hoses and so forth. There is still soil available in the potting shed. ~Fiona

A big thank you

A big thank you to all who lead us in intercessions on a Sunday at the 8, 9:30 St Peter's and St Luke's and 11:15. There will be training session on the 20th of August at 11:15 in St Peter's. This is an opportunity to learn from one another and our tradition.

~Nick

The Racing Service

Well done to all those involved in last Sunday's 9:30am service. The music and the choir singing was superb and moving, the readers read the scriptures well and the sermon was delivered with great enthusiasm and the message well presented.

Prayers were meaningful and well delivered and the blessing of the colours and prayer for the Racing season well received and appreciated. Sarah, a visitor from our Lady of Victories Church told me the service was incredible and the fellowship after of the parishioners and racing personal sent her home very uplifted.

~Pete Coman

Keeping Good Company

Our thoughts will go with our performers as they venture up to Blenheim for the regional finals of Theatrefest, the national one-act play competition, this coming weekend. Having brought home the local award for best production let's hope they can repeat this success and earn a place in the national finals coming up in Christchurch in September.

~David Winfield





This Week's Diary

Tuesday 15 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Elms Court Village Service — 11:00am

Victory Youth — 5pm, Upper Room

Wednesday — 16 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 17 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

St Allisa's Life Care Service — 10:30pm

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 18 Aug

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

Conversation English Class — 4pm,

Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall



ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

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

Mission Table

The Mission Table this week will be donated to Ukraine to help with food parcels.

All donations of jams, preserves, biscuits, muffins, and other baking, sweets, fresh fruit and veg, and myriad crafts, knitting etc are warmly accepted.

If possible, please remember to bring cash.

~ Jill & Noeline



But Jesus said to them

"Don't be afraid"

Matthew 14: 27

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist

9:30am—Eucharist

Family Church

11:15am—Eucharist

Victory Church

2:00pm

Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18
Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10.5-15
Matthew 14.22-33

Sentence

'Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying to him, You of little faith, why did you doubt?' (Matthew 14.31)

Collect

Let us pray to do the impossible with God:

Faithful God,
in stormy water Peter walked with
your help.

When deep waters
threaten to close in on every side,
help us to trust the strength
of your outstretched hand,
that we might walk on dry land;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

In you, O God,
all things are possible.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15.(10-20) 21-28



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners

⇒Petersgate:

- ◇For good funding streams.

⇒Preschool:

- ◇For staffing - qualified relievers urgently required.
- ◇For rest and healing for those who are sick/injured.

• Mission Action Plan

- To grow our congregation
- Growing our Care of Creation
- Growth of Family Church
- Deeper connection with Victory congregation
- Growing Digital Ministry

• Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Doug and Betty, Liz I, Maureen and Martin, Lesley J, Max, Marlene C, Sue C, Irvine K, Sheila F, Helen E, Alison R, Anne and John S, Bev H, Irene Ch, Christine C and others in our hearts and minds.

• Diocesan Prayers

WESTLAND

Priest and Team Leader: The Rev'd Vivien Harber

The Ministry Support Team

Priest: The Rev'd Vivien Simkin (David)

Deacon: Rev'd Frances Stapleton (Doug)

The NZ Bible Society; The Bible Reading Fellowship; The Scripture Union

6:00pm: Candlelight:
Best of Joe Hisaishi,
<https://feverup.com/m/136099>

8:00pm Candlelight:
Tribute to Queen,
<https://feverup.com/m/136103>

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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BEST OF JOE
HISAISHI

SAT 19 AUGUST
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TICKETS VIA [FEVERUP.COM](https://feverup.com)

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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Q&A Panel (Mandarin Translated)

Are we still safe here in Christchurch?

Expert Panel



Member of the Police, Neighbourhood Support and director of Safety Bracelet (Safelet) will be answering your questions on safety.

Building a safe city, community, and family is OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Sat 26/Aug 2pm
182 The Runway,
Wigram



Register with QR code
Limited seating

Parish Event Calendar 2023

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
3 September (Sun)	Spring Service	
7, 8, 9 September	Synod	
10 September (Sun)	Preschool Service (11:15)	4 th 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	
19 October (Thu)	Cemetery + Church Tour	
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.