

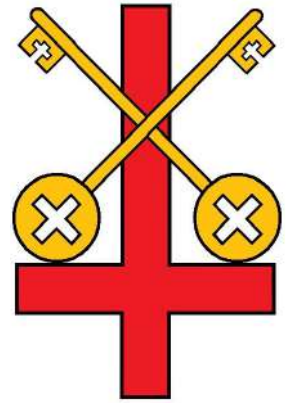
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**27th Aug 2023
Ordinary Sunday 21**



Who do you say Jesus is?

Have you ever had 'that moment' when you have been asked about your faith?

Perhaps that is what is happening for the disciples in this week's Gospel. Jesus is asking them, "But who do you say that I am?" For once, Simon does not hesitate. "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus is recognised and named as the Messiah for the first time by one of Jesus' followers. And Jesus knows that Peter didn't come up with those words, the Holy Spirit guided Simon Peter in the truth.



So why are we reluctant, even afraid, to talk about Jesus with others? Most likely we are afraid of offending or stepping on toes of friends and family. We just want to avoid the confrontation of what 'so-called' Christians are doing in the world.

And then, if we want to share Jesus with others, we need to trust in God's presence in our lives and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us too, to reveal who Jesus really is.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Spring Service

3rd September 10am at Brake Street Methodist. Please join us. This will be our 9:30am that day, and livestreamed. ~Nick

Spring Gateway

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

~Heather & Graeme Cox

Living Wage & God's Creation

Nathanial Herz Edinger from the *Living Wage Movement* will discuss how we can keep thousands of working families on decent wages, regardless of the election's outcome. What is Living Wage, why is it Christian, and how can we get politicians behind the idea?

Will be at 11:15 on August 27 in the Atrium.

Sessions on Care of Creation will happen in the Atrium at 11:15am.

As part of our rejoicing for the renewal of Spring and the Season of Creation, we are offering two videos on the theme: 'A climate of hope.' The first features anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall (famous for her studies of chimpanzees) and the second the Rt Hon Helen Clark. Each of these is followed by recorded discussion with local experts, moderated by Rod Oram. There will be time for discussion among ourselves.

~Richard Milne

Growing in Faith

In September, we have several other events at this time so we will begin again on October 8. Look to the Bulletins for upcoming news. ~Peg

Plant Sale: 7 October

The next two weeks after church we will be giving out vegetable seeds and everything you need including potting mix, pots and instructions. There is still heaps of time left to pot up any plants from the garden as well; even if you can just do one or two that would be greatly appreciated. Spring is coming!

~Ann & Fiona Gilmore

Keeping Good Company brought home an acting award, and the Excellence in Ensemble award from the Theatrefest regionals in Blenheim last weekend. Now it's a matter of waiting to see if we advance further when the national finalists are announced early this week.

~David Winfield

Garage Sale - 14/10/2023

Electrical - Just a reminder please - all items submitted need an electrician's check before sale - which we arrange.

Please make sure that all items are in good condition.

We cannot accept computers or parts, TVs, electric blankets, videos or video recorders.

~Jo Winfield

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

Sunday Service Roster

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



This week at preschool we are focusing in Daffodil Day, which we are celebrating on Friday 25th. Our Bible story this week is how Jesus heals the Captains Son (from Matthew 8: 5-13). We have been talking with the children about the way God always listens to us and can answer our prayers even though we can't see Him. I think children can accept this easier than a lot of adults.

Planning is almost complete for our 4th birthday party on 10th September which you are invited to. The children are going to 'Family Church' then we will share lunch together as St Peter's and St Luke's whānau (Preschool and Parish).

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz



The upper room of the hall transformed
by Victory!



This Week's Diary

Monday 28 Aug

Petersgate AGM— 4pm, Atrium

Tuesday 29 Aug

Morning Prayer— 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Victory Youth — 5pm, Upper Room

Wednesday — 30 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 31 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 01 Sep

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 02 Sep

Card Making Club— 10am, Bowden Hall

THE LORD HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR US,
and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:3

Combined service
St Peter's Anglican Church
&
Upper Riccarton Methodist Church

Spring Service



Sunday
3rd September 2023
10am

Worship Details

St Peter's Church
8:00am—Eucharist
9:30am—Eucharist
Family Church
11:15am—Eucharist
Victory Church
2:00pm

Readings: Isaiah 51.1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12.1-8
Matthew 16.13-20

Sentence

'Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God?' (Matthew 16.15-16)

Collect

Let us pray to know Jesus as our saviour:

God of all truth,
the Spirit revealed to Peter,
Jesus as Messiah.
As we reach for the truth about
you,
grant us keen minds in our
searching,
willing hearts in our listening, and
ready hands in our responding;
through Jesus Christ
our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Rock of ages,
in you we trust.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 15.15-21
Psalm 26.1-8
Romans 12.9-21
Matthew 16.21-28



Prayer Focus

⇒ **Petersgate:**

◇ For the AGM on the 28th.

⇒ **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
- For the Mission impact review team and those interviews and all of us as we fill out the questionnaire

• **Other Prayers**

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

• **Diocesan Prayers**

ANGLICAN CARE: The Trust Board
Chairperson: Ms Jane Evans
Executive Officer: Mr Patrick Murray
Anglican Advocacy: The Rev'd Jolyon White
City Missioner: Mrs Corinne Haines
Administration and Finance Team
Alcohol & Other Drugs Detox Team-
Manager: Jan Spence
Social Services Team: Community
Development Team; Night Shelters;
Food Bank; Business Development
Team; Anglican Care, South Canterbury;
Ocean's Programme; Social
Justice Enabler and Researcher: Ruth
Swale (Evan)

Parish Mission Impact Review to take place on 23rd and 24th September

The Diocese has reinstated five yearly parish reviews and, following discussions with Ven Nick, it has been agreed that the Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst will be reviewed on the weekend of 23rd and 24th September. A Mission Impact Review Team consisting of Ven Mark Chamberlain, David Prosser and Glenda Prosser (Parish of Rangiora), will lead the review and interview a selected group of clergy and lay leaders. All members of the congregation will also be invited to complete a questionnaire about the current mission and ministry of the parish.

The purpose of the Mission Impact Review is to 'assess, affirm and challenge' parishes in their ministry and mission and is a snapshot of parish life. The Team will 'hold up a mirror' to the congregation to enable a process of stock taking and spiritual assessment. This is intended to be a sympathetic and encouraging process designed to strengthen the parish and move the parish toward a more intentional missional footing.

From Sunday 10th September you will have the opportunity to complete the questionnaire.

The link will be emailed to you and you will have one week to complete it. If you don't have internet access, please complete a paper copy of the questionnaire. The parish office will make this available. Please engage with this process prayerfully and thoughtfully.

Interviews will take place on Saturday 23rd September and the reviewers will attend worship at St Peter's on Sunday 24th September. This will be followed by morning tea and the reviewers will then make a presentation to the parish. A report will then be written and sent to the Parish Vestry with observations and recommendations.

You are also invited to pray for the whole review process, the reviewers, Ven Nick and the other lay leaders. Please direct any questions you have to me by email.

Grace and peace,

Ven Mark Chamberlain, Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission
arm@anglicanlife.org.nz

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

4.7

RATINGS

830M

DOWNLOADS

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Sunday
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10am

the Gateway

Magazine of the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton—Yaldhurst



Spring edition -
A cut-off of 8pm
Sunday 3rd September

Scan For Socials

<https://tinktr.ee/stpeterschurch>

Q&A Panel (Mandarin Translated)

Are we still safe here in Christchurch?

Expert Panel



This is a time to understand what we can do to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbourhood, and also be mindful how fear and anxiety about our safety can impact, not just ourselves, but the people around us as well.

Sat 26/Aug 2pm
182 The Runway,
Wigram



Register with QR code
Limited seating

Special thanks to our funders for making this possible

中英问答讲座

我们在基督城 还安全吗？

专家小组



专注社区安危的公益机构、安全手链销售
负责人，以及前青少年司法社工
将在本期活动中与大家一起探讨安全议题

欢迎大家积极参与 踊跃提问！
让我们一起致力于建立一个安全的社区
为我们和下一代创造更美好的未来

8.26 (六) 2pm
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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.