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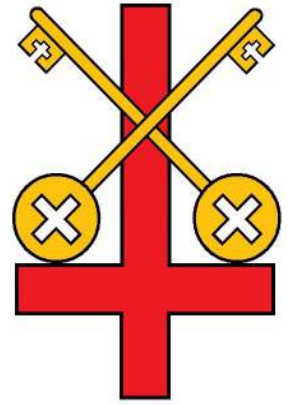
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to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2023  
Spring**



## Creation reveals the creator

Have you ever stopped to wonder at spring? Without any human intervention the bulbs in the vicarage garden produce fresh new flowers. St Augustine once said, "when Jesus turned water into wine the whole world wondered yet the grapevine does just that and no one wonders."



One of the many arguments for the existence of God is the measurable, predictability of nature. The fact that we can study creation whether it's gravity or flower bulbs, is only true because it is made rationally and measurably. If nature was just random, that is has no creator, then mathematics, physics, medicine and even knowing when to mow the lawns would be impossible.

Science and Christian faith are not in conflict rather the world needs a rational creator in order that we might be able to do science in the first place.

Jesus said, "study the lilies of the fields", for surely then we will know wisdom. Spring invites us to do just that..

~ Nick



**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**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September for the Spring Gateway.

~Heather & Graeme Cox

### **Happy Birthday - Preschool**

Our preschool is celebrating its 4<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> Sep). Preschool families and staff will join Family Church and move over to the Preschool for a Pot-luck lunch, which will then be followed by carnival games, including a bouncy castle. All welcome.

Please RSVP with the office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **God's Creation**

*Save the dates:* September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11.15am in the atrium. 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**

Thank you...what a fabulous response we had to the vegetable seeds. You can still grow vegetables and last year fruit plants were very popular including black currants, rhubarb, raspberries, as well as herbs. We are in for some early Spring weather so have a look in the garden and see what you can pot up! There is still some potting soil available.

~Fiona Gilmore & Ann

### **Keeping Good Company**

Although promoted to the regionals for Theatrefest (nationwide one-act play competition) were not subsequently put through to the final Showcase which takes place in Christchurch next weekend at Girls High. However their performance received an extremely commendable adjudication and with limited places available they must only just have missed out. Well done director, cast and crew of 'Packing It In'.

~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



Last Friday we had a 'yellow day' at preschool where teachers and children could come dressed in yellow. The preschool looked really sunny with all the yellow around. The children made and iced cupcakes that we sold as a fundraiser for the Cancer Society. We raised \$77.80 which is great.

We are celebrating Father's Day on Friday when children can invite their Fathers/father figure to preschool for the morning for fun games, a craft activity and a nice coffee.

Planning is now complete for our 4<sup>th</sup> birthday party next Sunday (10 September). You are all invited to come and share some food and celebrations with the preschool families after the "Family Church" service.

~ Liz Orr

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## Next Family Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September



THE BEAUTY  
OF CREATION  
REVEALS THE GLORY  
OF THE CREATOR



## This Week's Diary

### Tuesday 05 Sep

**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, Upper Room

### Wednesday — 06 Sep

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Wednesday Eucharist** — 10am, Church

**Mahjong Club** — 1:30pm, York Room

**Ilam Retirement Service** — 1:30pm

### Thursday 07 Sep

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Choir** — 7:30pm, Church

**Synod Service** — 7pm, Cathedral

### Friday 08 Sep

**Synod**

**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

### Saturday 09 Sep

**Synod**

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

### Sunday 10 Sep

**Family Church + Preschool birthday** —  
11:15am,  
Pot-luck lunch - 12pm



## ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

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

## Worship Details

**St Peter's Church**  
8:00am—Eucharist  
10:00am—Eucharist  
**Victory Church**  
2:00pm  
**St Luke's Church**  
9:30am—Eucharist

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

### Sentence

'The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.' (Matthew 16.15-16)

### Collect

Let us pray to be thankful for God's creation:

Lord of spring,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord of the springtime,  
**come and renew us.**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 33.7-11  
Psalm 119.33-40  
Romans 13.8-14  
Matthew 18.15-20



## Prayer Focus

### ⇒Petersgate:

♦Thanking God for our counsellors, praying that they look after themselves and keep their lives in balance.

### ⇒Preschool:

♦A fine day for our birthday celebrations.  
♦An experienced Christian Early Childhood teacher for our vacant Team Leader position.

### • Mission Action Plan

- To grow our congregation
- Grow our Care of Creation
- Grow Family Church
- Deeper connection with Victory congregation
- Grow Digital Ministry
- For the Mission impact review team and those interviewed 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

HORORATA

For a new Vicar

KAIAPOI

Vicar: The Rev'd Sandy Constable

The Rev'd Ann Lloyd

Diocesan Synod 7-9 September 2023,  
especially our Reps and the Bishop

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

PSALM 126:3



You are invited to join our Preschool's  
**4<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
&  
the **Chinese Mid-autumn Festival**  
celebration

We celebrate with...  
Worship at the Church  
Cake cutting  
Potluck lunch  
and carnival games at the Preschool



**RSVP** by  
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**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz**  
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## **Parish Mission Impact Review to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September and the reviewers will attend worship at St Peter's on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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RATINGS

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DOWNLOADS

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

**Spring Service**

**Sunday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**  
**10am**

**the Gateway**

Magazine of the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton—Yaldhurst



**Spring edition -**  
**A cut-off of 8pm**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

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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 <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	
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.*