

"I sing a song of the saints of God" was composed by Lesbia Scott (1929) in Britain for All Saints' Day. It stresses that saints not only lived in the distant past but also may live and work today as they carry out the everyday activities of their lives. It was very popular in the Episcopal Church that I grew up in in Missouri and as a child, inspired me to see God in the people around me.



**1** I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too. **3** They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

~ Peg



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

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

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# **News in the Parish**

## Summer Gateway

It's due Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November as the deadline for the Summer 2023 Gateway. Please email the editors: *heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz* ~*Heather & Graeme Cox* 

#### Growing in Faith - Day by Day

All are welcome to join. We have 5 more meetings for 2023: November 5, 12, 19 and December 3 and 10.

Introducing Lectio Divina, a way of reading the scriptures prayerfully, slowly and with imagination. It is about the heart more than the head.

~Peg

### Last Quiz for 2023

One more opportunity to test your intelligence and have a good time doing so at our end of year quiz on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>



December in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Mark this in your diary and start assembling your expert team. Usual format for the evening with proceeds to Church Restoration. Pass the word around.

~ David Winfield

## Social Justice/Care of Creation

The group of people who are interested in working together, would like to start a WhatsApp Group. If you would like to join, please let Peg know. ~Peg



## **Giving Envelopes**

If you donate using envelopes, these are now available from the table at the back of the church for the period November 2023 to the end of October 2024. If your envelopes are not there then please contact Edwin Boyce on 0272927042. Thank you for your contribution to the cost of running the parish. ~Edwin Boyce

#### Parish Retreat

Our Parish Retreat is the weekend of 25, 26 Nov at Sr Evelyn Retreat House. Please let me know so I can book you a space. ~*Nick* 

#### <u>Gaza</u>

As we here in Aotearoa New Zealand encounter different perspectives on the situation can we remember not to conflate Hamas with all Palestinians or the State of Israel with all Jews and Judaism itself; can we listen respectfully to another to more deeply one understand each other. and fuller together come to а understanding of the situation for Israel and Palestine. This will enable us to act together in the work of challenging any and all acts of violence. ~ Religious Diversity Council

St Luke's roofing \$805 donated already!







Proudly helping bring children back to Church Corner

Our roll at preschool has seen constant growth this year, and is a wonderful answer for your constant prayers for 2 new enrolments each week. Back in August we became aware that we have several children turning 5/6 0 and graduating at the end of this year/beginning of next year. For the last few weeks we have filled available spaces with new enrolments. Next year these children will move to the days and times they really want which will fill up

some of these spaces. Our God is wonderful and has continued to send new enrolments to our preschool and our Mondays and Fridays (which are traditionally days with lower numbers) are definitely getting busier.

~ Liz Orr stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz 1000000

# **Mission Table**

There will be a Mission Table Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, at the on 0800 and 0930 services.

We do have lots of enticing goods for sale, but would also welcome more donations of jams, marmalade pickles, sauces and other preserves, and all baked goodies biscuits, cakes, loaves and muffins. Also fresh fruit and vegetables.

Currently we have some wonderful crafts e.g. novelty hand-knitted baby and toddler beanies, beautiful knitted teddy-bears, lovely handcrafted covered coat-hangers and a tray of exquisite knitted booties, AND - Christmas is not too far away!

Please remember to bring cash for your purchases!

~ Jill & Noeline





Tuesday 07 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall Ilam Retirement Service — 10:30am **Oaks Lifestyle Care Service** — 11:00am Victory Youth — 5pm, Upper Room

Wednesday — 08 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 09 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday <u>10 Nov</u> 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

Calendar 2024 draft is at the back of bulletin - please check if the dates are all good for your group and let the office know asap, thanks!



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9

# Worship Details

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

**Readings**: Revelation 7.9-end Psalm 34.1-10, 12 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12

### Sentence

Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe." (Ephesians 1.18-19)

## Collect

Let us pray to be transformed:

Eternal God, you have always taken men and women

of every nation, age and colour and made them saints: like them transformed, like them baptised in Jesus' name, take us to share your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** 

Versicle and Response for Intercessions For your goodness seen in saints, we give you thanks, O God.

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

Amos 5.18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13



## **Prayer Focus**

#### ⇒**Petersgate:**

- •Pray for individuals struggling in the pre-Christmas.
- ⇒**Preschool:**
- **•** Thankfulness for our growing roll.
- Planning and preparations for the Christchurch Christmas Parade on 26 November.

## For the Parish retreat

#### Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Liz O, Verna I, Sheldine, Doug and Betty, Carol B, Derek R, Margaret W & Neville B, Genevieve & Duncan, Maureen & Martin, Bill G, Irvine K, Sheila F, Helen E, Max, Bev H, Alison R, Marlene C, Irene Ch, Christine C, Margaret M, Susan H, and others on our hearts and minds.

#### Diocesan Prayers

PUKAKI CO-OPERATING: Vacancy Archdeacons The Work of Sunday Schools

THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KEEP STILL.



## **ONLINE GIVING**

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

# Frequently Asked Questions

# What's happening with the Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Project?

- Lots! Since 2019 all of the Cathedral architectural and engineering design work, including the new tower and vestries, has been completed. Actual physical work began in 2020.
- On site a 408 tonne exoskeleton of steel now supports the walls of the Cathedral and 247 tonnes of rubble have been removed from the interior using the world's first remote-controlled digger operation.
- Technology is key! We have created an app to record and track every heritage item for reuse in the Cathedral. This increases the accuracy of what is in storage and ensures that each item can be brought back to site in the right sequence when rebuilding.

#### What's next?

- A huge milestone: At the end of the first quarter of 2023 the Cathedral achieved 34 per cent of New Zealand's New Building Standards (NBS) and completed the Stabilisation Phase. This means it is no longer earthquake prone and therefore safe for entry.
- · A new focus: Strengthening the walls of the main building.
- A world first: The first unreinforced masonry neo-gothic cathedral in the world to be protected by base isolation. Internal excavation will be required to allow for the installation of the new foundations and 66 base isolators under the Cathedral and new tower.
- Base isolation is to be completed by 2025 bringing the Cathedral to 100 per cent NBS when the project is finished.

#### When will the project be finished?

 Were getting it done and were on schedule for a 2027 project completion with a reinstated Cathedral and new tower.
Visitors' Centre and Cathedral Centre.

#### How is this being paid for?

- Insurance settlement funds, a Government grant of \$25M, and a Christchurch City Council rated levy of \$10M allowed the project to start and progress. Donations are driving the project forward and will help complete it.
- Fundraising success is critical to the project. The first donations arrived shortly after the 2011 earthquake and continue to this day as businesses and donors note the critical importance of the project for civic, spiritual, economic and heritage reasons.

#### Will the project be stopped before completion?

 No. Delays cost money, so the Board is working to ensure that there will be no delays by concentrating on fundraising and other funding mechanisms.

#### What about cost escalation?

- As everyone in New Zealand knows, costs for construction have increased dramatically over the last three years. CCRL has worked diligently to define the project fully, defining scope and mitigating risks to develop the current estimate. Current total project cost is \$155M.
- The CCRL team manages each piece of the construction puzzle with strict oversight and budget consideration. Steps are taken early to minimise any budget increases and the strong working relationship with contractors assists in an efficient and economical delivery.

#### Why should I help?

- Your reason for donating is personal, but these are some of the reasons we've heard:
  - Reading on the website that the Cathedral will offer a spiritual home to Anglicans, welcome all faiths and none made me feel included. I feel truly welcomed and spiritually connected even though I'm an atheist.
  - The Cathedral is the heart of Christchurch and it needs to be repaired for our city to be fully healed from the earthquakes.
  - History matters to me and knowing where we come from strengthens us going into the future.
  - As a business dependent on tourist dollars, we know that the Cathedral and its Tower were, and will be, one of the city's most important drawcards.
- 75 per cent of respondents from a recent community survey want Christ Church Cathedral reinstated. For those who can donate, every dollar helps to make this happen.

#### What is the Anglican Church doing to support the project?

- While the Anglican Church initially wanted to deconstruct and build a new church more aligned to its budget constraints, appreciation of the civic and heritage values important to Christchurch led to the negotiated settlement. Anglicans here and around the world now support the project.
- The Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Act 2017 resulted from a negotiated decision between the Anglican Church and Government.
- The Anglican Church is further supporting the project through donation of insurance funds, liquidated Church assets, and an Anglican fundraising campaign being led by Bishop Peter Carrell.
- Volunteer involvement by members of the Anglican Church is helping at all levels from governance to design input to spreading the good news around progress on the Cathedral, Visitors Centre' and Cathedral Centre.



**Church life survey** - We have been asked to take part in a national survey of church life. This enables important data in the life of Christian's in this country. Below are the links for each congregation to complete the survey.

Wednesday 10am https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01 GWNS3JQQB9ZHME55RBWSZ1GK/en

*St Luke's* https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01 GWNS3Z0X8MHW5G1MQT23H626/en

**8am** https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01 GWNS48EAAH3TZ3TAVDASDJ8A/en

**9:30am** https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01 GWNS4HPFFZKNB7PRB2KNVF3W/en

**11:15am** https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01 GWNS4V4X39QNJ2H2PP52VZM2/en

**2pm** https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01 GWNS58D2MFV18NDDBYZE1SSD/en

Thank you for taking the time.





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# Parish Event Calendar 2023

| DATE (& Day)      | Event   | Notes                  |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| 5 November        | All Saints Sunday                                     |                        |
| 24-26 November    | Parish Retreat  | Friday-Sunday          |
| 3 December        | Advent Sunday   |                        |
| 10 December       | Remembering the Departed<br>Preschool Service (11:15) | Advent                 |
| 17 December       | Carol Services  | St Luke's & St Peter's |
| 24 December (Sun) | Children's Nativity 5pm<br>Midnight Service           |                        |
| 25 December (Mon) | Christmas Day   |                        |

# 2024 Special Dates - draft only

| DATE (& Day)         | Event                        | Notes  |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                      |                              |  |
| 4 February (Sunday)  | Prayer for Mission Year      |  |
| 14 February (Wed)    | Ash Wednesday                |  |
| 15 March             | Quiz                         | David & Jo Winfield  |
| 17 March - Sunday    | Harvest Thanksgiving         | A State  |
| 24 March - Sunday    | Preschool Service (11.15)    | Paln, Sunday Theme   |
| 24 March- Sunday     | Begin Holy Week              |  |
| 27 March - Wednesday | Tenebrae Service (7pm)       |  |
| 28 March - Thursday  | Maundy Thursday              | rm End for Preschool)  |
| 29 March - Friday    | Good Friday                  | @St Peters   |
| 31 March - Sunday 🏑  | Easter Day                   | - 3 CT   |
| 28 April - Sunday    | Parish AGM                   | Commitment Sunday  |
| 12 May - Sunday      | Petersgate Service           | Mike & Gray Preaching.   |
| 19 May Sunday        | Pente ost/Confirmation (tbc) | and the second sec |
| 14 June - Friday     | Book Sale                    |  |
| 23 June Sunday       | Preschool Service (11:15)    | Matariki   |
| 30 June - Sunday     | S Peter's Patronal Service   |  |
| 7 July - Sunday      | Nurse Maude Service          |  |
| 4 August - Sunday    | Racing Service               |  |
| 1 September          | Spring Service               |  |
| 5, 6, 7 Sept         | Synod                        |  |
| 8 Sept - Sunday      | Preschool Service 11:15      | 5th Birthday Celebration   |
| 5 October            | Plant Sale                   |  |
| 12 October           | Garage Sale                  |  |
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| 20 October         | St Luke's Patronal Service   |                       |
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| 27 - 30 October    | Parish Retreat   | Friday - Sunday in LR |
| 3 November         | All Saints Sunday  |                       |
| 1 December         | Advent Sunday  |                       |
| 8 December         | Remembering the Departed   |                       |
|                    | Preschool Service 11:15  | Advent                |
| 15 December        | Carol Services   | St Luke's & St Peter  |
| 24 Dec - Tuesday   | Children's Nativity 5pm  |                       |
|                    | Midnight Service   |                       |
| 25 Dec - Wednesday | Christmas Day  |                       |
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