

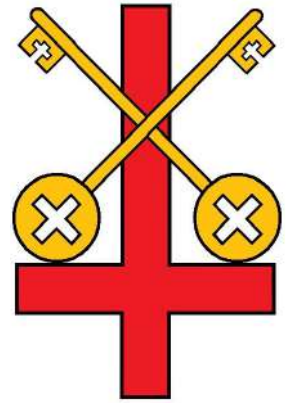
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**19th Nov 2023
Ordinary Sunday 33**



The parable of the talents from the Gospel of Matthew, is a story many of us know well. There are many ways of hearing God's voice in this passage.

One way, is to see the talents that the man going on journey hands out to his slaves, as God's gifts which we are given, for the service of God's Kingdom. The failure to use even the one gift we are given is to see God in a harsh, unloving perspective.

There is another way of viewing this passage. The 'wicked and lazy slave' being the religious people in the church, who have withheld, or not shared God's love with others and God's love is hidden from the world.

It is a great comfort to know that God is generous in giving us these talents, and that these gifts are love, service and sharing. May we make the most of the God-given gifts we have, to share God's love in the world.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Review meeting

There is a meeting on the 17th of December at 11:15am in St Peter's. This is a meeting to hear your thoughts on the proposals of the Mission Impact Review. Vestry want to hear from everyone to inform their decision making.

Please tell us what you don't like about the review proposals, what you like about the proposals and tell us the ideas you have to grow the church.

~Nick

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday November 22nd, 7pm in the Atrium. Please forward reports to office by Monday 20th Nov for circulation.

Growing in Faith - Day by Day

We are enjoying the learning we explore Lectio Divina. This week (19 Nov) we are looking at session 3: Hearing the Holy Spirit in our thoughts.

The final 2 sessions will both happen on 3 December, in the Bowden Hall. We will begin at 11:15, have a shared lunch as we learn and finish at 1:15.

~Peg

Christmas / January rosters

I would be very grateful if you are going to be away over the next couple of months you could let me know. There is a notice in the back of the church to put your name on and the dates you will be absent from church.

Please complete that or alternatively, please email me on jo.winfield49@gmail.com

~Jo Winfield

Parish Retreat

The Parish Retreat is full.

~Nick

Christmas Parade

St Peter's Preschool will be participating in the Christmas Parade on Sunday 26th Nov. We have a mother goose float with some children and staff on it, a flag bearer and a marquee to promote our preschool. Gates open at 11am. Helps are needed. Please contact the office to help.



Last Quiz for 2023

Please fill in the sign up sheets available at the back of church or in the Atrium. If you don't have a team of six we will be able to place you in one on the night. We would also greatly appreciate donations towards the multi-draw raffle, thank you.

~ David Winfield

Coming up very soon

Another grand Christmas raffle. These have been most successful fundraisers previously and books of tickets will be available soon. We are still on the lookout for one or two good prizes to bring the total up to 20 so if you can offer items, vouchers, etc. please let David Winfield know on 027 3322789.

~ David Winfield





Preparations for Christmas are well underway at preschool. This week our children are hearing the Bible story of Baby Jesus' birth.

We have been teaching the children a very catchy song that matches the story. It's called 'O what a special night'. (www.youtube.com/watch?v=duzzZ-p6rYNI&t=3s)

It is the kind of song that gets in your head and stays there lol. Our older children are studying the letter 'M' in our School Readiness programme and this morning they learned the word 'manger'. Most of the children thought a manger wouldn't be a comfortable bed for a baby.

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

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!

Mission Table

The Mission table last Sunday Nov 12th, raised \$488-60 (Including \$170 from the Exercise Class) - for the Anglican Missions Emergency Alliance Appeal for the Al Ahli Anglican hospital in Gaza.

Thank you for your generous patronage; and as always, thank you to everyone who supplied us with a delightful range of goods.

~ Jill & Noeline

Next week no
Family Church



This Week's Diary

Tuesday 21 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 22 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Vestry meeting — 7pm, Atrium

Thursday 23 Nov

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 24 Nov

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

Conversation English Class — 4:00pm

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall

Parish Retreat — 7pm

Saturday 25 Nov

Parish Retreat

Sunday 26 Nov

Parish Retreat — am

Christmas Parade — 11:00am,
A&P Showground



For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
Matthew 25:29

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: Zephaniah 1.7,12-18
Psalm 90.1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
Matthew 25.14-30

Sentence

"His master said to him, "Well done good and faithful slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master. (*Matthew 25.21*)

Collect

Let us pray to use what God has given us:

Risk taking God,
with an open hand you have entrusted us with countless gifts.
We ask of you just one more thing: courage,
courage to use all you have given us,
that we might enter into the joy of our Master,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

For all our talents,
we give you thanks .

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1.15-23
Matthew 25.31-46



Prayer Focus

⇒Petersgate:

◇Pray for individuals struggling in the pre-Christmas.

⇒Preschool:

◇Fine weather for the Christmas parade next weekend.

◇new enrolments to fill the spaces next year.

• For the Parish retreat

• Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Carole B, Marlene C, Sheldine, Liz O, Irene Ch, Christine C, Maureen & Martin, Max, Helen E, Sheila F, Bill G, Susan H, Sue C, Margaret M, Derek R, Alison R, John & Anne and Margaret W.

• Diocesan Prayers

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Vicar: The Rev'd Sampson Knight (Kim)

Rev'd Victoria Askin

Elder Care Project

Christian Conference of Asia

Residents in retirement homes and villages



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Nick Mountfort

This Weeks Sermon

Do THIS to Secure the Future of Your Church



As Christians we are told to rebuild the church, but what does this actually mean? Listen to Nick as he talks about what it means to rebuild the church

Click Here to watch the sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

**Sunday
26 November**

The Christchurch
**Christmas
SHOW
PARADE**

**St Peter's
Anglican
Preschool**



St Peter's Anglican Preschool is excited to help bring the Christchurch Christmas Parade to our community this year. We are sponsoring the Mother Goose float and will have a marquee at the grounds for you to come visit.

Gates open at 11am to the public with parking on site and the parade will start at 2pm. Lots of market stalls and entertainment on offer with fun for the whole family.

For unto us a child is born... Isaiah 9:6

***Come join
in the fun!***

Kōrero mai | Let's talk

Safer intersections around Church Corner

We want to make the intersections
around Church Corner way safer
for everyone.



Find out what's planned
and tell us what you think
before 7 December 2023.

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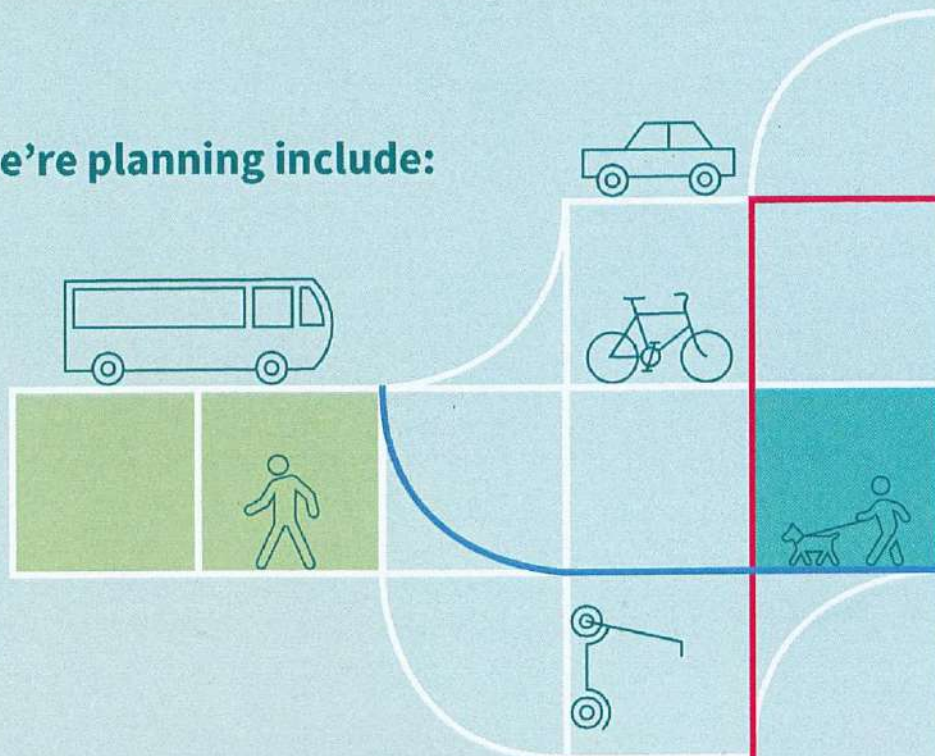
We know that 55% of crashes in Christchurch happen at intersections. Slowing down traffic through intersections reduces both the number and severity of crashes. It also means drivers can watch out for others and stop quickly.

When everyone travels a bit slower, people feel safer walking, scooting or biking to get around instead of using their car.

We've worked hard to get a draft plan ready for community input – if you regularly use these intersections, we want to hear your feedback on our planned safety improvements.

The safety improvements we're planning include:

- road layout changes
- safe speed platforms
- on-road cycle lanes
- pedestrian crossings
- speed humps
- parallel parking
- more accessible bus stops.



Watch the fly-through video of the improvements and tell us what you think **before 7 December 2023**.



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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?

- We're getting it done and we're 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.



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Parish Event Calendar 2023

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
24-26 November	Parish Retreat	Friday-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.

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	
24 March - Sunday	Preschool Service (11:15)	Palm Sunday Theme
24 March- Sunday	Begin Holy Week	
27 March - Wednesday	Tenebrae Service (7pm)	
28 March - Thursday	Maundy Thursday	Term End for Preschool)
29 March - Friday	Good Friday	@St Peters
31 March - Sunday	Easter Day	
28 April - Sunday	Parish AGM	Commitment Sunday
12 May - Sunday	Petersgate Service	Mike & Gray Preaching.
19 May - Sunday	Pentecost/Confirmation (tbc)	
14 June - Friday	Book Sale	
23 June - Sunday	Preschool Service (11:15)	Matariki
30 June - Sunday	St 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	

20 October	St Luke's Patronal Service	
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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