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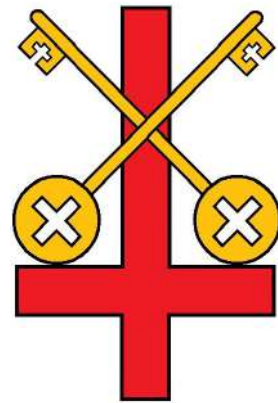
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to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2023  
Advent Sunday**



## Love comes again.

A lot happens on Sunday. We begin over the churches year. The Gospel readings change from the year of Luke to the year of Mark. We launch our Christian World Service Christmas appeal. We begin lighting the Advent wreath, with the candle of hope. We change our musical setting. We have a new Summer edition of the gateway. The liturgical colour changes to purple for preparation. All this and so much more! To be ready for Christmas.



But all this is of no use if we don't open ourselves to love coming again.

*"Christ could be born a thousand times in Galilee – but all in vain until He is born in me."* — Angelus Silesius

My prayer is that we all open ourselves to Christ being born in us this Christmas. Then all our other efforts will be so worth it.

~ Nick



**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### Christmas Themed Mission Table

Mission Table on December 10<sup>th</sup> is a wonderful opportunity to sell Christmas baking, treats, crafts, plants and gifts. This includes all our regular items plus any special treats. So to ensure we make our last Mission Table for the year special please get baking or making!

~Fiona Gilmore

### 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](mailto:jo.winfield49@gmail.com)

~Jo Winfield

### Homegroup

I would like to support forming either a short Advent or New Years home group for St. Luke's. This group could meet on a Tues or Wedn evening from at 5 or 6pm, if there is enough interest, or even on a Sat. morning in the New Year. If you are interested please let me know in person or via e-mail at [james.cliff.counsel@gmail.com](mailto:james.cliff.counsel@gmail.com).

~James Cliff

### Growing in Faith - Day by Day

We are enjoying the learning as we explore Lectio Divina. 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

### Monster Christmas Raffle

These have been very well supported previously and this will be the same we're sure. Tickets still only \$5 each with books of ten available from David or Jo, Corin Murfitt, or Shyuan in the Parish Office. Twenty draws provide some wonderful prizes including CVT Massage Set, a grand hamper, Sunbeam Air Fryer, Goldair Hamburger Maker, restaurant and grocery vouchers, cookbooks, trailer of woodchip/compost, Barkers hamper, Christmas cake and ham, and many more. The raffle will be drawn under supervision on 17<sup>th</sup> December and successful ticket-holders will be notified before Christmas. We would be grateful if parishioners could provide item(s) for the grand raffle - a box will be in church from next Sunday to receive these, thank you.

~ David Winfield

### End-of-year/Christmas Quiz night

Another of these ever-popular fun evenings will be held in the parish hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Teams of up to six members are invited at \$10 a head, \$5 for school students (EFTPOS available). BYO refreshments and some extra dollars for the multi draw raffle. Good prizes for the most successful teams but good enjoyment for everyone. Register your team on the list at the back of church or in the atrium, or by contacting David or Jo Winfield 027 3322789 or 027 2567205, or at [davenjo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:davenjo@xtra.co.nz). Pass the word around family, friends and neighbours.

~ David Winfield

### Community Carols

17<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday 5.30pm Families can arrive with a picnic dinner and enjoy the space; 6pm Carols begin. Location: 63 Creyke Road (by the fire station, clear street number and street name posted... it's right by the bike barn... a great courtyard with three buildings. The main building is Rata Engineering. Weather: We simply go inside in a huge atrium area - no moving!



The Lord blessed us enormously on Sunday with a wonderful sunny day (but not too hot): just perfect conditions for the Christchurch Children's Christmas parade event. We had lots of visitors to our preschool marquee and many parents commented on our wonderful set up and especially loved the wheat trough for children to play in.

The parade itself was amazing- 30 odd floats, including a nativity float, and about 36 other dancers, musicians and other entertainers. The crowd of 35,000 passed the organisers expectations, and we are already looking forward to participating in next year's event.

~ Liz Orr

[stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz](mailto: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!



## This Week's Diary

Sunday 03 Dec

**Vestry Planning Meeting** — 3:30-7pm,  
Atrium

Tuesday 05 Dec

**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

**Helen Easterbrook's funeral** — 11:00am,  
Church

**Victory Youth** — 5pm, Atrium

**Carols at St Allisa's** — 6:30pm

Wednesday — 06 Dec

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Wednesday Eucharist** — 10am, Church

**Ilam Retirement Service** — 1:30am

**Mahjong Club** — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 07 Dec

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Choir** — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 08 Dec

**Meditation** — 9:00am, Chapel

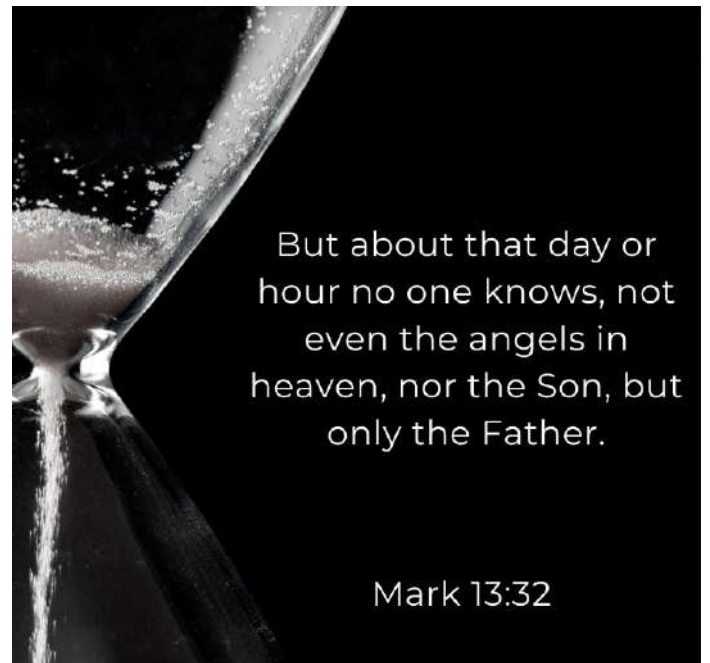
**A-Team** — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

**Conversation English Class** — 4:00pm

**Family Orchestra** — 6pm, Bowden Hall

**Quiz Night** — 7:30pm, Parish Hall



But about that day or  
hour no one knows, not  
even the angels in  
heaven, nor the Son, but  
only the Father.

Mark 13:32



## Worship Details

### St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist

9:30am—Eucharist

### St Luke's Church

9:30am—Eucharist

### Family Church

11:15am

### Mandarin Service

2:00pm

### Readings:

Isaiah 64.1-9

Psalms 80.1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.24-37

### Sentence

"Therefore keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come." (Mark 13.35)

### Collect

Let us pray to be found with eager longing:

Ever-present One,  
you neither slumber nor sleep  
and have promised to return at  
the end of the age:  
grant us who find waiting so tire-  
some  
to be found with eager longing at  
your return;  
this we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of hope,  
**grant our prayer.**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 3.1-6

Psalms 23

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

John 11.17-27

Next Sunday  
Preschool Service  
11:15am  
Lunch at preschool  
Stations of Christmas  
Fun for everyone



## Prayer Focus

### ⇒Petersgate:

◇Pray for individuals struggling in the pre-Christmas.

### ⇒Preschool:

◇Thankfulness for the success of the Christmas parade event.

◇preparations for our family Christmas celebration 10 December.

### • For the Vestry Planning afternoon

### • Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Max A, Baker Family, Margaret B, Carole B, Sue C, Irene Ch, Marlene C, Maureen & Martin D, Sheila F, Bill G, Susan H, Margaret M, Sheldine P, Derek & Jenny R Alison R, John & Anne S

• Please pray for the family and friends of Helen Easterbrook, may she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

### • Diocesan Prayers

SHIRLEY

Vicar: The Rev'd Dr Carolyn Robertson (Paul Hegglin)

The Rev'd Carolyn Swift (Andrew)  
Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy,  
Spouses & Clergy Widow(er)s:

The Rev'd Lynnette Lightfoot  
(Alistair)

The Cathedral Grammar School

Principal: Mr Scott Thelning

Chaplain: Mrs Teresa Kundycki-  
Carrell (+Peter)



### ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

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

Nick Mountfort

# This Weeks Sermon

Understanding Biblical Love



Join us as we Nick discusses Jesus' way of love. Is it more than a feeling?

Click Here to watch the sermon:

<https://youtu.be/aBFUgNcGgSk?>



# Christmas Worship

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 8am and 9.30am

Remembrance of departed  
*light a candle in memory*

11:15am - Christmas Service with Preschool, followed by lunch

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

St Peter's - Holy Communion 8:00am

St Peter's Carol Service – no Eucharist 9.30am

St Luke's Carol Service – no Eucharist 9.30am

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec**

8am & 9:30am

5pm - St Peter's Nativity Dress-up Service

Candlelit midnight Mass St Peter's

*Start with Carols at 11:15pm*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec**

St Peter's 8am and 9.30am

St Luke's 9.30am



**Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst**

St Peter's: 22 Main South Road, Church Corner

St Luke's: 43 School Road, Yaldhurst





# Parish/Preschool Christmas FUN day

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023



**Family Church**

*All are Welcome*



11:15am Family Church  
At St Peter's Church



|| 12:15pm Picnic (Bring food to share)  
At Preschool



|| 1:30pm Christmas Installation  
At Preschool



Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst & St Peter's Preschool  
22 Main South Road, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

University of  
Canterbury  
63 Creyke Rd

**17th  
DEC**

5.30pm  
Picnic  
6pm  
Carols

Everyone is invited to join us at the Rata Engineering building courtyard  
Free parking on campus, street parking available



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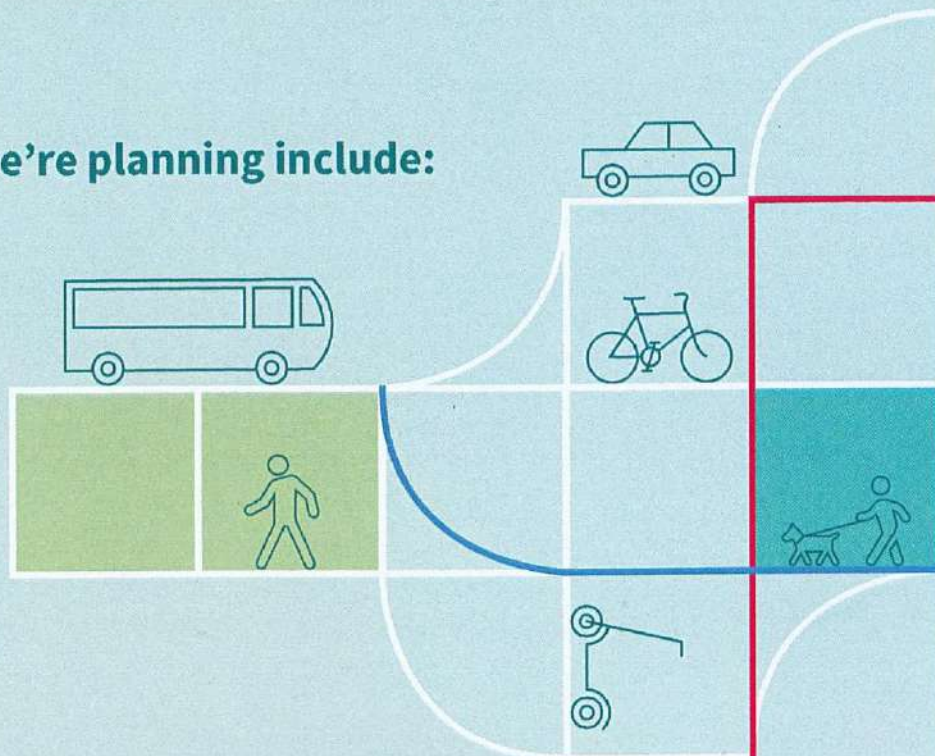
We know that 55% of crashes in Christchurch happen at intersections. Slowing down traffic through intersections reduces both the number and severity of crashes. It also means drivers can watch out for others and stop quickly.

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**.



[letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/church-cnr](https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/church-cnr)



The 2024 Religious Diversity Centre calendar is now available. The photographs show the diversity of religions in Aotearoa New Zealand through the theme of 'earth.'

Each month the photograph **will be** explained by a member of the religious community in a video-clip on the RDC website:

Dates of festivals, observances and holy days that are important to the diverse religions are included .

The cost is \$15 plus postage.

Please order via the Religious Diversity Centre website: [www.rdc.org.nz](http://www.rdc.org.nz)



*Religious Diversity Centre*  
Aotearoa New Zealand





## Parish Event Calendar 2023

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
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
February	Thanksgiving for wardens and treasurers	
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
October	Pet Service	



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	