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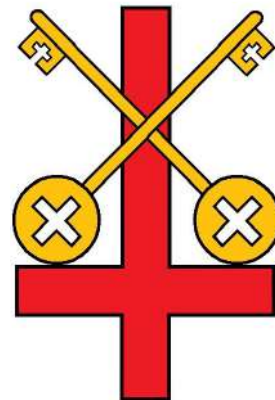
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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**10th Dec 2023
Advent 2**



Least said soonest mended

This was a saying that our grandparents could have said. But when it comes to grieving our loved ones the church takes a different approach. This Sunday we have our annual remembering the departed services. It's an opportunity to bring flowers, to light a candle and to name aloud those we remember. It might be someone who has died this year or any year.

Every time we gather for Eucharist there is part of the Prayers of The People that remembers those that have died. Not because we have to remind God about them, but that its healing for us to regularly remember them. To remind ourselves of the hope we have in eternal life and to reassure us of the trust we can place in God.

The media often talks about closure. But we never close the book on our grief. Rather by gently remembering them in a supportive community like ours, the pain over the years lessens. The hope in eternal life that we gain through Jesus' death and resurrection is a unique gift of our faith, and one that grows as we remember our departed loved ones today.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

~ 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 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

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.

~James Cliff

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

Monster Christmas Raffle

A big thank-you to those who supported our quiz night on Friday, most enjoyed by all participants. Now we come to wind up our Monster Raffle and again thanks to those who bought and sold tickets. We will need the butts and money back this week for our results draw next Sunday. Please get these to David or Jo Winfield or leave them to be picked up from the parish office.

~ David Winfield

Fundraising for Hororata Parish

Our neighbours have a beautiful calendar for sale to raise funds. Artwork by local artists create HoroARTI and 2024. \$30 for each calendar. Perfect gift for Christmas. Available for sale on Sunday. Please see Peg.

~ Nick

Community Carols

17th 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!

Christmas
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8am & 9:30am

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Start with Carols at 11:15pm

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St Luke's 9.30am



ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

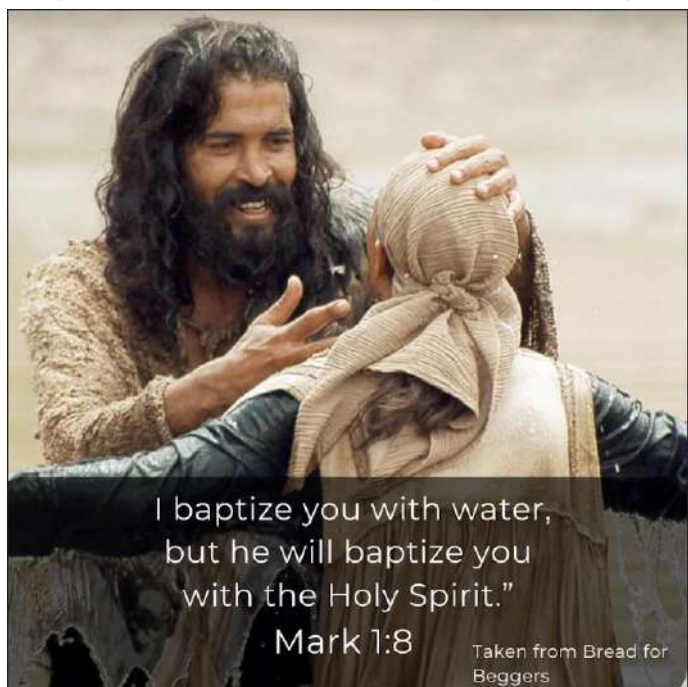
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This week at preschool we are busy preparing for our family Christmas celebration on Sunday. The children are practicing two songs to sing and a play to perform as ways we can share the great news of Jesus birth with the Parish. We are having a shared lunch together at preschool to celebrate Christmas and would love you to join us for our fun afternoon. After lunch we have our Christmas Installation (like we have the last two years) but there have been some changes this year. If you've been before come again and see if you can spot the changes.

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz



I baptize you with water,
but he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:8

Taken from Bread for
Beggars

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 10 Dec

Remembering the Departed — 8am &
9:30am, Church

Preschool Service — 11:15am, Church

Lunch at Preschool — 12:15pm

Carol at Parkstone — 11:15am

Monday 11 Dec

Carol at Ilam Life Care — 6:00pm

Tuesday 12 Dec

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Class — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service — 11:00am

Mayfair Life Care Service — 3:00pm

Care bears — 4pm, atrium

Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

Carol at the Homestead — 6pm

Wednesday — 13 Dec

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church
Remembering the Departed

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Vestry Party — 6pm

Thursday 14 Dec

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 15 Dec

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

St Allisa Life Care Service — 10:30am

Christmas Mission Table

This week is our mission table with all proceeds going towards the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal. If you have any baking, produce, crafts or plants to sell that would be wonderful. Can you please ensure that all items are priced. In addition make sure you bring some cash as there will be some treats and possibly some great Christmas gifts.

~ Fiona, Jill & Noeline

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist

9:30am—Eucharist

Family Church

11:15am

Mandarin Service

2:00pm

Readings:

Wisdom 3.1-6

Psalm 23

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

John 11.17-27

Sentence

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord." (cf Mark 1.3)

Collect

Let us pray to share in proclaiming salvation:

Messenger God,
you chose John the Baptist to
proclaim the longed-for Christ:
stir us to action
that having heard John's message
of hope,
we may share in its proclaiming;
Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of peace,
grant our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

John 1.6-8, 19-28

Sunday

Preschool Service

11:15am

Lunch at preschool
Stations of Christmas
Fun for everyone



Prayer Focus

⇒Petersgate:

◇Pray for the new students.

⇒Preschool:

◇Preschool service and Christmas Family party on Sunday.

◇Wisdom and energy for staff to finish all the necessary end of year tasks.

• For the meeting on the 17th Dec

• 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

SUMNER-REDCLIFFS

Vicar: The Rev'd Harry Newton (Aimee)

The Rev'd Mike Hawke (Patsy)

Alcoholics Anonymous and Drug Addiction Services.

All alcohol and drug dependents and those who care for them



Nick Mountfort

This Weeks Sermon

Te Whiti o Rongomai - The Maori Saint of
Peace

Maori
Saint
of
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Join us as we Nick discusses the life of Te Whiti and how the Bible influenced his desire for peace between Maori and Pakeha

Click Here to watch the sermon:

<https://youtu.be/Bv4c-f6Xpho?>



Parish/Preschool Christmas FUN day

Sunday, 10th 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



To promote the overseas mission of our Church and encourage our Christchurch parishes and ministry units to participate in this mission through prayer, giving and personal involvement.

An invitation to stay home and see the world



Tuesday 19 December, 7:30-8:45pm

with

Bishop Peter and Teresa

Sharing photos and experiences
from their visit to Tanzania

Connecting across the diocese

Brief updates from NZCMS and
Anglican Missions

Sharing prayer concerns and
giving thanks together as we
approach Christmas

Hosted on Zoom by the
Diocesan Council for World Mission

Register to get the Zoom details:
dcwm.chch@gmail.com



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Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

St Luke's: 43 School Road, Yaldhurst

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



Religious Diversity Centre
Aotearoa New Zealand



Parish Event Calendar 2023

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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	