

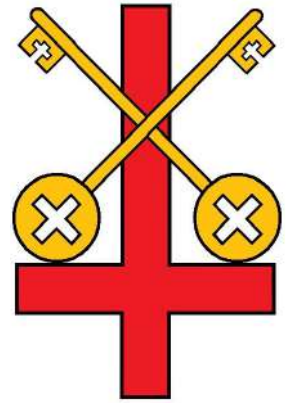
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**17th Dec 2023
Advent 3**



This is a Season of Miracles and Wonders

The shops are very busy. The noise and lights and crowds of people can be either wonderful, or confusing and challenging. And the time limits on mailing overseas or even to the North Island. Pressure to find gifts or cards that are just right and not just 'things'. Why do we feel so much commercial pressure while we prepare for Christmas?

Be still. And know that God is with you.

In all the noise, pressure, there is the quietness of prayer and the joy of the carol singing. Hear the words of God's enormous love for us, the trust and faith of Mary and Joseph, carrying the precious child to Bethlehem and his birth. The wonder and excitement of the shepherds and angels.

May we know deep in our hearts, the faith that we celebrate in our lives this Advent, as we prepare for Christmas.

Be still and know that God loves you.

~ 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

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

Diocesan Fund raising campaign

Next year the Bishop will be launching our Diocesan fund raising campaign for the Cathedral in the square.

5.30–7.30pm Tuesday 20th February
– Transitional Cathedral Launch at Evensong
~Nick

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

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
Worship*

Sunday 17th 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 24th Dec

8am & 9:30am

5pm - St Peter's Nativity Dress-up Service
children's dress ups available on the day

Candlelit midnight Mass St Peter's

Start with Carols at 11:15pm

Christmas Day 25th Dec

St Peter's 8am and 9.30am
St Luke's 9.30am





Last weekend we celebrated Christmas with staff and families. On Saturday the staff had an evening of fun and fellowship together. On Sunday morning several families joined Family Church to celebrate the birth of Jesus through our delightful nativity play. The children all performed fabulously. After church we had a wonderful feast together then families enjoyed creating at the 4 stations of our Christmas Installation. Children collected stamps from each station of a good thing about Christmas, on their 'passport' which was cleared at 'border patrol'. After they had been cleared at the 'border', they got to see the greatest thing about Christmas which is the Nativity scene.

~ Liz Orr

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Christmas Mission Table

The Mission table last Sunday was most successful, raising \$589-60 for the Christian World Service Christmas Appeal. This total included a donation from the Exercise Class.

Thank you to everyone who contributed baking, preserves, Christmas goodies, crafts, beautiful garden plants etc etc, and also thanks to all our customers, and to Gwen Dennys, Helen and Fiona who helped set up and run the Table.

~ Jill & Noeline

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 17 Dec

Review Meeting — 11:15am, St Peter's

Monday 18 Dec

Carol at Ilam Life Care — 6:00pm

Tuesday 19 Dec

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 20 Dec

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 21 Dec

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 22 Dec

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

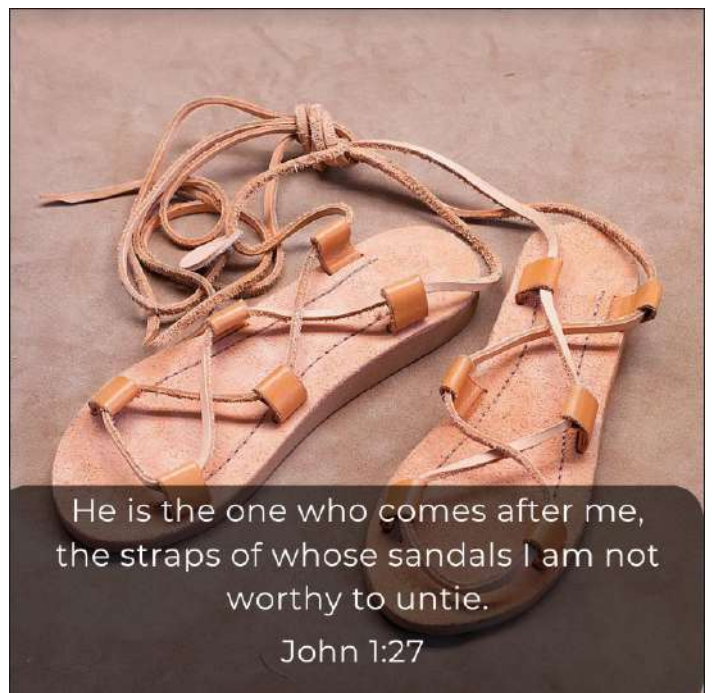
A-Team — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

Fundraising for Hororata Parish

Artwork by local artists created Horo-ARTI and 2024. \$30 for each calendar. Perfect gift for Christmas. Available for sale on Sunday. Please see Peg.

~ Peg



He is the one who comes after me,
the straps of whose sandals I am not
worthy to untie.

John 1:27

Worship Details

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

Readings:

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
John 1.6-8, 19-28

Sentence

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
(Isaiah 40.3)

Collect

Let us pray to share in proclaiming salvation:

God for whom we wait and watch,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare for the coming of your
Son:
give us courage to speak the
truth
even to the point of suffering;
this we ask through Christ our
Saviour. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of joy,
grant our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 15
Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

Family Church was finished
for the year, but we need
kids for Nativity Dress Up
Service. See Nick.

Prayer Focus

⇒Petersgate:

♦Pray for the new students.

⇒Preschool:

♦All staff to get all the paperwork finished for the year .
♦Children who are graduating at the end of the year .

• 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

• Diocesan Prayers

Hui Amorangi o te Waipounamu
Bishop: The Rt Rev'd Richard Wallace (Mere)

The Bishopric of Aotearoa - Other
Regional Bishops:

Te Tairawhiti – The Rt Rev'd Donald
Tamihere (Kisa)

Te Upoko o te Ika – The Rt Rev'd
Waitohiariki Quayle

Te Tai Tokerau - The Rt Rev'd Kitohi
Pikaahu (Lynnore)

Te Manawa o te Wheke - The Rt
Rev'd Ngarahu Katene (Kamana)



Nick Mountfort

This Weeks Sermon

Facing Burnout? How to Find REST



How do we find rest in the midst of burnout? How can we finish 2023 with strength to spare?

Click Here to watch the sermon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBLjuX26wu4>



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

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

University of
Canterbury
63 Croyke 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

Advent greetings,

In a busy season, this email may be an unwelcome reminder that Lent starts on 14 February next year. Theology House's Lenten study book *A Future of Hope* is now available to order at:

[A Future of Hope -Lent Study Guide 2024 - Theology House](#)

A brief introduction is included below:

This study gives us the opportunity to contemplate how we will live out our faith as churches, as communities of grace.

A Future of Hope comes about in the context of the need for the Church in Aotearoa to respond meaningfully to the work of the Abuse in Care Royal Commission. This study is intended to complement and build on A Holy Church published last year but can also be used on its own. Where A Holy Church focused on our relationship with God, A Future of Hope speaks more to our relationship with our neighbour. While parts of this study necessarily deal with the past, it is deliberately future focused, asking how we can walk forward together without ignoring the past.

We will email you again early next year. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Warm regards,

Sarah Larritt

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Parish Event Calendar 2023

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
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	