

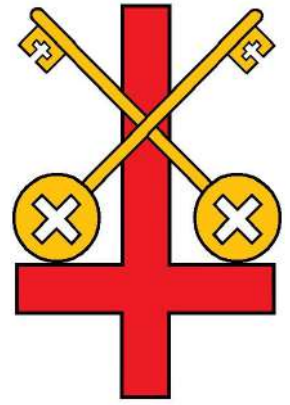
Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora  你好

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**Christmas to
January 2024**



Cultivating our Gratitude

As our family prepares for their holidays, I was reminded that there are many ways for people to relax, refresh and recreate themselves in their time off. Some like adventure, and some like to be pampered. Some long for sleep and others don't want to miss a thing. We each have a preference for the way we look after our physical and mental wellbeing.

We also each have a preference for the way we take care and grow spiritually.

As we remember and celebrate God's love to us through the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ, may we actively deepen our faith in God's love in our whole lives. .

Some of the ways people deepen their faith are finding and making quiet sacred moments. Also there is prayer and meditation. You may read the Bible, perhaps using the Lectio Divina method of prayer through scripture. A common experience for many is to explore nature, to walk, rest and view God's beautiful creation.

But most importantly, it is to cultivate our gratitude and allow ourselves to feel and believe in God's amazing love for us. And from that love, to love others in our community, neighbours, family and friends.

May you feel God's loving presence with you through this Christmas Season, and into the New Year.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

St. Luke's Summer Home Group invitation

Growing some social-pastoral-faithful connections for the summer. Tuesday Jan 16, 2024, 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Please text or Ph 027 899 6003 if you'd like to attend.

~James Cliff

Missing umbrella

An umbrella was taken by mistake from the church porch Sunday 10th December, following the 9:30am service. The umbrella has a "tartan" style pattern material and a brown handle. If you took it by mistake can you please either return it to the office or place it on the table at the back of the church.

~Edwin

2024

Office Closure

The office team wishes you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! We are closed from Mon, 25th Dec 23 and re-opening Mon, 15th Jan 2024 for Christmas and New Year holidays.

Special dates

A-team resumes 2nd Feb
Card Making Club resumes Feb
Conversation English Class 9th Feb
Exercise Class resumes 16th Jan
Garage Sale resumes 26th Jan
Mahjong resumes 10th Jan
Morning Prayer resumes 16th Jan
Meditation Group resumes 19th Jan
Petersgate reopens 8th Jan
Preschool to reopens 15th Jan
Staff meeting resumes 16th Jan
Wednesday Service resumes 17th Jan

Prayer Focus

• For our mission partners

⇒ **Petersgate:**

◊ Pray for the new students.

⇒ **Preschool:**

◊ Thankfulness for God's guidance this year.

◊ Restful break for staff and children.

• **That our Christmas worship will bring glory to God.**

• **Diocesan Prayers**

For our Bishop Peter and Teresa

Restoration Fundraising Christmas Raffle –
A huge thank you to all those who supported our Christmas raffle in many ways – donating prizes, selling and purchasing tickets, administering and delivering. The result of all your efforts was \$2635 towards paying off the balance owing on our beautifully restored church of St. Peter.

The successful participants were:

CVT Massage Set Anna Anthony

Air Fryer / Multi Cooker Jan Harmon

3 Tier Plate Stand Simone

Spiegelau Wine Glasses Nathan Rhodes

Hamburger Maker Bridie Boyd

Pen & ink Drawing Elizabeth Goss

3000 piece Jigsaw David Boyd

Cheeseboard / knives Gilly Dawber

Wok Cookbook Kerry Kearney

Julie Biuso Cookbook Noel Hawkins

\$100 New World Voucher Jay Grubb

Grand Hamper B McGrath

\$100 restaurant voucher M Gilmore

The George voucher Jo Winfield

Trailer compost Adam Pethig

Lamp Jude

Christmas ham Kelley Maule

Christmas cake Bailey

Barkers Gift Pack Fran

Signed/numbered print Tony Danenberg

Great job!

-David Winfield-



Proudly helping
bring children back
to Church Corner

By the time you read this preschool will be closed for our Christmas holiday. The staff have worked so hard this year to provide a wonderful programme to all our children. God is faithful and good: He is the one who leads us and guides us every day. Everything we do is for His glory. God has blessed us abundantly this year in amongst the challenges.

As we come to the end of the year I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support of our preschool through prayers, practical help and encouraging words. Hope you all have a blessed Christmas. ~ Liz Orr

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ONLINE GIVING

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

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

The following are groups/ activities that are available at St Peter's:

A Team
Card Making Club
Church Tour
Choir
Christian Meditation
Digital Ministry
English Conversation Class
Exercise Class
Family Orchestra
Friday morning folding team
Mahjong
Meditation
Mission
Morning Prayer Meeting
Mission Group
Petersgate
Preschool
Rest Home Ministry
Sales - *Books, Garage, Plants*
Sound
Sunday School
Victory Youth

Most will begin near the end of January or February, please phone the office for details after 15th Jan.

**More details available on our
webpage or Facebook.**

Worship Details

24 December Advent 4 St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist

9:30am—Eucharist (*combined with
Mandarin Congregation*)

Readings:

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16
Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26
Romans 16.25-27
Luke 1.26-38

5pm—Children Nativity Dress-up
Service (*Costume available*)
11:15pm—Carols and Christmas
Communion

Christmas Day St Peter's Church

8:00am—Carols and Communion

9:30am—Eucharist, Carols and
family time

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Eucharist and Carols

Readings:

Isaiah 62.6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3.4-7
Luke 2.1-7



Upcoming Worship Christmas to January 2024

Epiphany
07 January 2024

Worship:
8.00 & 9.30am at
St Peter's
9.30am at St
Luke's

Isaiah 60.1-6
Psalm 72.1-7, 10-15
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

God of our journey
hear our prayer.

**Baptism of
Christ**
14 January 2024

Worship:
8.00 & 9.30am at
St Peter's

Genesis 1.1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19.1-7
Mark 1.14-20

Come, Holy Spirit
**come into our
lives.**

Epiphany 3
21 January 2024

Worship:
8.00 & 9.30am at
St Peter's
9.30am at St
Luke's

Jonah 3.1-5, 10
Psalm 62.5-12
1 Corinthians 7.29-31
Mark 1.14-20

Lord of glory
hear our prayer.

Epiphany 4
28 January 2024

Worship:
8.00 & 9.30am at
St Peter's

Deuteronomy 18.15
-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8.1-13
Mark 1.21-28

Lord of glory
hear our prayer.

and
suddenly
there was with
the
angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

Nick Mountfort

Watch This Holiday

Christmas Carol Service



Celebrate the joy of the holiday season with amazing music from our choir

Link to Carol Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 5SetFWL0dw>

Link to Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@stpeterschristchurch>

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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2024 Special Dates

| 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 | |

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| 5 October | Plant Sale | |
| 12 October | Garage Sale | |
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| 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 | |