

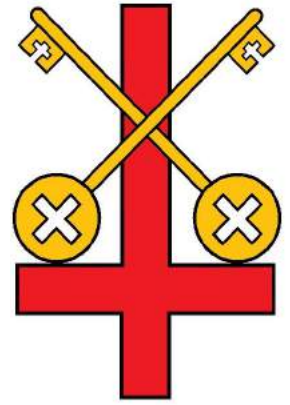
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**4th Feb 2024
Ordinary Sunday 5**



Finding our way

A compass is an amazing thing. With the right training and a map its impossible to get lost!

Prayer is an amazing thing. With an openness to God we can find direction, encouragement and strength for our lives.

That's exactly what prayer does for Jesus in our Gospel today. Early in the morning while it is still dark he goes to pray. Following his prayer he has a new sense of purpose and of direction.

The Bishop has asked that 2024 be for us a year of prayer. His hope and mine is that prayer will be for all of us like it was for Jesus. A compass in our lives to find direction, to guide us into God's will for us.

My hope is that each of us has a regular daily time of prayer. If you haven't and you need resources to help you, please ask me I'd be delighted to help.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Lenten Study Group

Margaret Kent has kindly offered to host a Lenten Study Group in her home, for five Tuesdays, starting on 20 February. The course is led by Peg, looking at the next Sunday readings, using Lectio Divina method. Contact Margaret Kent, ph: 03 341 6340. ~Peg

St Luke's Homegroup

To join, please contact me in person or e-mail: james.cliff.counsel@gmail.com ~James Cliff

February rosters

There are hardcopies at the back of church for those who need one. ~Jo Winfield

Spirituality & Well-being

My name is Michael Baker and I am the clinical manager of Petersgate. I have a PhD that looked at the effectiveness of spiritual practices in drug and alcohol treatment. I am looking for people with an interest in spirituality to work with me to find guest speakers and to run the occasional seminar or workshop on how spiritual practices can improve people's mental health and well-being.

If you are excited by this topic and would like to promote it, please contact me. Phone or text: 0274064290

Email: clinical.manager@petersgate.org.nz ~Mike Baker

Diocesan Fund raising campaign

This 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

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday 14th Feb 10am, 7pm worship at St Peter's.

Notice of a Special meeting of Parishioners

Having prayerfully considered the Mission Impact Review recommendations and having listened carefully to feedback from the meeting of parishioners in December, Vestry asks a special meeting of parishioners be held at 11 am on 11 February, in St Peter's to agree to the following motion:

THAT this meeting adopts the recommendations of the Mission Impact Review ie; Prayer, Disciple Making, Adult Education Committee*, Ministry of all the Baptised, a Stewardship programme, a Communications Team, a Newcomer incorporation strategy, Parish Office, the planting of a new 10.45 am* congregation to begin on 7 April (with a subsequent change of the 9.30 am service to 9.15 am), Care of Creation*, a Finance committee* and a Building committee*.

*These are changes vestry has made to the original recommendations following consultation.

What this motion means: The Parish will: Ensure PRAYER is a priority in the parish; develop a DISCIPLE MAKING process or 'spiritual pathway' so that all parishioners can continue to grow as disciples; set up an Adult Education Committee including setting up a DISCUSSION GROUP to assist parishioners in advocacy and action on matters of social justice and care of creation" develop a greater emphasis on the MINISTRY OF ALL THE BAPTISED by building our lay leadership capacity; undertake a STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME in the next six months so that new people are encouraged to become regular financial givers, existing parishioners prayerfully re-evaluate their giving, and everyone can respond to the vision and growth priorities of the parish; set up a COMMUNICATIONS TEAM to develop a comprehensive communication strategy (including website, email, social media, print media and signage) to lift our profile in the community, and enable enquirers to find and visit our parish; develop an INCORPORATION STRATEGY to help newcomers feel they belong and become fully involved in the life of the parish; continue to consider ways of making the PARISH OFFICE more accessible to parishioners and newcomers as the 'heart' of the parish; move the 9.30am service to 9.15am to enable a new congregation to be planted at 10.45am which would have a contemporary, Anglican feel with band music and a Children's Ministry; continue to take steps regarding our responsibility to care for creation; establish a finance committee; and, establish a building committee.



Proudly helping
bring children back
to Church Corner

Preschool started back on 15 January. Our staff and children all came back refreshed after their summer break and ready to start another fun year at preschool. We are in a time of transition as we continue to farewell our 5 year olds as they graduate from preschool. From the end of last year until Friday 2 February we have 15 children graduating. A lot of these children have been with us since they were 1 year olds so it's going to be very strange at preschool without them and their families. One of these children is the last one of our children that started when we opened.

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz



This Week's Diary

Tuesday 06 Feb (Office closed)

Waitangi Day - Public holiday

Wednesday — 07 Feb

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church

Ilam Retirement Service — 1:30pm

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 08 Feb

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 09 Feb (Lunar Chinese New Year Eve)

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

Middlepark Service -- 1pm

Conversation English Class — 4:00pm

Family Orchestra — 6:00pm

Saturday 10 Feb (Lunar Chinese New Year)



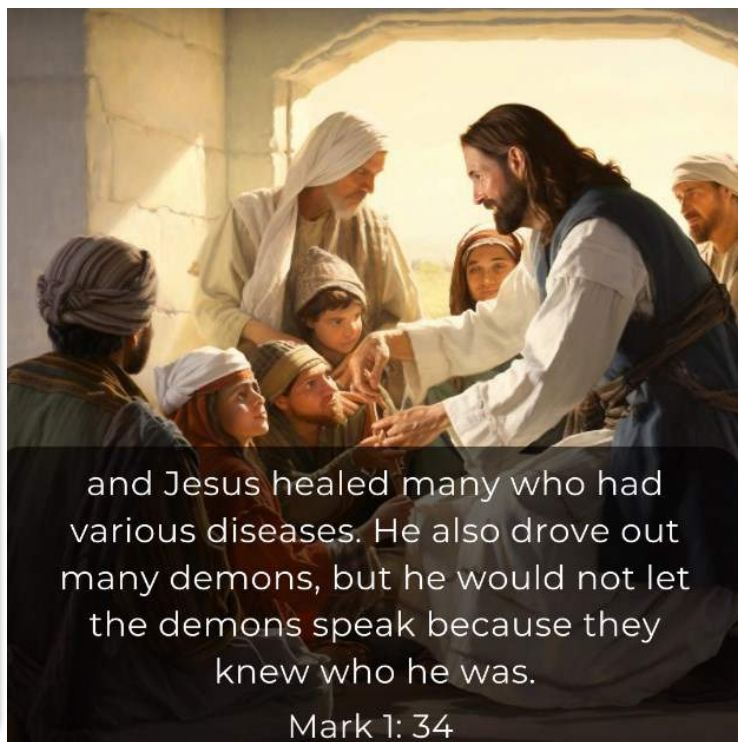
His
Grace
is enough

Mission Table

The first Mission Table for this year will be held on Sunday 11th February - at both the 0800 and 0930 Services.

We welcome all donations - e.g. crafts, knitted items, baking, pickles, jams and preserves, sweet treats, fresh vegetables and fruit etc etc. Please price your contributions and - remember to bring cash for your purchases, tho Eft-Pos should be available.

~ Jill & Noeline



and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Mark 1: 34

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist

9:30am—Eucharist

St Luke's

9:30am—Eucharist

Mandarin Service

2:00pm

Readings:

Isaiah 40:21-31 Renewing our strength

Psalms 147:1-7

1 Cor 9:16-23 Becoming as one

Mark 1:29-39 Direction in prayer

Sentence

"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40.31)

Collect

Let us pray to find direction for our lives:

God our source of hope.
Your son Jesus found direction,
guidance and
encouragement through prayer.
Grant us the same grace,
in his name we ask it. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of joy,
grant our prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

1 Cor 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45



Prayer Focus

⇒ Petersgate:

♦ Pray for the new students.

⇒ Preschool:

♦ Thankfulness for a refreshing break for staff and children.

♦ For our large group of graduates as they transition into primary school.

• For the Special General Meeting 11am on the 11th.

• Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Carole B, Irene Ch, Max, Susan H, Annette G, Barbara F and Sue C.

• Diocesan Prayers

THE BISHOP: The Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell (Teresa)

Retired Bishop: The Rt Rev'd Dr David Coles (Joy)

Retired Bishop: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews

The Diocese

Vicar General: The Ven Mark Barlow

Deputy Vicar General: The Ven Indrea Alexander (Neville)

Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission:

The Ven Canon Mark Chamberlain (Pip)

Chancellor: Mr Maurice Walker (Suzie)

Vice-Chancellor: Mr Alex Summerlee (Jane)

Diocesan Manager: Mr Edwin Boyce (Essie)

Comms and Media Adviser: Mrs Yvette Koo Butcher (Andrew)

Diocesan Archivist: Jane Teal

Diocesan Director of Ordination: The Rev'd Jenny Wilkens

Diocesan Monitor: Mrs Clare Ayers (Barry)

Diocesan Synod

Standing Committee



The Bishop of Christchurch, The Right Reverend Dr Peter Carrell, in conjunction with Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Ltd (CCRL) and the Dean and Chapter, invites you to the launch of the Anglican Fundraising Campaign to raise funds for the reinstatement of Christ Church Cathedral.

Join us for Choral Evensong, followed by the latest information and updates on this exciting and dynamic project which will see our Diocesan Cathedral restored.

Bishop Peter will speak along with the CCRL Chair, Mark Stewart, MNZM and Project Director, Keith Paterson.

Come and meet those leading this extraordinary project and learn how you can help to achieve the Cathedral's reinstatement.

Christchurch Event

When: Choral Evensong, 5.30 Tuesday 20th February 2024

Where: The Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford St, Christchurch

Timaru Event

When: Choral Evensong, 5.30pm Wednesday 21st February 2024

Where: St Mary's, 24 Church St, Seaview, Timaru

Light refreshments will be served at both events

Please RSVP to information@ccrl.org.nz before 31st January 2024 indicating:

- Your name and email address
- Name of your partner / guest
- Which venue you would like to attend

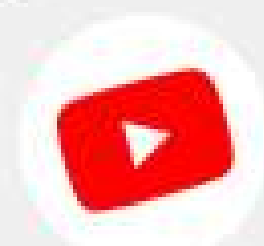


Christ Church
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Reinstatement
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2024 Special Dates

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

5 October	Plant Sale	
6 October	Pet Service/St Francis	Mike Baker Preaching.
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's
24 Dec - Tuesday	Children's Nativity 5pm	
	Midnight Service	
25 Dec - Wednesday	Christmas Day	

Note: This is a living document, will be updated as required.