

The Season of Lent has begun

In the Christian Church, Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. During Lent, Christians may fast, pray or give up some of their usual routine to give time to reflect on their relationship with God. As we reflect, we acknowledge that we have not loved God with our whole hearts, and we prepare our hearts as we remember how we belong to God, and to God we will return.

There are many layers of meaning to this ritual we follow. There is the call to remember God created us from the earth and we are linked to the earth and by the grace of God that we live and move and have our being. And we are called to remember our connection to the rest of humanity. We are all made from the same "stuff."



On Ash Wednesday, we received the cross of ashes, in the same place as the cross of oil we receive at baptism, to remind us that we were created in love, we belong to God, and we will return to God.

As we pray through Lent, may we remember that we are all God's children, and we are deeply and profoundly loved by God.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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News in the Parish

Lenten Study Group

Please note there is a change of venue for our Lenten Study meetings, beginning on Tuesday 20th February at 7.00pm, will now be held in The Atrium and **not** at 15 Ludecke Place. Margaret Kent 341 6340.

~Peg

<u>St Luke's Homegroup</u>

There are still places available in this developing homegroup. To join, please contact me in person or e-mail: james.cliff.counsel@gmail.com ~James Cliff

<u>Chip/Mulch</u>

The A-Team is working hard and has Chip/mulch available at \$50.00 per trailer load delivered, or \$30.00 per trailer load if you collect it yourself from the Glebe.

~Dennys 357 4204



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

A big thank you

A tremendous thank you to the Mandarin congregation who gave the wider parish \$10,000 as a gift to mark the lunar new year.

The gift was in a beautiful red envelope, and it represents the respect of the two congregations joining together.

Vestry Meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 28th Feb, please email your report to office by Friday 23rd Feb.

<u>AGM</u>

Next AGM Sunday 28th April, please email your report to office by Friday 22nd Mar.



<u>Quiz Night</u>

PLANNING AHEAD - We hope you're gathering up your team for the next parish quiz night on Friday 15th March. Always fun evenings for all ages so watch out for a list to register in the coming weeks. Teams of six members. Donations towards the everpopular raffles gladly accepted at any time.

~David & Jo Winfield

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





Proudly helping bring children back to Church Corner

The other cultural celebration our children have been learning about is Chinese New Year. This started on 9 February with Chinese New Year's Eve and runs for 4 weeks. Chinese New Year's Eve is an important time to gather together as families in Chinese culture (like westerners do at Christmas time). Within the 4 week New year period there is a 2 week Lantern festival.

We held a family celebration on Friday night to acknowledge both cultural occasions. The children sang some waiata (songs in te Reo Māori), which included Chinese song. They also а performed a lovely play called the 'Kauri family' that demonstrates how God made us all different but we can all live together side by side. ~ Liz Orr stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz



Mission Table

The Mission Table held last Sunday for Jamie and Lily Somerville, - who are Missionaries in Thailand, raised \$416-50 (incl. \$123-50 from the Exercise class).

Thank you to everyone who supplied very generous pots of jams, pickles and sauces, plus the wide range of baking, beautiful plants, and various crafts, and also helped to run the Stall.



his Week's Diary

Tuesday 20 Feb

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall Elms Court Village Service — 11:00am Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

<u>Wednesday — 21 Feb</u> Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Wednesday Service —10am, Church Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

<u>Thursday 22 Feb</u> **Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel **Choir** — 7:30pm, Church

<u>Friday 23 Feb</u> Meditation—9:00am, Chapel A-Team—9am, by the hall Garage Sale— 9-11am, Shed Conversation English Class — 4:00pm, Bowden Hall Family Orchestra — 6:00pm, Bowden Hall







ONLINE GIVING

Bank: Bank of New Zealand Branch: Upper Riccarton, Christchurch Account Details: 02-0874-0021566-00

Worship Details

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

Readings:

Gen 9:8-17 The sign of covenant Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 A baptism of suffering Mark 1:9-15 A voice from heaven

Sentence

"I now set my bow in the clouds and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:13)

Collect

Let us pray to be true to our calling...

God of the rainbow, a glimpse of your glory transforms lifetime. May our lives never be monuments to past glories; but a living vital witness to your saving power; in Jesus name we ask it. **Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Next Sunday's Readings: Gen17:1-7, 15-16

Gen17:1-7, 15-7 Ps 22:23-31 Rom 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38



Prayer Focus

⇒Petersgate:

- Pray for the new students.
- ⇒**Preschool:**
- onew enrolments to increase our roll again.
- ofor all our recent graduates as they settle into primary school.
- Please pray for our Lenten Studies Programme

Other Prayers

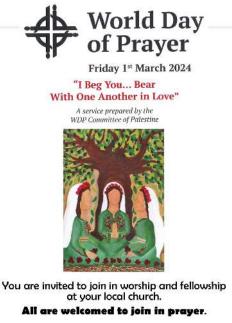
We pray for those in need of prayer, especially: Max, Margaret B, Carole B, Irene Ch, Marlene C, Bill G, Joan G, Annette & Dave G, Margaret M, Allison R, Barbara F & John & Anne S.

Diocesan Prayers

The Church Property Trustees Chair: The Rt. Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell (Teresa) The Trustees and staff

General Manager: Mr Gavin Holley (Andrea)

Office Manager: Mr Ross Seagar (Jo) Finance Manager: Mr Ashley South (Sue)



Morning tea to follow

Place: St Peter's, Church Corner Time: <u>10am</u>



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



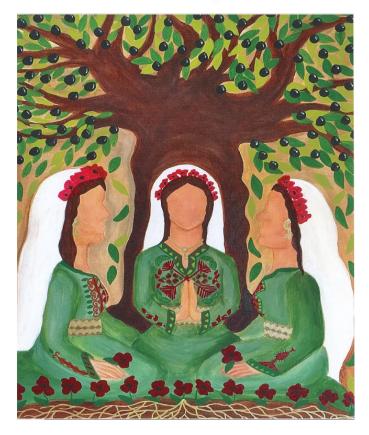
Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Project

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

A service prepared by the WDP Committee of Palestine



You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at your local church.

All are welcomed to join in prayer.

Morning tea to follow

Place: <u>St Peter's, Church Corner</u> Time: <u>10am</u>



2024 Special Dates

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| Event | Notes | |
| Thanksgiving for wardens and treasurers | | |
| World Day of Prayer | | |
| Quiz | David & Jo Winfield | |
| Harvest Thanksgiving | | |
| Preschool Service (11:15) | Palm Sunday Theme | |
| Begin Holy Week | | |
| Tenebrae Service (7pm) | | |
| Maundy Thursday | (Term End for Preschool) | |
| Good Friday | @St Peters | |
| Easter Day | | |
| Easter Monday | | |
| ANZAC Day | | |
| Parish AGM | Commitment Sunday | |
| Petersgate Service | Mike & Gray Preaching. | |
| Pentecost/Confirmation (tbc) | 4 | |
| King's birthday | | |
| Book Sale | | |
| Preschool Service (11:15) | Matariki | |
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| St Peter's Patronal Service | | |
| Nurse Maude Service | | |
| Racing Service | | |
| Spring Service | | |
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| 5, 6, 7 Sept | Synod | |
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| 8 Sept - Sunday | Preschool Service 11:15 | 5th Birthday Celebration |
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| 5 October | Plant Sale | |
| 6 October | Pet Service/St Francis | Mike Baker Preaching. |
| 12 October | Garage Sale | |
| 20 October | St Luke's Patronal Service | |
| 28 October (Friday) | Labour Day | |
| 27 - 30 October | Parish Retreat | Friday - Sunday in LR |
| 3 November | All Saints Sunday | |
| 15 November (Friday) | Canterbury Show Weekend | |
| 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 | |
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