

Welcome

to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**10th Mar 2024
Lent 4**



Being light

It never ceases to amaze me the difference that Christians make to their community. Every community I have ever been part of has Christians making a big difference.

Recently I was our church's rep at the International Anglican Liturgical Conference in Seoul, South Korea. In a week it quickly became clear how much of a difference a relatively small number of Anglicans are making to the city and nation. The Cathedral community runs a cafe called Grace Cafe. To an outsider it's just an ordinary cafe. (Although they didn't have tea!) But it is staffed not by locals but by women who have recently been smuggled in from North Korea. They cross at the border between China and North Korea at risk to their life and person, and a network of Christians bring them safety to Seoul. There the church gets them a job, housing, counseling and a faith community.

But then it shouldn't come as a surprise when we read today's Gospel verse 21, *"But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants"*.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Signing up for new service

Our new service is starting 7th April 10:45. Please sign up at the back of church, so we can plan.

Hosts

Thank you to the who are hosts. There is a training gathering after 9:30 church on Sunday the 10th of March. 11am in the church.

Autumn Gateway magazine

Deadline for contributions to the next (Autumn) Gateway magazine is the evening of Monday 1st April.

~Heather & Graeme Cox

Building Committee

The Vestry is gathering a building committee. David Huang has agreed to coordinate it. Please contact David to be part of this important group which maintain s all the plant. David's contact is as below:

Phone: 0210 511 018

Email: budrnz@gmail.com

English Conversation Class

More volunteers are needed as the class grows. Please contact Liz Delamere for more information: lizard.d@xtra.co.nz

AGM

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

Come and sing with us!

Christchurch City Choir invites all singers to join in the preparation and presentation of John Rutter's 'Requiem.'

This will be performed on Saturday March 23rd at Knox Church. You can register for the workshop at info@citychoir.co.nz or just come to the concert at 3pm. Tickets are available at Humanitix (\$25 or \$15) or at the door.

Details from Richard: 021 02361114

Quiz Night FRIDAY 15th MARCH

7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners have been gathering up their teams for this evening of fun and challenge. \$10 a head (\$5 for students), 6 members per team and you can register your intention to participate on the forms at the back of church or in the Atrium. If you don't have a team then come along anyway and we'll fit you in. We really appreciate donations towards our multi draw raffle and you can drop these off to the parish office. Do spread the word amongst family and friends, the more the merrier.

~David & Jo Winfield

Trade Me

As you know, I offered to market items on Trade Me for parishioners provided the parish could get a commission from the proceeds. We also sell on Trade Me and at McCormack and McKellar (Art auctioneers) items that we retrieve from those donated to our garage sale, if we think we might get significantly more from these methods of sale. At the last garage sale, Dianne Rait's grandson Liam, who is a trader, drew our attention to three paintings which he thought were worth more than we could get at the garage sale, and another trader also pointed out a ceramic ornament (that I thought looked pretty ugly), as a desirable item.

I took all four items to McCormack and McKellar, who agree to put two of the paintings and the ornament in the next appropriate auction. The result was that the ornament sold for \$70 - we netted \$54 after commission - and the two paintings sold for \$1000.00 - us netting \$770. Are there any more paintings out there that anyone wants to donate to the parish?

~Dennys



Thank you for your prayers for our staff over the last week as we begin to navigate new documentation. We have been supported by Trust visitors (Mr B: Manager Special Projects Karen; Education Advisor Melitta; Accounts Manager Bonne; and Teacher Sharon) to teach and support us through the changes. Our teachers seem to be catching onto the new system so quickly (which is a grateful answer to prayer), as we begin a huge learning journey. This week we have also celebrated the re-opening of Aidanfield Christian Preschool (our sister preschool in Christchurch). About 130 people gathered together to share food and fun together, and celebrate Gods goodness to this community.

~ Liz Orr

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Harvest Thanksgiving

17th March at all services, please bring produce to support.

Mission Table

The next Mission table will be held in the Atrium on Sunday March 10th.

We very much appreciate all donations - jams, preserves, sauces, pickles, all manner of baking and sweets, also craft items, knitting, teddies etc, and vegetables and plants.

This Mission Table will be supporting the Hornsby trust - St Andrews School in Tonga which we have contributed to for a number of years. Cash is welcome and preferable - but EftPos will be available.

~ Jill & Noeline



This Week's Diary

Sunday 10 Mar

Training for Hosts — 11am, Church

Tuesday 12 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service — 11am

Mayfair Life Care Service — 3:00pm

Care bears — 4pm, Zoom

Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

Lenten Study — 7:00pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 13 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Service — 10am, Church

Ilam Retirement Service — 1:30pm

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 14 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 15 Mar

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

Garage Sale — 9-11am, Shed

St Allisa's Service — 10:30am

Conversation English Class — 4:00pm,
Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6:00pm, Bowden Hall

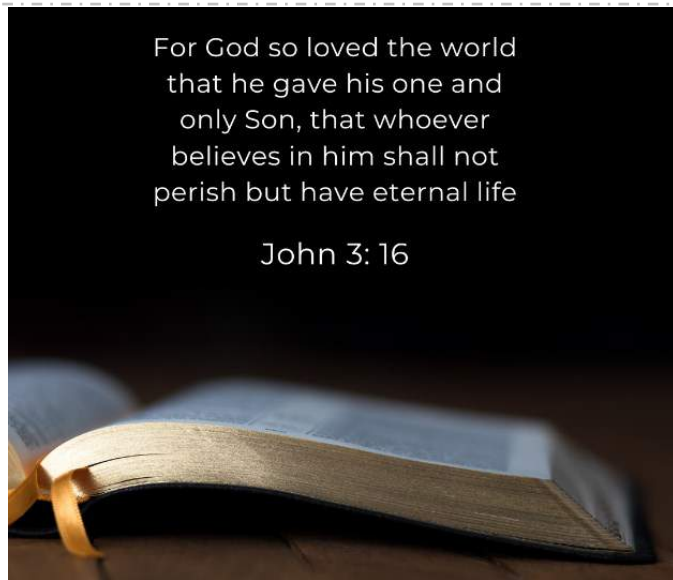
Quiz Night — 7:30pm, Parish Hall

Sunday 17 Mar

Harvest Thanksgiving — all services

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life

John 3:16



Worship Details

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

Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9
The bronze snake
Psalm 107:1-3,17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
New life God's gift
John 3:14-21
Look on this and live

Sentence

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal Life." (*John 3:16*)

Collect

Let us pray to look on Christ and live:

**God of steadfast love,
your servant Moses set a serpent on a pole
that all might look and live:
keep our eyes firmly on you,
our wounded Saviour,
that as we gaze we might learn
the lesson of your eternal love.
Now and forever. Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions
Lord of compassion,
hear our prayer.

Next week - Harvest Thanksgiving's Readings:

Jer 31:31-34
Psalm 51
Heb 5:5-10
John 12:20-33



Prayer Focus



- For our mission partners
 - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
 - ◇ Pray for the new students.
 - ⇒ **Preschool:**
 - ◇ Passion and creativity to teach our children about Easter.
- **Please pray for our new service.**
- **Other Prayers**

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

ADDINGTON
Vicar: The Rev'd Helen Roud
Deacon: The Rev'd Alastair Buick (Heather)
AKAROA-BANKS PENINSULA
Vicar: Vacant
World Peace and Organisations



Plant Sale

Huge news...the potting mix has arrived. Thanks to the A Team, it has been bagged and can now be picked up from the potting shed. There are plenty of pots available as well and now that it is getting cooler this is a great time to start potting up plants. We need more people so if you can only do one or two pots that would be fantastic.
~Plant Sale Team

Nick Mountfort

Podcast Episode 1

Faithful Understanding



A trap that many church leaders are falling into and they don't even realise it. This trap is consumerism. Is the talk of your church only to grow in numbers? Do you talk about growing numbers more than you talk about Jesus?

Click here to watch the Full Episode: [PodCast](#)

For future livestreams, watch here on our YouTube Channel:
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New Service!

**Starting
7th April, 10:45am**



Dear Friends and Supporters of St Andrew's High School,

We have just arrived home from our final visit to the school in Tonga, after an unforgettable week during which we handed over the reins of the Hornsby Trust to Jonathan and Salote Austin. They were with us over the long weekend for a number of gatherings, culminating in a most moving farewell and dinner put on for us by the school. This included tables groaning with food, singing, dancing (see photo), speeches, tears and presentations. A photo shows one of the "Hornsby Scholarship school students" - a lovely girl in Form 4, speaking on behalf of the students who had had their fees paid by your donations. (Note the whole lobster in the foreground, and a roasted piglet at the far end of the table).

There is no doubt that paying student fees has been a really worth while way of supporting the school, as well as helping the students and their families.



It was very interesting to hear Jonathan mention a few times in speeches that he grew up in a family without much money, and that his school fees were paid by none other than the Hornsbys, who were family friends - so that goes a long way to explain why he and Salote are so passionate about continuing this work.

Another highlight of our visit was a night out with the tertiary students, and again a photo is attached. Your donations are supporting eight of them this year, at the University of the South Pacific, Tupou Tertiary Institute, Teachers' College and Nursing School. Two of them were unable to come to the dinner, but we caught up with them separately. Front left of the photo is Latai, who has now graduated from Teachers' College and has her first job teaching at "Ocean of Light", a Baha'i school here in Tonga which is reputed to be the best, as all the diplomats send their children there - so she has done well.

It has been fascinating to discover that at least three students we've been supporting to become music teachers in recent years came under the influence of Kaveinga Vaka while they were students at St Andrew's, and attribute their career choice to his example. (Kaveinga has just had his scholarship extended by the Diocese for two more years, so that he can do his Masters degree at Auckland).

Our visit to the school coincided with a visit from the new Archbishop of Polynesia, Sione Uluilakepa, who was Principal of St Andrew's when we first began visiting the school in 2010. The school is of course very close to his heart, and it is hoped he will support some new initiatives there.

We feel that the time is right for us to bring this chapter of our lives to a close, and it is so good knowing that the Trust is in such good hands for the future. Thank you for your friendship and support over so many years.

Love and blessings,
Simon and Rachel



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2024 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
March	Thanksgiving for wardens and treasurers	
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	
1 April (Monday)	Easter Monday	
25 April (Thursday)	ANZAC Day	
28 April - Sunday	Parish AGM	Commitment Sunday
12 May - Sunday	Petersgate Service	Mike & Gray Preaching.
19 May - Sunday	Pentecost/Confirmation (tbc)	
3 Jun (Monday)	King's birthday	
14 June - Friday	Book Sale	
23 June - Sunday	Preschool Service (11:15)	Matariki
28 June (Friday)	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	
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	

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