Welcome

to the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst www.stpeterschurch.nz

St Peter's & St Luke's

17th Mar 2024 Lent 5



Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Abundance in the Church life reflected in our Harvest Thanksgiving Service!

At this great feast, we get a chance to admire the fruits of our labours, as we plant and nurture and harvest. But more so, we get a chance to reflect on the very Creator who gives everything life! Our God is a great

giver of life and for this we need to have thankful hearts. As we grow vegetables, and bring in the harvest, we can also reflect on the many who do not have gardens, the ones who are going hungry and for whom eating a meal is sometimes a luxury. As a community of faith, we give thanks for all God has given us and most especially for giving us Jesus, as the scripture says:

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in Him will not perish in sin, but have eternal life. God gave His Son that we might have life."



~ Peg
Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaV6CL18TXIVfhsobuKDFRw



News in the Parish

Harvest Thanksgiving

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

Signing up for new service

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

Autumn Gateway magazine

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

heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz ~ Heather & Graeme Cox

Letterbox drop flyers

Bundles are ready at the back of church for those who signed up for delivery.

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 maintains all the plant. David's contact is:

Phone: 0210 511 018 Email: budrnz@gmail.com

AGM

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

Confirmation

You may already be confirmed, you may want to find out more about the Church. There will be a small group of people wanting to be confirmed and we are looking for some companions to journey with them for six weeks in May and June. Please talk with Peg!

English Conversation Class

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

Palm Crosses

Thursday 21st March at 1:30pm York Room. If you would like to help, please phone Diane on 338 6677.

Good Coffee

One of the taglines for the new service is to provide good coffee to the people coming to the service. We have been researching machines that are easy and reliable to produce good, even great coffee. If you are willing to contribute towards the cost of a coffee machine, please talk to Peg. We are looking to raise \$1200.

Reminder for Garage Sale

A wee reminder please that we no longer accept clothing, electric blankets, computers or TVs or their component parts for sale.

We are also requesting no Videos any more - sadly these no longer sell. ~ Jo Winfield 027 256 7205

Plant Sale

Fabulous news...potting soil has been bagged by the A Team and is available from the potting shed. Now is a great time to divide and pot up perennials including hostas and peony roses. Hydrangeas can be cut, put in water and then potted once shoots appear. Just remember to record the flower colours. We need new growers and even if you can manage six plants that would be amazing. Happy gardening.

~Plant Sale Team, Jill 358 1115

Cathedral Site Tours

When: 3 pm, each Wednesday from 13 March – 24 April

Where: Meet at the Chalice outside the Cathedral at 2.55pm

Guides: Jenny May and Peter Beck will alternate as our guides

Email your time, e-mail and phone number to book now:

jill.robinson@ccrl.org.nz





This week we are participating in a Trust Wide 'Literacy Week' focus. All 6 preschools in the trust (4 in Auckland and 2 in Christchurch) are focusing on Literacy Skills with or children (tamariki).

The 2 main highlights for this focus week are: Taking 10 children to visit Aidanfield Christian Preschool Thursday to share stories together. On Monday we will be walking to the community library to share in preschool music time together.

We have also started our Easter focus this week. This week we are teaching our children the story of 'The True King' who rides into Jerusalem in a donkey.

Liz Orr stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

HORNSBY TRUST FLYERS

There are some Hornsby Trust - St Andrews school, Tonga -"flyers' on the table just inside the church - if you support the school or are interested in subscribing to the Trust, please take one. Unfortunately they arrived too late for last Sunday's Mission Table.

Mission Table

Last Sunday's Mission Table for the Hornsby Trust (St Andrew's High School in Tonga) raised \$509.20, including the Exercise Class donation.

Thank you everyone who donated items to sell - especially all the generous quantities of pickles, sauces and chutneys!

Many thanks to everyone who helped us set up and run the table, and grateful thanks to all who spent their money for such a worthwhile cause. ~ Jill & Noeline



This Week's Diary

Sunday 17 Mar

Harvest Thanksgiving —all services

Tuesday 19 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Elms Court Service — 11am

Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

Lenten Study — 7:00pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 20 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Wednesday Service —10am, Church Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 21 Mar

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 22 Mar

Meditation—9:00am, Chapel

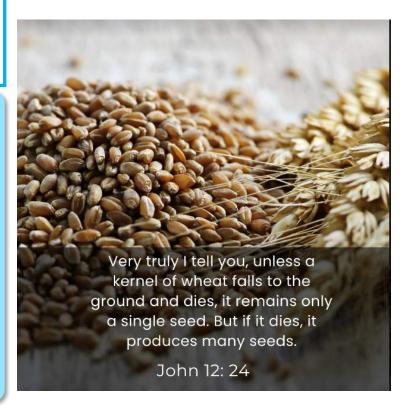
A-Team—9am, by the hall

Garage Sale — 9-11am, Shed

Conversation English Class — 4:00pm,

Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6:00pm, Bowden Hall



Worship Details

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

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
The new Covenant
Psalm 51.1-11
Hebrews 5:5-10
The source of eternal salvation
John 12:20-33
Bearing Fruit

Sentence

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

Collect

Let us pray to look bear the fruit of a life in Christ...

Life giving God, in you a single grain bears much fruit. Grant us to die to our old selves, that we live again in Christ, and bear the fruit of those that love you. Now and forever. Amen.

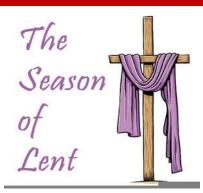
Versicle and Response for Intercessions
For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

Next week - Harvest Thanksgiving's Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118 Phil 2:5-11 John 12:12-16



Prayer Focus



- For our mission partners
 - ⇒**Petersgate:**
 - **Pray for the new students.**
 - ⇒**Preschool:**
- Please pray for our new service, for good music, good kids programme, good coffee and good news!
- 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, John & Anne S and Irene Ch.

Diocesan Prayers

AMURI CO-OPERATING PARISH Vicar: The Ven Dawn Baldwin (Ross)

ASHBURTON

Vicar: The Ven Indrea Alexander

(Neville)

The Rev'd Stephen Murray (Anita) The Diocese of Auckland: The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay (Jacquie)

All Churchwardens of the Diocese

Chip/mulch for sale

Our chipper has been working overtime, and we are in need of more space. Lovely fresh chip/mulch available at \$50.00 per trailer load delivered, or \$40.00 per trailer load if you pick up yourself. Please ring Dennys 357 4204.

Podcast Episode 2

Should Women Preach in the Church?



This episode we talk with Peg. We walk through her journey to becoming an associate priest, her challenges in growing up in a patriarchal church system and we address tough Bible verses about women in the church.

Click here to watch the Full Episode: PodCast

For future livestreams, watch here on our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@stpeterschristchurch

HOLY WEEK

24 March Palm Sunday



St Peter's

8am & 9:30am

Eucharist

10:45am

visit of Edmund the Donkey and service with the preschool, including blessing of the children 27 March Holy Wednesday



7:00PM
Jesus Christ
Superstar
Tenebrae
in chapel

28 March Maundy or Holy Thursday



St Peter's
7:00PM
Eucharist
with foot washing

29 March Good Friday



St Peter's

9:30am
Service of Devotion

31 March Easter Day



St Peter's

8am & 9:30am

Eucharist

St Luke's

9:30am

Greening of the cross at all services bring some greenery

St Peter's Church Corner
- Serving since 1858 www.stpeterschurch.nz

New Service

Stanting
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



Come And Sing Requiem by John Rutter

23 March 2024 Knox Church, Bealey Avenue

Conductor Dr. John Linker
Featuring Jeremy Woodside (Organ) and Nicola Holt (Soprano)

Christchurch City Choir welcomes all singers to join in the preparation and performance of Rutter's Requiem.

Register for the Workshop (10am-12noon, 1-2.30pm) at info@citychoir.co.nz

Concert at 3pm
Tickets available through Humanitix, \$25 and \$15
or at the door (cash only please).



Scan Socials





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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	