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## A week like no other

Today we gather, along with millions of other Christians throughout the world, at the beginning of Holy Week. It is called Holy Week because within it we revisit the core of our Christian faith, the command to love. We see God's love for us on the cross and we experience the resurrection, the power of God's love. Today we act out Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Wednesday we gather to recall



the shadows that lengthen around Jesus, shadows that will eventually lead to his death. On Holy Thursday we remember the Eucharist that he gave us and relive the foot washing. Then on Friday, a day we dare to call good, we recall Jesus suffering with us and for us in the most horrendous death on a cross. And then, on Easter morning, we gather again to hear the astonishing news of his rising again. It is a real roller coaster ride of emotions. One minute the crowd is yelling "Hosanna" and proclaiming him King, the next he is betrayed with a kiss.

Do you have the courage to walk with our saviour?

~ Nick



## **News in the Parish**

## **AGM Nomination**

Nominations are needed for the position of People's Warden, Vestry Members, Social Justice Rep, Youth Rep, Synod Reps and Mission Motivator. Synod reps also become Vestry members. There will be a form at the back of the church. Please get the agreement of the person before nominating them. Nominations close before the meeting and require a majority to vote for them in the meeting. Thank you for your prayerful attention to this important task. *~Vicar Nick* 

### **Vestry Meeting**

Next meeting is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, and begins in the chapel with Tenebrae at 7. Please send reports to office by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar for circulation.

#### Signing up for new service

Our new service is starting 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April. Email the editors now:

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

## AGM

Next AGM Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, *please* email your **report to office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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* 

## **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. ~*Fiona 027 345 3478* 

### **ROSE GARDEN**

The rose garden is under new management, and the manager -Peter Troon - has recommended the replacement of the old gnarly roses that are dying back. Most of the roses we replaced a few years ago are thriving, but they look lonely. We are going to need 8 to 10 néw roses, and Péter is just the job. man to do the At approximately \$75 per rose, we are going to need your help. If you feel inclined to support this project, please slip Peter or myself some notes to help us on our way. ~ Dennys 357 4204





Proudly helping bring children back to Church Corner

We are excited to be celebrating Palm Sunday/Easter with you today to demonstrate the partnership between preschool and parish. Our family celebrations now usually start with a church service, then a shared lunch and fun activities.

We are looking forward to being part of the first '10.45' service at St Peter's. It sounds like it's going to be a wonderful vehicle to 'bring children back to Church Corner'.

Wednesday we started the last week of our Easter focus where we celebrate the Empty tomb. I always love celebrating this key part of our faith with the childre because it is SO astounding. ~ *Liz Orr* 

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## **Quiz Night**

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who supported our recent Ides of March quiz night in various ways. It was a fun evening with three teams tied for first place at the end. We raised \$650 for restoration funds at the conclusion - a very pleasing result.

~David 027 332 2789

## **Mission Table**

Previous 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





<u>Sunday 24 Mar</u> **Palm Sunday** —all services **Preschool Service** — 10:45am

<u>Tuesday 26 Mar</u> Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall Care Bears — 4:00pm, Atrium Victory Youth — 5pm, Atrium

<u>Wednesday — 27 Mar</u> **Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel **Holy Wednesday** —10am, Church **Mahjong Club** — 1:30pm, York Room **Tenebrae** - 7pm and vestry

<u>Thursday 28 Mar</u> **Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel **Maundy Thursday** — 7pm, Eucharist & foot washing

Choir — 7:30pm, Bowden Hall

<u>Friday 29 Mar</u> - *Good Friday - office closed* **Good Friday Service** — 9:30am, Church

Monday 01 Apr - Easter Monday-office closed



They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" John 12: 13

## Worship Details

St Peter's Church 8:00am—Eucharist 9:30am—Eucharist 10:45am—Preschool Service Mandarin Service 2:00pm

## Readings:

Philippians 2.5-11 Christ became obedient Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a The suffering servant Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29 Holy Gospel John 12:12-16

## Sentence

They shouted, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' (Mark 11:9-10)

## Collect

Let us pray to see Jesus, the humble one:

God of the highest heaven, you would come among us riding a colt: grant us eyes to see you in the least, as in the greatest: for your name's sake we ask it. Amen.

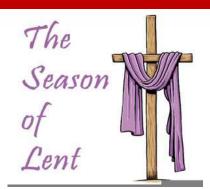
Versicle and Response for Intercessions You are our God, we welcome you.

## Next week:

Isa 25;6-9 Ps 118;1-2,14-24 Acts 10;34-43 John 20;1-18



## Prayer Focus



For our mission partners

## ⇒Petersgate:

- •Pray for the new students.
- ⇒**Preschool:**
- •Lots of families to join us to celebrate Easter.
- •Our children and families retain the gospel message they hear
- 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

AVONHEAD Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Brantley (Susanne) The Rev'd Dr John Fox The Association of Anglican Women National President: Dr Judith Mac-Kenzie (Don) Diocesan President: Mrs Raewyn Dawson Chaplain: The Rev'd Justine Tremewan (Bob)

Parish office will be closed for statutory holidays: 29 Mar, 01 & 25 Apr. It will also be closed 26 & 29 April as staff on annual leave.

## Peg Riley

# **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 Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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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 CITY CHOIR

# 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).



## 2024 Special Dates

	DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
	March	Thanksgiving for wardens and treasurers	
2	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	
2	1 April (Monday)	Easter Monday	
2	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 <mark>(</mark> 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	