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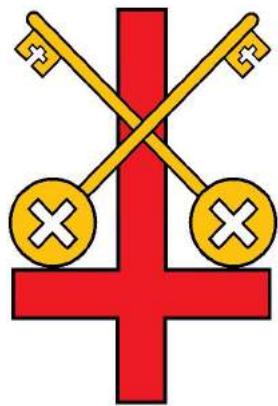
to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's

&

St Luke's

31st March 2024
Easter Day



One word

The girl went into the exam. She was nervous she might not pass. So she had summarized all the years work down to one page. She had summarized the page down to one paragraph. She had summarized the paragraph down to one sentence. She had summarised the sentence down to one word. Then she sat down in the exam room and forgot the word!



The church uses every means available to it to show forth the profound message of Easter. We light the big paschal candle, we have fresh flowers and alleluias and bible readings and special music and colourful vestments and proclaim it with a special greeting. All with one intention. If we had to summarize the whole message of Easter and had just one word, that word would be **hope**.

Hope that death and violence and suffering are not the end. Hope that we have new life. Hope that there is a way to find justice and peace. Hope that relationships can be restored, hope that creation can be renewed. Hope that there is meaning and purpose for our lives. Hope that God is with us.

At Easter we proclaim that the dead and crucified is alive. Christ has risen and this means hope.

~ Nick



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

New service new time

On April the 7th, we start our new 10:45am service - exciting! We also start our new time for the 9:30am - ie 9:15am. When you change your clocks for daylight saving, remember the new time.

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

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.

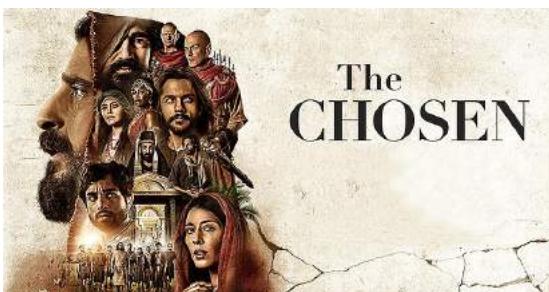
Autumn Gateway magazine

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

The Chosen

There will be a viewing of some of "The Chosen" at 11:30am on Sunday the 14th of April at the Methodist church. "The Chosen" is a wonderful series about Jesus.



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

We are going to need 8 to 10 new roses, 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

Preserving jars needed

There is a strong market for clean Agee-type quart preserving jars at present on Trade me, with or without their screw bands. If you having any you want to get rid of, please let me know and I can collect them. ~Dennys 357 4204



PreSchool News



Proudly helping
bring children back
to Church Corner

Last Sunday preschool children and families celebrated Easter. A small but enthusiastic group helped to 'act out' the story of "Dave the donkey" and lead the singing of the "Lord's prayer" at the Palm Sunday service. At the end of the service the families enjoyed walking and riding Edmund the donkey as we processed around the church. This gave us an idea of what it may have been like to follow Jesus riding the donkey through the streets of Jerusalem. We enjoyed lunch together and a few stayed on to enjoy Easter themed crafts and an Easter egg hunt at preschool. By the time you read this we will be celebrating Jesus resurrection- Happy Easter to you all.

~ Liz Orr

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FINDING STRENGTH IN GOD'S PROMISES
Stay Strong in the Lord
Isaiah 41:10



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This Week's Diary

Monday 01 Apr - Easter Monday-office closed

Tuesday 02 APr

Morning Prayer— 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Parkstone Care Service — 10:30am

Oaks Lifestyle Service — 11:00am

Victory Youth — 7pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 03 Apr

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Service — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Ilam Retirement Service — 1:30pm

Thursday 04 Apr

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

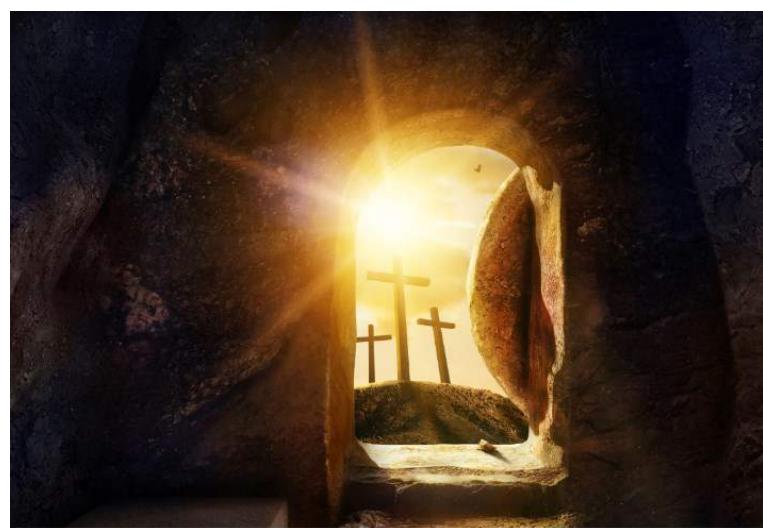
Friday 05 Apr - (the real Easter Friday)

Meditation—9:00am, Chapel

A-Team—9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

Middlepark Service — 10:30am



**Mary Magdalene went to the
disciples with the news: "I have
seen the Lord!"**

John 20: 18

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am—Eucharist

9:30am—Eucharist

St Luke's Church

9:30am—Eucharist

Mandarin Service

2:00pm

Readings:

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Death swallowed up

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

The Resurrection

John 20: 1-18

The empty tomb

Sentence

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. (*John 20:1*)

Collect

Let us pray our lives are filled with joy...

**O, Risen Lord of Life,
the tomb is empty, but our
hearts are filled with joy.
So fill our hearts with wonder
at your rising
that our lives are filled with
purpose,
as the church is filled with joy
this Easter morning,
through Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Next week:

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31



Prayer Focus

*The
Season
of
Easter*



• For our mission partners

⇒**Petersgate:**

◊Pray for the new students.

⇒**Preschool:**

◊Roll growth to full the spaces we have.

◊Joy and creativity to finish our Easter focus well.

• 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, Irene Ch, and Barbara F.

• Diocesan Prayers

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Primate and Archbishop of Aotearoa:

The Most Rev'd Don Tamihere (Kisa)

Primate and Archbishop of Polyne-sia:

The Most Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa

Primate and Archbishop of the NZ

Dioceses: Vacant

General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui

and its Standing Committee

General Secretary: The Rev'd Michael Hughes (Carole)

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.



Photo by Anglican Church of Aotearoa, NZ and Polynesia

Anglican bishops' statement on Israel-Palestine conflict

Anglican bishops of Aotearoa, NZ and Polynesia — March 25th, 2024

21 March 2024: Anglican bishops' statement on Israel-Palestine conflict Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

War continues to destroy people's lives in the Holy Land. The current cycle of violence in this long conflict brings us a stream of images of bloodied bodies and the anguished cries and faces of children, women and men – both Palestinian and Israeli. We're seeing homes destroyed, lives shattered and hope for peace strangled.

The bishops of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, and Polynesia, meeting together in Auckland this week, recognise that fellow Anglicans are among the millions of people who are caught up in this conflict, in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.

The bishops express their horror at the continuing acts of violence and join international voices in calling for an immediate and lasting ceasefire by both warring parties to this conflict.

The bishops deplore all deaths of Palestinians and Israelis and urge an immediate ceasefire as a necessary first step towards a just and permanent peace in the Holy Land.

Anglican Archbishop Don Tamihere, Te Pihopa o Aotearoa, said: "Hospitals and civilian infrastructure are protected under International Humanitarian Law. Such niceties of law are not protecting the sick and wounded in Al Ahli Anglican Hospital and other hospitals in Gaza. There are no winners in war: so often, it is innocent people who are maimed and killed."

The conflict between Israel and Palestine is a wound that has continued to fester. Various diplomatic efforts to find a solution have failed because of the unwillingness to honour international agreements. Violence will never be a solution.

Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa, Anglican Bishop of Polynesia, said: "Our common humanity is honoured when we choose peace, not war. As Bishops, we endorse the work of those groups and institutions in Israel and Palestine who work for peace, justice, and reconciliation. This is the path that we advocate for peace in the Holy Land."

The bishops jointly ask: "Our government and diplomatic authorities to advocate for an immediate ceasefire and the opening and ongoing safeguarding of humanitarian corridors which freely permit the movement of essential food and medical supplies into Gaza.

We cannot and must not let anger lead us into antisemitism or Islamophobia. Let us remember that there are innocent victims on both sides of the conflict. To our fellow interfaith religious leaders, we ask: let us unite in prayer and action for a lasting peace. We ask the people of Aotearoa New Zealand and the South Pacific to pray for peace and to support aid appeals for those impacted by this humanitarian crisis."

In Psalm 130 we hear: 'Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord; hear my voice. O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.'

In the spirit of this ancient sacred writing, we pray and invite others to pray with the Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Nahum, this prayer:

O God of all justice and peace:

We cry out to you in the midst of this pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.

We pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians - and for all people of the land.

We pray, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace.

We call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children - for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father. Amen.

Andrew McKerrow

Podcast Episode 3

Understanding Addiction



Join us in a moving episode where Andrew McKerrow shares his inspiring journey from addiction to redemption, guided by his Christian faith. Discover how Andrew's spiritual awakening fuelled his recovery and now empowers him to help others. We'll explore practical and spiritual insights for those battling addiction, offering a message of hope and the transformative power of faith. Whether you find yourself stuck in addiction, have a loved one who is struggling, or are curious about addiction, this episode is for you.

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

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



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New Service!

Starting
7th April, 10:45am

*You're
invited*



BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER

Overview

Deacon Training Academy (DTA) is offering a mental health support worker training programme from July 2024. This Christchurch-based, one year course will equip students to work professionally in communities, churches, mental health support organisations, government services or for care providers. Graduates are awarded the Level 4 NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Mental Health and Wellbeing Support).

DTA recognises that pastoral case teams require support in serving mental health needs within the community. We aim to train support workers through the Level 4 programme. However, more importantly, we aim to support churches overall in dealing with mental health needs. To achieve this, DTA will also offer supervision and mentoring to a wider network of pastoral care teams. This will equip churches to build on what mental health coaches are doing within their own pastoral care teams.

Course details

Location: Addington, Christchurch
Duration: One year, 30-35 hours commitment per week
Dates: 2024: mid-July 2024 to mid-June 2025, breaks aligned to school terms where possible
Cost: \$6,210.00, GST incl. (2024)
Enrolments: Course sizes are limited with student numbers capped at 25. Enrol now at <https://www.deacon.org.nz/> or direct enquiries to office@deacon.org.nz. Enrolment is limited to those over 20 years of age, and a police check is mandatory. Contact us if you have questions or would like more information.

How you can help

If you are a strong advocate of improving mental health across the Canterbury region, but are not in a position to join our programme, would you consider partnering with us financially?

DTA hopes to offer a range of scholarships to assist those with difficulty paying the fees. Donors can choose the amount they wish to contribute and set specific criteria for who they want to support. While all donations are gratefully received, we suggest partial scholarships starting from \$1,000, up to full scholarships. Total fees for 2024 are \$6,210, a lower rate than most institutions offering the same qualification.

DTA receives no government funding; we rely on external funders to support our programme. If you would prefer to donate to the organisation's operations as a whole we are grateful for any kind of contribution. As a charitable trust, donations from individuals qualify for IRD rebates.

To discuss further, you can contact Jeremy Baker at: jeremy@deacon.org.nz, or phone 021 257 5624. Alternatively, our manager, Lois Cameron, can be contacted at lois@deacon.org.nz or by phone: 027 293 9270. We will be glad to hear from you!



Deacon
Training Academy

Course starts July 2024
Enrol now

Become a mental health support worker



Course overview

Deacon Training Academy and its parent organisation, Deacon Trust, is offering a mental health support worker training programme from July 2024. This Christchurch-based, one-year, course will train you to support clients with mental health needs to live well within their own communities. You will help them to access health care and to navigate the system. In addition, you will assist to reduce the barriers and stigma related to mental health that often exists. We will train you how to understand and support cultural compatibility within communities, including spiritual support if it is requested. Graduates are awarded the NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing, Level 4 (Mental Health and Addiction Support).

Enrol now

Enrolments are now open on our website www.deacon.org.nz. Enrolment numbers for this course are strictly limited. Minimum age to apply is 20 years and you must be eligible to study as a domestic student. No other restrictions apply. You may be asked to attend a pre-enrolment interview.

About us

Deacon Trust is a Christian Charitable Trust that provides mental health education and support to communities and churches throughout Aotearoa. The programme is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under section 439 of the Education Act 2020, and Deacon Trust is accredited to provide it under section 441 of the Act.

Deacon Training Academy

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2024 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
March	Thanksgiving for wardens and treasurers	
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.