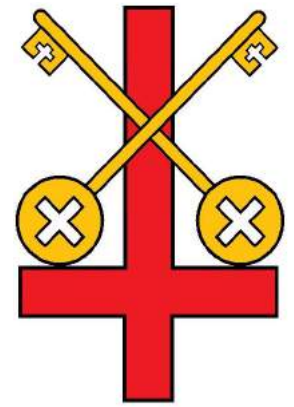


Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's
&
St Luke's



7th April 2024
Easter 2

Faith, Hope and Love

The events over Holy Week, and after Easter, are truly hard to understand and for some, very hard to believe. We are encouraged to put ourselves into the place of people who were around Jesus in that week leading to his agonising death on the cross. But that isn't the end of the story, thank God!

Yet what follows is even hard to believe, even for those who were with Jesus!

On the first Sunday, when the women went to the tomb, Mary couldn't recognise Jesus, she wasn't expecting to see him. Later, in a locked room, Thomas was disbelieving, and Jesus said the most loving thing: "Peace be with you."

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet come to believe." (John 20:29) These are the words of Jesus in response to Thomas. May we pray the collect for St Thomas' Day, and believe in God's infinite love for us.

Christ our light, like Thomas we need to see, need to touch, need to be sure before we believe. When we don't know, help us to trust; when we can't see, help us to keep on walking. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer.

~ Peg



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

Contact Us...

Nick Mountfort, Vicar 027 271 4909
nick.mountfort@gmail.com
Peg Riley, Associate Priest 021 311 304
pegriley2021@gmail.com
Shyuan Wong, Parish Office Admin 348 5653
Ethan Wilson-Bruce, Verger 0210 8299 760

Email: office.stpetersanglican@gmail.com
PO Box 6088, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch
Edwin Boyce, Vicar's Warden 027 292 7402
Jo Winfield, Parishioners' Warden 027 256 7205

www.stpeterschurch.nz
www.facebook.com/stpeterschurchcorner

News in the Parish

New service new time

Sunday 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

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.

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

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

New Service!

Starting
7th April, 10:45am

You're invited

Good Music

Good Kids programme

Good Coffee

GOOD NEWS!



I pray you all had a wonderful Easter break as we celebrated Christ's suffering, death and resurrection for us.

I have been waiting until after Holy Week and Easter Day celebrations to tell something exciting has happened.

We have now painted a pedestrian crossing in the concrete from the entrance gate to the bottom of the stairs for the safety of the parishioners who want to come to the office. One of the goals of this crossing is to ensure parishioners can walk safely from the gate to the office without the fear of being run over/hit by a child racing round on a bike.

~ Liz Orr
stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14

Mission Table

Our next Mission Table will be held in the Atrium on Sunday April 14th.

All donations of biscuits, cakes, loaves, muffins, sweets, sauces, pickles, jams and jellies, fresh fruit and vegetables, plants and knitted/craft items are always very welcome.

Even if you are not stopping by for morning tea, do come and check out the Table - we have a wonderful array of things for sale - and the money we take is given each month to a good cause!

~ Jill & Noeline



This Week's Diary

Tuesday 09 April

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Staff Meeting — 9:15am, Atrium

Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service — 11:00am

Mayfair Life Care Service — 3:00pm

Victory Youth — 7pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 10 April

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Wednesday Service — 10am, Church

Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Thursday 11 April

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 12 April

Meditation — 9:00am, Chapel

A-Team — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

Conversation English Class — 4pm,

Bowden Hall

Family Orchestra — 6pm, Bowden Hall



Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20: 29

Worship Details

St Peter's Church
8:00am—Eucharist
9:15am—Eucharist
10:45am—Good News
Mandarin Service
2:00pm

Readings:

Acts 4.32-35
Of one mind
Psalm 133
1 John 1.1-2.2
The message of light
John 20: 19-31
Doubt transformed to faith

Sentence

Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' (*John 20:19*)

Collect

Let us pray find faith...

**God of mystery,
you affirm our right to question
what we find hard to know:
grant us the maturity of faith
that knows when to question
and when to trust -
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of love,
grant our prayer.

Next week:

Acts 3: 12-19b
Psalm 4
1 John 3: 1-7
Luke 24: 36b-48



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners
 - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
 - ◇ Pray for the new students.
 - ⇒ **Preschool:**
 - ◇ Thankfulness for the opportunity to share the gospel message during the Easter season'.
 - ◇ For Aidanfield Christian Preschool staff, our sister preschool as they prepare for upcoming Ministry visit.
 - ◇ For 2 new enrolments each week.
- **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, Barbara F and the Jacob Family.

Please pray for the family of Derrick Clive Jacob, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- **Diocesan Prayers**

AMBERLEY
Vicar: The Rev'd Dr Meg Harvey
AVONSIDE
Vicar: Rev'd Lisa MacInnes (Iain)
The Ministry of Deacons in the Diocese
Archdeacon: The Ven Nicky Lee
General Secretary: The Rev'd Michael Hughes (Carole)

Parish office will be closed for statutory holidays: 25 Apr. It will also be closed 26 & 29 April as staff on 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 is 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/@stpeterschristchurch/streams>

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 care 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!

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.



Contact us:

office@deacon.org.nz | www.deacon.org.nz

Scan
For
Socials



<https://linktr.ee/stpeterschurch>



2024 Special Dates

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