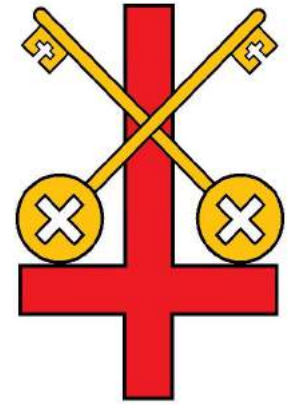


# Welcome

HELLO  Kia Ora  nǐ hǎo  
你好

to the Anglican Parish of  
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**28<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Easter 5**

## I am the nucleus you are the electrons

"I am the vine, you are the branches."  
Again Jesus gives us an image of the intimacy of his relationship with us. Last week it was the good shepherd. This week it's the grapevine.

Jesus is using whatever metaphor it takes to get this central idea across. That we are intimately and lovingly connected to him. God, as the bible says, is closer to us than our own breath, and yet we feel so far off at times!

Try this exercise. Imagine the air you're breathing is filled with the love of God. Breathe in slowly and deeply as if you are breathing in the love of God.

Jesus wants us to know that we abide in him and he is us.

~ Nick



**Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service**

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

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## News in the Parish

### AGM



The AGM is Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in St Peter's.

~Vicar Nick

### Prayer Community

Join the Diocesan Prayer Community. Launch: Trinity Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. 10am Cardboard Cathedral.



### Michael Pitman

You will recall that Michael who trains thoroughbreds in partnership with his son, Mathew, is a regular attender at our Grand National Racing Service. He has supported this service since its earliest days and frequently reads a Lesson. He is often South Island's leading trainer. At Riccarton on Saturday he achieved his career 2000th winner. A great achievement only equaled by one other in NZ's long racing history. Congratulations.

~Corin

### 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

These cooler Autumn days are wonderful to pot up plants using cuttings or when dividing plants. If you have any spare bulbs including tulips, lily of the valley, irises and daffodils, grab some soil and pots from the shed. Strawberry runners can be potted up now and other herbs. Check out the Gateway for some useful tips! If we can help in anyway, please ask.



We also need more single pots as shown in the picture .

~Fiona 027 345 3478  
Ann, Diane and Angela



Parish office will be closed for ANZAC day: Thursday 25 Apr.

Office is also closed 26 & 29 April (Friday & Monday) as staff on leave.



Proudly helping  
bring children back  
to Church Corner

This week I want to acknowledge the wonderful contribution Teacher Ethan made to preschool during his 4 and a half years with us. Ethan started with us back in October 2019, just after we opened, and recently left us. God has moved Ethan's ministry focus from teaching into the digital world of the parish and beyond.

Ethan had a few different roles in his time here and fulfilled each role wonderfully. Children, staff and parents all appreciated his calm gentle nature with the children. Ethan's colleagues appreciated his quiet assurance and leadership ability. Ethan, a huge thank you from all the team at preschool. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him in ministry.

~ Liz Orr

[stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz](mailto:stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz)



## This Week's Diary

Sunday 28 April

**AGM** — 11:30am, Church

Monday 29 April — *office closed*

Tuesday 30 April

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Staff Meeting** — 9:15am, Atrium

**Exercise Group** — 9:30am, Parish Hall

**Victory Youth** — 5:15pm, Atrium

Wednesday — 01 May

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Wednesday Service** — 10am, Church

**Mahjong Club** — 1:30pm, York Room

**Ilam Retirement Service** — 1:30pm

Thursday 02 May

**Morning Prayer** — 9am, Chapel

**Choir** — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 03 May

**Meditation** — 9:00am, Chapel

**A-Team** — 9am, by the hall

9-11am, Garage Sale Shed

**Middlepark Service** — 11:00am

**Conversation English Class** — 4:00pm,

Bowden Hall

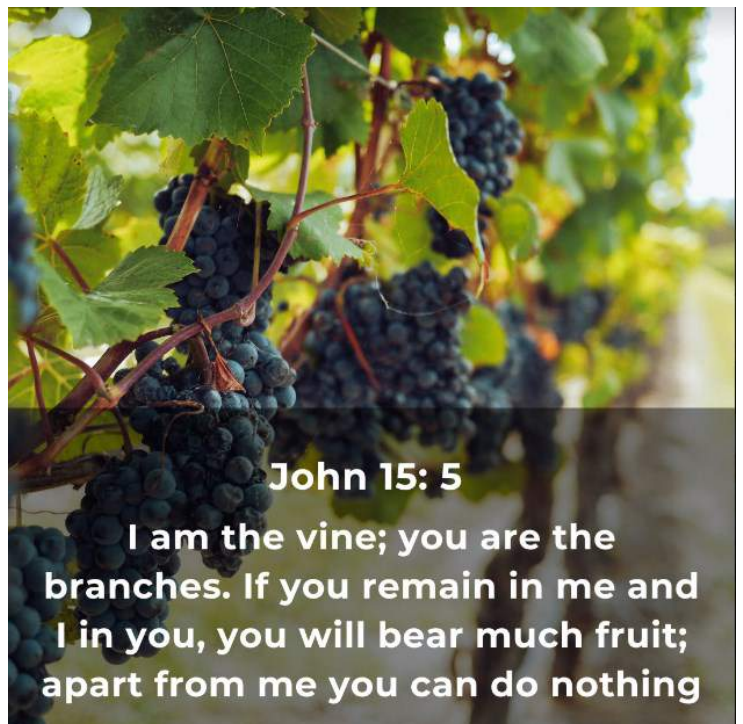
**Family Orchestra** — 6pm, Bowden Hall

## Mission Table

Funds raised previous Sunday were \$456.60, including \$169.20 from the Exercise Class! Thank you very much for all your contributions.

The funds to go to St Christopher's in Fiji, through Partners in Prayer we will also give to the Diocese of Polynesia Emergency Responses for natural disasters. The annual cyclone season and storm surges are becoming stronger due to climate change. It is important we support the small Pacific Islands in times of desperate need.

~ Jill & Noeline



**John 15: 5**

**I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing**

## Worship Details

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

### Readings:

Acts 8: 26- 40 *The Holy Spirit leads us in surprising ways*

Psalm 22

1 John 4: 7-12 *God is love*

Gospel John, 10: 11-18

### Sentence

Jesus said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches.' (*John 15:5*)

### Collect

Let us pray to abide in Christ

**God of the grapevine,  
you have called us into  
community,  
grant us to enjoy  
abiding in you,  
through Jesus Christ  
our Saviour. Amen.**

### Versicle and Response for Intercessions

True grapevine,  
**may we abide in you.**

### Next week:

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17



## Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners
  - ⇒ **Petersgate:**
    - ◇ Pray for the new students.
  - ⇒ **Preschool:**
    - ◇ A refreshing holiday for staff and children on holiday this week.
    - ◇ 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, Mary G and the Jacob Family.
- **Diocesan Prayers**

St John's Theological College, Auckland  
Principal/Manukura: Vacancy  
Acting Dean – Tikanga Pakeha: The Rev'd Jemma Allen  
Dean – Tikanga Maori: The Rev'd Te Hira Paenga  
Dean – Tikanga Pasifika: The Rev'd Dr Frank Smith (Tulimata'i)  
The Diocese of Dunedin  
Bishop: The Rt Rev'd Dr Steven Benford (Lorraine)



### ONLINE GIVING

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Beatrice Lim

# Podcast Episode 4

Understanding Worship Leading Trauma



Today I sit down with Beatrice from NicelySaucedNZ. We discuss her experience as a Worship Leader, what it means to her to be a Christian, and break down her struggles with people pleasing. Beatrice has an online shop for her business and if you are a fan of dips or spreads, you can find her sauces at.

<https://www.nicelysauces.co.nz/>

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

For future livestreams, watch here on our YouTube Channel:  
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# PRAYER

## COMMUNITY

Join the Diocesan Prayer Community to pray daily for personal renewal and the regeneration of our Diocese. "Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labour in vain." Psalm 127:1

### Launch 26 May, 2024

10am, Cardboard Cathedral

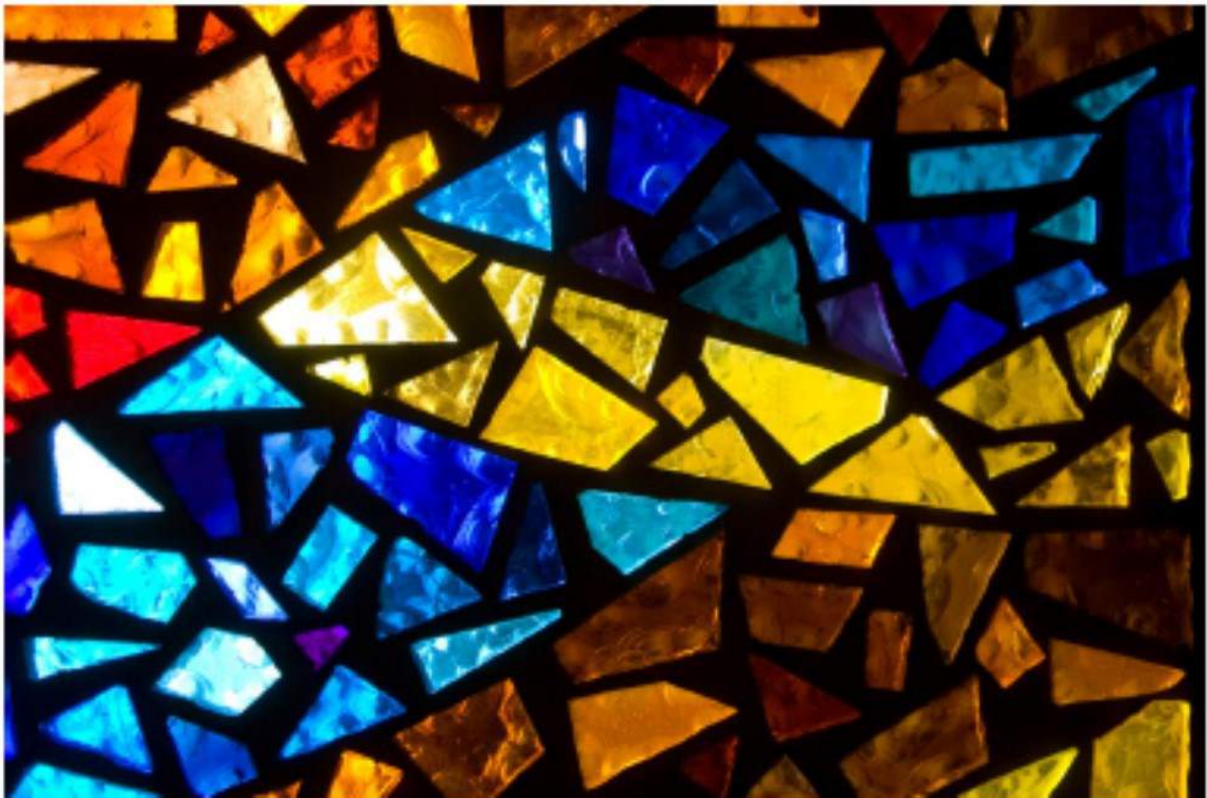
2pm, St Mary's Timaru

What does it involve? A daily commitment to...

- Read and reflect on a passage of scripture
- Pray the Lord's Prayer
- Pray the Diocesan Prayer for Regeneration
- Pray for the regeneration of our Diocese using the Prayer Fuel emailed to you.



## Attending to the needs of people in midlife



6 Whitewash Head Road, Scarborough,  
Christchurch 8081, New Zealand

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1 May 2024  
9:30 am - 4pm

***Book now!***

<https://www.sistereretreat.com/event-details/attending-to-the-needs-of-people-in-midlife>



*Please join us for a special day for clergy, church teams and  
pastoral teams and workers,*

exploring ways in which congregations can be intentional about supporting people who may be navigating significant transitions in life and faith.

Based on Anne Shave's PhD research into the experiences of Presbyterian, Anglican and Catholic churchgoers, and her recently-published book *Faith and Hope in Midlife: Reflecting on Churchgoers' Experiences*, this will be a day with time for interaction as well as a good chunk of quiet time for personal reflection. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

*About your host*

Dr Anne Shave graduated with her doctorate in Theology from the University of Otago in 2018. Her research explored the experiences of Christians in midlife, within Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian congregations in New Zealand. In 2019 Anne was a scholar in residence at Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre in Auckland and also completed a short course in retreat direction and spiritual guidance at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Wales. Formerly a secondary-school English teacher, Anne is now employed part-time at Cashmere Presbyterian Church and also works as a tutor at disability support and service provider Hōhepa Canterbury. She is currently completing a post-graduate certificate in Ministry Supervision through Laidlaw College in Auckland.

**Cost (fully catered): \$100.**

You have the option to arrive earlier or stay longer by booking extra nights (self-catered and guided) at Sister Eveleen.

Let us know upon registration.

*Our fees are set low to encourage participation in our programme and ministry, and do not represent the true cost of the upkeep and maintenance of this wonderful historic house.*

*If you are able, we would welcome your additional contribution.*

*If you would like a donation tax receipt for anything in excess of the base cost, please let us know.*

*On the other hand, if you'd like to attend but the cost is prohibitive, please get in touch as we may be able to assist you.*

## 2024 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
<b>April</b>	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	
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 / Confirmation	
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.*