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to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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



**6th September 2026
Ordinary Sunday 23**

The Grace to Reconcile

This Sunday's readings invite us to think about forgiveness, love and the grace of reconciliation. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives us a practical way of approaching relationships when something has gone wrong. We are encouraged to speak honestly and privately, to listen, and to seek a way forward together. Paul reminds us that our deepest obligation to one another is simply this:

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another."

Love is something we practise—in patience, kindness, forgiveness and the courage to begin again.

Reconciliation does not always mean that everything returns to the way it was. Sometimes healing takes time, and sometimes a relationship needs a new shape. Yet Christ invites us to take whatever step towards peace is possible.

And Jesus promises that whenever two or three gather in his name, he is there among them.

May we receive God's grace generously, and share that grace with one another.



~ Peg

You Tube
LIVESTREAM

Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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Margaret Kent

It is with deep sadness, and gratitude for her life, that we acknowledge the passing of Margaret into eternal life on Monday night, 31 August. We will always remember her loving, grace-filled, and generous presence among us in this parish.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Kent will be held on Wednesday, 9th September, as part of the 10am Eucharist, we will join with family and friends of the Kents, as well as many of us in this parish.

There will be a morning tea following the service, and if you are able to bring a small plate, that would be appreciated.

A private internment for the family will follow the morning tea.

Thank You Mike

We have put Rev Mike Baker's 'Thank you morning tea' on hold for now, and released him from the role of Interim Priest in our Parish.

I know you will join me in prayers for Mike and his family, as he tackles this unexpected health development. Thank you for the offers of food for Mike as he recovers.

Mike will return as a member of our 8.00am congregation in due course. We will thank him for being an 'Excellent Interim Priest' when he is a regular 'pew warmer' again. In the meantime, Wardens will liaise with Bishop Peter and Rev Peg to ensure cover for our services, going forward to and after Rev Prince joins us on 1 October.

Thank you, Mike.

~Gin McKenzie, People's Warden

Parish Quiz

OUR QUIZ NIGHT is getting closer (Friday 18th) so we hope you're gathering a team of up to 6 members and can register your name on one of the lists at the back of church or in the Atrium. We would be most grateful for donations of prizes for the raffles (always popular). Usual format for the evening \$10 pp entry or \$5 for students and bring your own refreshments. Eftpos will be available so don't miss a great evening's entertainment in the Parish Hall from 7.30pm. Any queries contact David Winfield 027 332 2789 or Jo Winfield 027 256 7205.

~ David & Jo Winfield

Plant Sale News

Exciting news...we know you have all been waiting for this. This and next Sunday we will be giving out vegetable seeds, seed raising mix, pots and labels. The next few days look fabulous for growing seeds with lots of sun! There is still plenty of time to pot plants up for the 10 October.

~Fiona Gilmore

Preschool birthday

Yes, we are turning 7. Our celebrations this year is on Thursday 10th September, 12pm at the preschool. We would like to invite you to join our special day, which starts with a shared lunch. We will celebrate also the Chinese Mooncake festival at the same time.

Please RSVP with the parish office if you wish to attend.

Preschool news

Welcome to spring. As I write this, I am looking outside at a glorious early spring day. The blossom trees along Yaldhurst Road are just starting to burst into life and in a week or so they will be a picture. I love this time of year as it is such a time of renewal and hope (as winter gives way to spring).

It is also the time of year for our preschool birthday celebration (and Chinese mooncake festival). It's hard to believe next week we are celebrating 7 years of God's goodness to our preschool and parish.

All glory and thanks to God for his faithfulness, goodness and grace to us for the last 7 years.

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

Mission Table

Our next Mission Table will be held on September the 13th. We have received a message from Corinne Haines, City Missioner, for help to buy school uniforms. So far, 462 pupils have had help so they can be like all the other kids as well as attending school. Please support this worthy cause.

~ Noeline and Irene

This week's diary

Tuesday 08 Sep

Morning Prayer & Meeting—9.15am, Atrium

Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall

Homestead Ilam Service — 11:00am

Creative Leisure Club—11am, Parish Hall

Mayfair Life Care Service — 3:00pm

MC Night Prayer — 7:30pm, Upper Room

Bible Study — 7:00pm, Atrium

Bellringing Practice — 7:30pm, Bell Tower

Wednesday 09 Sep

Service for Margaret Kent, with

Eucharist— 10am, Church

MC Praise Dance — 10:00am, Parish Hall

Kevin Hickman Retirement Service —11am

Games Club — 1:30pm, York Room

Mandarin Cell Group — 2.30pm, Atrium

Connect Band — 6pm, Atrium

Connect Bible Study—7pm, Bowden Hall

Thursday 10 Sep

Creative Leisure Club —10am, Parish Hall

Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 11 Sep

A Team & Plant Sale — 9:00am, Parish Hall

Christian Meditation— 9am, Chapel/Atrium

Conversation English Class — 4pm, Atrium

Saturday 12 Sep

Mandarin Cell Group — 7pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 13 Sep

Spring Service — 9:15am, St Peter's

Craft Group — 11am, Atrium

DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME

 **St Peter's Anglican Preschool**

Mum s & Bub s

PLAYGROUP

For children under 2

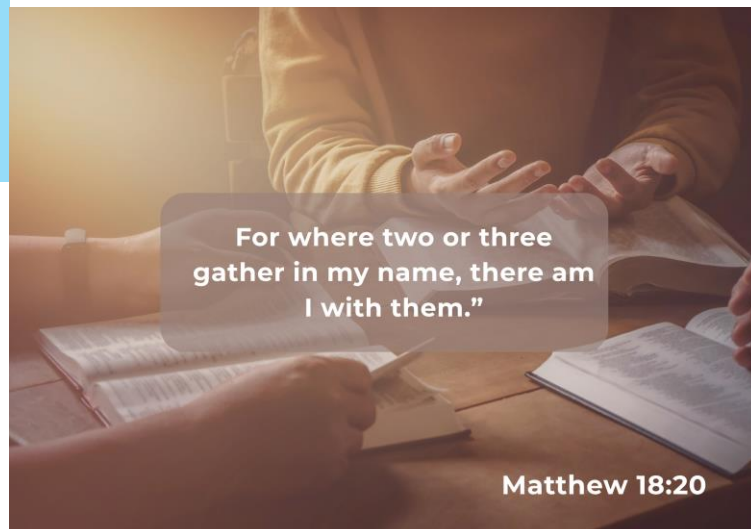
morning tea provided

Koru Room
- Preschool -



Every Wednesday, 10am - 11:30am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



For where two or three
gather in my name, there am
I with them."

Matthew 18:20

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am — Eucharist

9:15am — Eucharist

11:00am — Connect Eucharist

St Luke's Church

9:30am — Eucharist

Mandarin Congregation

2:00pm

Readings:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Sentence

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Collect

Let us pray for courage to reconcile...

**Reconciling God;
when the time comes to
confront,**

**grant us courage to speak,
and love to listen.**

For Jesus sake. Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of forgiveness and grace,
hear our prayer.

Next Week's Readings:

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35



Prayer Focus

• For our mission partners

⇒ **Petersgate:**

Pray for Wisdom from God to sort out our IT environment concerns for privacy compliance.

⇒ **St Peter's Preschool:**

◇ Thankfulness for God's faithfulness and goodness to us over the last 7 years

◇ Continued wisdom and creativity as we lead and teach our precious little souls.

• **Other Prayers**

We pray for those people in need of prayer & known to us, especially: Mike, Di, Mary G, Carol & Tas, Dave G, Sheldine P, Robin G, Effie W and Andrea L

• We hold in prayer the families and friends of William Gaudin and Margaret Kent, as they mourn the passing of loved ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

• **Diocesan Prayers**

LINWOOD-ARANUI

Deacon Assistant: The Rev'd Dr André Muller (Sarah)

The Diocesan Board of Nomination

The Diocese of Nelson: The Rt Rev'd Steve Maina (Waitiri)



ONLINE GIVING

Account Name: **St Peter's Church Riccarton**

Bank: **Bank of New Zealand**

Branch: **Upper Riccarton, Christchurch**

Account Details: **02-0874-0021566-00**

2026 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
3-5 Sept	Synod	
13 September	Spring Service Rotary Service	At St Peter's 5pm at St Peter's
18 September (Friday)	Parish Quiz Night	Paris Hall
1 October (Thursday)	Rev'd Prince's induction	@7pm St Peter's
4 October	Pet Service/St Francis	@ St Luke's
10 October	Plant Sale @St Peter's	
18 October	St Luke's Patronal Service @ 9:30am	
26 October (Monday)	Labour Day	
1 November	All Saints Sunday	
13 November (Friday)	Canterbury Show Weekend	
29 November	Advent Sunday	
6 December	Carol Services	St Luke's & St Peter's
13 December	Remembering the Departed	
24 Dec - Thursday	Children's Nativity @5pm	
	Midnight Service @ 11:15pm	
25 Dec - Friday	Christmas Day	

Note: This is a living document, will be updated as required.

DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME



St Peter's
Anglican Preschool

Mum s & Bub s PLAYGROUP

For children under 2

morning tea provided

Please phone
St Peter's Anglican Preschool
03 348 5608 or
021 269 0717

Every Wednesday, 10am - 11:30am

E V E R Y O N E I S W E L C O M E



St Mark's Foot Clinic Coordinator Required

St Mark's Church, Avonhead, has operated a 6-weekly Foot Clinic for over 20 years, to assist seniors in the Avonhead area who have difficulty managing toenail trimming. Our current Co-ordinator is retiring after many years of service.

The Coordinator role is for the supervision of all aspects of the clinic, including nurturing seniors with good conversation and loving care. The Coordinator needs to ensure space for the clinic is booked with the church office, supplies and equipment are in order, volunteers are trained and available, new volunteers are sought, and all volunteers are nurtured.

The Coordinator is responsible to the Minister and Parish Council of St Mark's Church.

This position is paid 4 hours per month at the NZ Living Wage. Ideally, the Coordinator will have some medical training and experience, such as a nurse, paramedic, aged-care worker, occupational therapist, or physiotherapist. The role would suit a recently retired person or someone working part-time.



For further information, including a Job Description,
please contact the church office

admin@stmarks.net.nz

phone 358 5443.



FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

The New Zealand Anglican Charismatic Movement



From the late 1950s through to the 1980s, an unexpected surge of joy and renewal swept through the Anglican Church, transforming worship across New Zealand. Through rare archival footage and candid interviews with priests, historians, and theologians, the film traces the movement's exhilarating rise — from spirited gatherings and nationwide enthusiasm to the growing tensions that emerged within church leadership.

As hopes for renewal collided with questions of authority and theology, the divide widened, leading to the movement's eventual decline. *Filled with the Spirit* offers a vivid, deeply human portrayal of faith, conflict, and transformation during one of the most dynamic chapters in New Zealand's religious history.



PREMIERES ON SHINE TV (CH. 25 FREEVIEW | CH. 201 SKY TV)

7:30PM, TUESDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2026

ALSO AVAILABLE TO STREAM AT SHINETV.CO.NZ



YOU ARE *invited*

You are invited to join our Preschool's
celebration of 7th birthday
&
the Chinese Mid-autumn Festival



Happy Birthday!



Thursday, 10th September 2026

12:00pm – 2:00pm

at St Peter's Anglican Preschool

(vehicle entrance: 22 Main South Road, Church Corner)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



by Monday 7th September 2026
stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz
03 348 5608



Games club has expanded to offer Scrabble, Mexican Train dominos and our traditional Western Mahjong. We enthusiastically welcome new people to join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30.



We have a shared afternoon tea, and people can move between games if you choose, and we finish at 3:45.



Thursdays; 6.00pm in the Tui Room,
St Barnabas Centre

6 August - 10 September

Contact: Christopher Diggle
or the Parish Office 351 7064

Please bring finger food to share. Koha.

Faith & Film 2026

The Chosen (2019) – S1E1 (10 mins) to introduce
S1E3 (all 30 mins) 'Jesus loves the little children.'
Producers' statement: "The Chosen" TV series is based on
the true stories of the gospels.



Ruth & Boaz (2025) 1hr 35min

This is an appealing film to watch.
– indirectly and delightfully retelling the original,
highly significant, Old Testament story.

Choral (2025) 1hr 53min. The people of
the Yorkshire town manage to discover that the best response to the
chaos of war is to make beautiful music together.



Mary Magdalene (2018) 2hr



This well-acted, biblical drama follows Mary
Magdalene,
disciple of Jesus. The movie is visually powerful and has a
particularly good musical score.

Bonhoeffer - Agent of Grace, (2024)
2hr 12min

As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich
Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicentre of a plot to assassinate
Hitler. We learn much about Bonhoeffer ... and why his writings and
biographical legacy continue to have relevance for our times.



The Chosen (2020) – S2 E8 **Beyond Mountains** 57mins



Jesus, having chosen most of His disciples, is busy with Matthew,
preparing for the Sermon on the Mount. We also see the pivotal
roles, enacted by women in the Jesus-led community.



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