

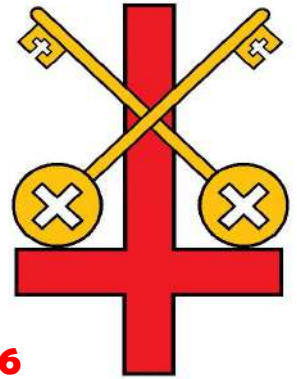
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**19th July 2026
Ordinary Sunday 16**



The Lord knows us completely

I wish to thank everyone who made a contribution to the Connect Winter Camp held last weekend at Orohaki Education Centre. Last Friday, I baptized five young adults in the freezing waters of rebirth in Christ. I was impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and would like to thank Ethan and Cindy for their capable leadership and oversight of the camp. As a congregation, we rejoice with the newly baptized: Callista, Charisse, David, Kevin and Lewis. Also, our thanks go to David Winfield who preached and presided in our worship last Sunday.



Psalm 139 is one of my favourite psalms. It reminds us that God created us and knows us completely. This can be a bit disconcerting to young Christians, but as we get older this thought can be very comforting and reassuring. "O Lord, you have searched me and know me... where can I go from your Spirit? [Even] if I made my bed in Sheol, you are already there... and your right hand shall hold me fast." There is no place that God cannot reach us. Even if we were to find ourselves in utter darkness, or to lose all hope, God will find us. So, always be open to God. Shalom!

~ Mike



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Vicarage

We are excited about Rev Prince & Ramani joining us in October, however there are some necessary electrical upgrades required in the Vicarage before it will pass a 'Healthy Home report'.



It would be wonderful if those who could, would consider contributing towards repair costs.

We need to replace the hob and rangehood in the kitchen, and the house needs a thorough electrical check. We would also like to replace all lightbulbs with LED ones.

The folk in the 'A Team' are helping with a few practical things such as sealing the fireplace and keeping the garden tidy.

If you could contribute towards some of the above, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

~Gin McKenzie, People's Warden

Plant Sale News

There is still plenty of time to pot up plants for our upcoming sale. Soil, pots and labels are still available. Bulbs including dahlias are SO popular and now is a great time to divide peonies and pot up. Hellebores are spectacular and seed everywhere so do try potting up a couple. Please record the colour.



~Fiona Gilmore

Church key holders

A reminder for all key holders to please enter and leave via the choir vestry only.



Glebe Gardening

Generally July is a dormant month but it's still possible to transplant winter veggies including leafy greens, onions and brassicas, pick up a punnet the next time you are shopping and ask Alan 0275 838312.

~Alan Woods

Community of the Sacred Name Festival

Come join us as we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus.

Communion and traditional service.

Date: Friday 7th August

Time: 10.30 am

At: St Peter's Church, Upper Riccarton
Refreshments and fellowship follow after the service. RSVP by 31st July.

~Mother Alena

comsacnm@outlook.com

Mums & Bubs Playgroup

After 3 months trial at the Bowden Hall, MCC Trust management



have decided to trial running the playgroup sessions in the preschool building next term to save power and give parents a soft introduction to daily life at the preschool.

We are so grateful to the wardens, clergy and vestry for their support of this powerful community ministry.

~Liz Orr, Head Teacher

Bellringing at St Peter's



Sunday Service ringing 10:10am to 10:45am

Practice night Tuesday 7:30pm to 9pm

Please contact Christian (christian.westrip@gmail.com) or Mandy (027 898 7066) if you are interested in joining our group.

Preschool news

We are now in the second week of school holidays and it's interesting to observe the children's attendance patterns. Typically, in the school holidays we have about half of the children away on holiday. This time we have only had about 5 or 6 away on holiday each day, so it feels just like term time.

We do, however, have some children away sick every day with winter bugs now winter has arrived. Our parents are responsible in keeping their children home if they are sick, which stops bugs being unnecessarily spread through the preschool. Teachers are grateful for our responsible parents.

~ Liz Orr

stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz

by His
Wounds
we are *Healed*
Isaiah 53:5

Mission Table

The July Mission Table money raised for City Mission was \$187.80 plus \$119.00 from our fabulous Exercise Group. A total of \$306.80. Thank you everyone.

~ Noeline and Irene

This week's diary

Tuesday 21 Jul

Morning Prayer & Meeting — 9.15am, Atrium
Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall
Creative Leisure Club — 11:00am, Parish Hall
MC Praise Dance — 10:30am, Parish Hall
Elms Court Village Service — 11:00am
Bible Study — 7pm, Atrium
MC Night Prayer — 7:30pm, Upper Room
Bellringing Practice — 7:30pm, Bell Tower

Wednesday 22 Jul

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel
Wednesday Eucharist — 10am, Church
Games Club — 1:30pm, Bowden Hall
Mandarin Cell Group — 2.30pm, Atrium
Connect Band — 6pm, Atrium
Connect Bible Study — 7pm, Chapel
Vestry Meeting — 7pm, Atrium

Thursday 23 Jul

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel
Creative Leisure Club — 10:00am, Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 24 Jul

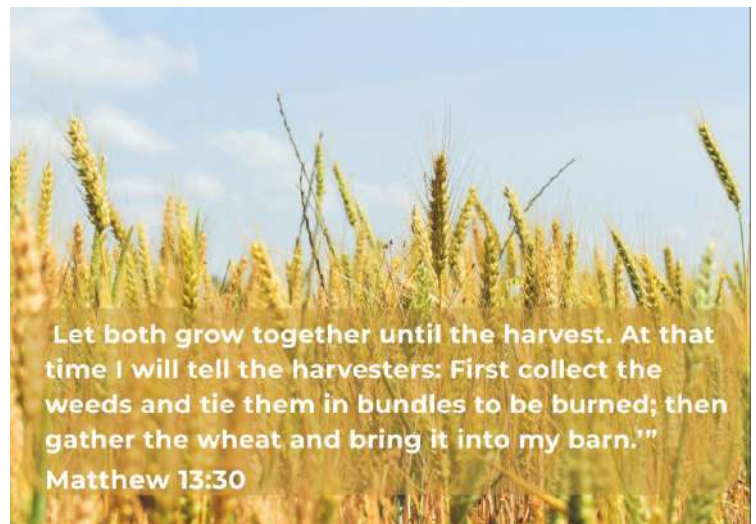
A Team & Plant Sale — 9:00am, Parish Hall
Christian Meditation — 9am, Chapel/Atrium
Conversation English Class — 4:00pm, Atrium

Saturday 25 Jul

Mandarin Cell Group — 7pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 26 Jul

Craft Group — 11am, Atrium



Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."
Matthew 13:30

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:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sentence

I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 13:35b

Collect

Let us pray to teach wisdom...

**God of all wisdom;
yeast, mustard and weeds
with such as these Christ taught
your ways.**

**Grant us wisdom to teach with the
common things of life
that none may elude your call,
now and forever. Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions
God of wisdom and grace,
hear our prayer.

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 44b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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:

- ◇ Times of refreshment for those on holiday.
- ◇ Continue to pray for more enrolments this term.

• Connect Winter Camp

- ◇ We give thanks for the Connect Winter Camp, and for the 5 young people getting baptised, Callista, Charisse, David, Kevin and Lewis.

• Other Prayers

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

• Diocesan Prayers

HIGHFIELD, KENSINGTON AND OTIPUA

Vicar:

Deacon Assistant: The Rev'd Janet McDonald

Christchurch Cursillo

Lay Director: Mrs Heather Driessen

Spiritual Director: The Rev'd Stephanie Clay (Duncan)



ONLINE GIVING

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Branch: Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

Account Details: 02-0874-0021566-00

2026 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
2 August - Sunday	Racing Service	
7 Aug (Fri)	Community of the Sacred Name's festival	10:30am at St Peter's
16 August	Masonic Lodge service	
3-5 Sept	Synod	
13 September	Spring Service Rotary Service	At St Peter's 5pm at 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.

Coffee & Chat



**3rd Monday
every month**

Join us for coffee & a
sumptuous morning tea



St Luke's Anglican Church
School Road
Yaldhurst - opposite the
school.

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20 July

17 August

21 September

19 October

16 November

21 December

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

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Two powerful earthquakes have struck Venezuela causing widespread loss of life.

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THE EARTHQUAKES WERE MAGNITUDE 7.2 AND 7.5 EARTHQUAKES, STRIKING NORTH-CENTRAL VENEZUELA.

The earthquakes have caused massive damage. Buildings have collapsed, power infrastructure has been disrupted and hospitals are overflowing with injured.

International support is flowing into a country already facing severe humanitarian pressure. At the start of 2026, 7.9 million people in Venezuela needed humanitarian support. Needs are expected to shift quickly from search and rescue to shelter, health care, psychosocial support, livelihoods and long-term recovery.

Venezuela needs help. [Donate to the earthquake appeal now.](#)

<https://campaigns.flo2cash.co.nz/AnglicanMissions/AnglicanWorldAid>



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.



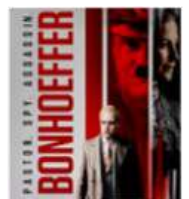
Mary Magdalene (2018) 2hr



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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