Welcome

HELLO Kia Ora nǐ hǎo 你好

to the Anglican Parish of Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

St Peter's & St Luke's

25th October 2026
Ordinary Sunday 30

Grace and peace to you all



Our reflection on the Gospel of Matthew continues. Jesus gets tested with a question about the greatest of the commandments.

In the gospel of Matthew, there is a pattern that when religious leaders want to challenge Jesus, they call him "Teacher" before they ask the question. We see it three times in chapter 22 as well as earlier in the book. At first, it seems like a term of respect but then it turns into a biting, snarky, and manipulative weapon.

Jesus's answers sit simply fine with the Pharisees. As experts in the law, they see the wisdom in Jesus's answer. Instead of identifying one specific law, the two laws summarise all the 613 laws. Jesus' answer depicts God's intentions which are most important than the Mitzvot or the 613 laws.

These two laws exist in the Hebrew Bible. The Shema is in Deuteronomy 6:5 and the call to love one's neighbour is in Leviticus 19:18. And better than any other single command, these two help us understand how we are to be, not just what we are to do or not do. Love is a disposition, a choice, an act of worship that takes all of who we are to reach its fulfilment. Love is the way that we bear the image of the one we belong to, the way we give to God what belongs to God.

Let us be the followers of Jesus through our love of God and of our neighbour.

~ Prince

YouTube LIVESTREAM

Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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Meet the Candidates

Vicar Prince organized a candidates meeting for the Wigram electorates at 2pm on Sunday 1st November, in the Parish Hall.
It is open to all for the parish and the public.
Please share this information within the community of Wigram and invite people.

Servers for 8 and 9.15 services

We are seeking folk to serve at the altar in Church - with some of our servers away for the uni holidays or having exams we are chronically short. No experience needed! Any age! Just a willingness to be helpful.

~Jo Winfield

Market Day

What a beautiful day we had for this event and more importantly the vibe was so positive and welcoming. We managed to raise $1635 and the overwhelming feedback is that we need to do this again and more often. Thanks to all who donated and came on the day to support us.

~Fiona Gilmore

Summer Gateway

The editors are calling for your contributions for the Summer Gateway. The deadline is November 20th. Please email to:
heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz
We are looking for someone to take over the editor and publication roles. Heather and I have produced the last 30 editions and feel that the time is right to hand it over. Please pray about it and contact Graeme or Heather. *~Graeme & Heater Cox*

Preschool Open Day

The Preschool is having an Open Day – a family fun day, on Saturday 7th November, 10:30am to 2pm.
Please visit to see our new look and new daily programme.
There will be face painting, bouncy castle, fun hands-on activities, sausage sizzles, plus lots more. All are welcome!

~Adele Venter

Glebe Gardeners

Plants wilt in the heat, obviously. (Midday wilting is a natural defence for plants to conserve moisture rather than a classic sign that they need water). Plants and people need hydration, obviously. (Humans and plants need water to move nutrients, stay upright, and cool themselves). Plants, generally, don't absorb moisture through their leaves. (Roots remain their basic source for water uptake). People don't only absorb moisture through their skin. (Skin cells can hold small amounts of water on the surface when soaked).
Ideally, vegetable plants take in moisture through their roots planted deeply in the soil. (Deep watering saturate's soil for 6 to 12 inches (15.24cm- 30.48cm).
Water wisely – Water the soil deeply at ground level morning and evening – before and after the heat of the day. (Watering your garden deeply at ground level during the early morning is best. Evening watering is only needed during extreme heat waves such as may be experienced during Super El Nino 2026).

~ Alan Wood

Food basket for preschool

The preschool is adding a basket at the back for collecting food for families who are going through hardship and have trouble filing up lunchboxes for their children. Any non-perishable contributions will be appreciated.

~ Adele Venter

Recommended Toddler Emergency Food Items

Choose familiar, non-perishable items that require minimal preparation and zero or little water:

- Canned meals with a tear-tab: Small cans of baked beans, spaghetti, or soft-textured chicken/fruit with pull-ring lids (no can opener needed).
- Fruit and food pouches: Ready-to-eat fruit purées or smooth toddler food pouches.
- Snacks: Muesli bars, crackers, or soft biscuits.
- UHT or powdered milk: Small single-serve or boxed milk (if applicable to your toddler's diet).
- Spread – Jam, peanut butter, marmite etc.
- Cereals (do not contain dried fruits/nuts): Cornflakes, Weet-Bix, rice puffs etc.

Preschool news

We are so excited to share our preschool philosophy with you!
We warmly invite you to our Preschool Open Day on Saturday, 7 November. Everyone is welcome, so bring along your family and friends for a fun-filled day as we share what makes our preschool such a special place.
Things are going well at preschool, and we are back into the full swing of things. It has been a very busy start to the term, full of learning, laughter and fun!
We have also topped up our outdoor bark area, and the children loved helping to unload and spread the new bark. Our outdoor space is looking great, and we are all ready for summer adventures!

~ Adele Venter
stpeterspreschool@mcctrust.nz



This week's diary

Tuesday 27 Oct
Morning Prayer & Meeting— 9:15am, Atrium
Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall
Creative Leisure Club—11am, Parish Hall
MC Night Prayer — 7:30pm, Upper Room
Bible Study — 7:00pm, Atrium
Bellringing Practice — 7:30pm, Bell Tower

Wednesday 28 Oct
Wednesday Eucharist— 10am, Church
MC Praise Dance — 10:00am, Parish Hall
Games Club — 1:30pm, York Room
Mandarin Cell Group — 2.30pm, Atrium
Connect Band — 6pm, Atrium
Connect Bible Study—7pm, Bowden Hall
Vestry Meeting — 7:30pm, York Room

Thursday 29 Oct
Creative Leisure Club —10am, Parish Hall
Choir Practice — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 30 Oct
A Team & Plant Sale — 9:00am, Parish Hall
Christian Meditation— 9am, Chapel/Atrium
Conversation English Class — 4pm, Atrium

Saturday 31 Oct
Mandarin Cell Group — 7pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 01 Nov
Craft Group — 11am, Atrium
Candidates Meeting – 2pm, Parish Hall





Worship Details

St Peter's Church
8:00am — Eucharist
9:15am — Eucharist
11:00am — Connect Eucharist
Mandarin Congregation
10:30am in the Parish Hall

Readings:
Leviticus19:1-2, 15-18
Psalms 1:1-3
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Sentence
Jesus said to the lawyer, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."
Matthew 22:37

Collect
Almighty God,
you teach us in your word
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

God of love,
hear our prayer.

Next Week's Readings:
Revelation 7:9-end
Psalm 34:1-10,22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners

⇒ **Petersgate:**
Pray for a peaceful period so that everyone can have some rest.

⇒ **St Peter's Preschool:**
◊For our families experiencing financial hardship and for the children who are finding it difficult to settle into preschool routines.
◊For our team, that they will be strengthened and guided with wisdom, patience and love as they care for and teach the children.

- **Other Prayers**
We pray for those people in need of prayer & known to us, especially: Rubina, Di, Anslie, Margaret, Mary, Carol, Tas, Dave, Sheldine, Robin, Effie, Andrea and Colleen.

- **Diocesan Prayers**
OXFORD-CUST
Vicar: The Rev'd Felicity O'Brien (Kevin)
PAPANUI
Vicar: The Rev'd Dr Tim Frank (Yudy)
The Judiciary and Legal Profession

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2026 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
26 October (Monday)	Labour Day	
1 November	All Saints Sunday	
1 November	Candidates Meeting	@2PM, Parish Hall
13 November (Friday)	Canterbury Show Weekend	
14 November (Saturday)	Parish Breakfast	@Parish Hall
29 November	Advent Sunday	
6 December	Carol Services	St Luke's
13 December	Carol Services	St Peter's
20 December	Remembering the Departed	St Peter's & St Luke's
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.



Candidates Meeting
for the Wigram electorates

Sunday
1st November 2026
2PM

At the Parish Hall
St Peter's Anglican Church

22 Main South Road,
Church Corner, Christchurch

It is open to all for the parish and the public.
Please share this information within the community of Wigram and invite people.



St Peter's Anglican Preschool

Supported by Aidanfield Christian Preschool

Manukau Christian Charitable Trust
Shining Jesus' Love in Community

OPEN DAY

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 7th November, 10.30am - 2.00pm

22 Main South Road, Upper Riccarton

HOSTED BY YOUR ST PETER'S AND AIDANFIELD TEAMS

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Please visit us to see our new look and new daily programme.

Check out of school readiness and focused learning programmes.

- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Fun hands-on activities
- Sausage Sizzle

PLUS LOTS MORE

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

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