

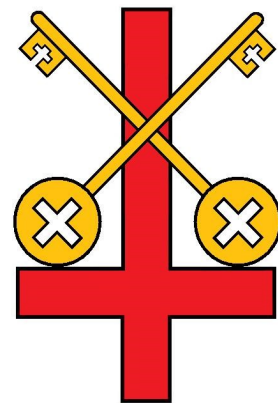
Welcome



to the Anglican Parish of
Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst

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

**17th Aug 2025
Ordinary Sunday 20**



Lulled into a false sense of security

The great composer Beethoven used to love to play a trick on his polite salon audiences. He would play a lovely, soft, gentle piece of music and just when everyone was almost asleep, he would bring his whole forearm down with a crash for the final notes.

Today's Gospel (Luke 12:49-56) is just such a forearm crash. It speaks of conflict and division. The context of the first audience is helpful. As Christianity spread throughout the Roman empire, the next generation, (notice each conflict is intergenerational) would stop making offerings to the family deities and the emperor. This would have caused great consternation to the older folk who would fear the gods would curse them.

The emperor had eyes everywhere and paid people to expose their family members. And they did!

The Roman empire is long gone. But to stand for Jesus and the Gospel does come at a cost, even in modern NZ.

~ Nick Mountfort



Join us on Live Stream for our Sunday Service

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

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News in the Parish

Gateway Spring 2025 deadline

Next Gateway is calling for your contribution. Deadline is Sunday 31st August. Email your story to:

heatherandgraeme.cox@xtra.co.nz
~ Graeme and Heather Cox

Civil Defense for Riccarton

Support is needed. Volunteers can do as much or as little as they want to plan next steps. Community workshops, identify sites. Churches and Schools are now recognised best used as drop in centres and information centres rather than emergency accommodation centres. Each community will have plans right for their area and people.

~ Liz Delamere

Meet the Council Candidates

Two events. Methodist and Baptist Churches to be advertised on the Riccarton Hubb website.

~ Liz Delamere

The Riccarton Tool Shed

Official opening: Tuesday 2nd Sep. See flyer on whiteboard for details.

~ Liz Delamere



The Bible study group started on Tuesday 5th August, in the Atrium of St Peter's Church, from 7-8pm every week. If you are interested, ask Alan Woods 0275838312 or Sue Robb 021 657 962.

Keeping Good Company

SUCCESS ON STAGE Our performers with Keeping Good Company did very well at the recent Theatrefest competition gaining distinction in comedy and as a production of a NZ play amongst other awards. They also now join three other plays being sent through to the regionals in Nelson later this month. Please pray for their safe travel.

~ David Winfield



Exciting news...we are distributing vegetable seeds, soil, trays and labels on Sunday 24th. We had the most amazing response last year and looking forward to the same this year. We have the usual seeds and a few new ones including chillies and capsicums. It is not too late to pot up plants especially with all that good spring growing weather just round the corner...apparently! We also need people to grow tomatoes and zucchinis. Even one or two helps.

~ Plant Sale Team - Fiona Gilmore
027 345 3478

NZCCM Christchurch Community Day - Travelling Light

The call to meditators to travel lightly through this world extends to every part of our lives: our lifestyle, relationships, work life, community, belongings, leisure, and more. During our time together, Kathryn will invite us to explore this call through brief presentations, opportunities for personal reflection and group sharing, and periods of meditation. All are welcome.

Facilitator: Kathryn Fernando
Saturday, 20 September 2025
10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Atrium

South Island Christian Book Authors Network Gathering

If you've ever considered yourself a Christian Author or Scribe this could be for you. Contact Verna McFelin for more info.

Date: Saturday, 30th August 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Dawn's place – 338 Marine Parade, New Brighton, Christchurch
RSVP by Friday, 22nd August to: *verna.mcfelin@gmail.com*

~ Alan Woods 0275 838312

Preschool news



St Peter's Anglican Preschool

- * Multi-cultural
- * Highly Qualified & Experienced Teachers
- * Bible based Curriculum
- * 20 Free ECE hours



- Offering School Readiness programme
- Flexibility - No session times. Choose the hours that suit your family
- Partnering with families to lay a foundation for life time learning in a loving, nurturing and creative environment
- Supporting each child as they discover their own God given special gifts and talents
- Pick up and drop off available by our preschool van



Visit anytime during open hours, NO appointment required.



Mission Table

Last Sunday's Mission table was raising funds for the Anglican Mission Tonga Appeal - following the 2022 volcanic eruption and tsunami.

A big thank you to all who donated baking, plants, vegetables, sauces, pickles, jams..., coconut ice and craft goods.

And - thank you to everyone who set-up and ran the table, not forgetting everyone who came and supported us.

~ Jill and Gin (Noeline is visiting her great grandson!)

This week's diary

Tuesday 19 Aug

Morning Prayer & Staff Meeting — 9am
Exercise Group — 9:30am, Parish Hall
MC Praise Dance — 10:30am, Parish Hall
Elms Court Village Service — 11:00am
Care Bears — 3:30pm, Atrium
Bible study Group — 7:00pm, Atrium
MC Night Prayer — 7:30pm, Upper Room

Wednesday 20 Aug

Morning Prayer — 9am, Chapel
Wednesday Service — 10am, Church
Mandarin Cell Group — 10:30am, Bowden Hall
Mahjong Club — 1:30pm, York Room
Connect Band — 6:00pm, Atrium
Connect Youth — 7:00pm, Bowden Hall

Thursday 21 Aug

Choir — 7:30pm, Church

Friday 22 Aug

Meditation — 9am, Chapel
A-Team — 9am, by the hall
Conversation English Class — 4pm, Atrium

Saturday 23 Aug

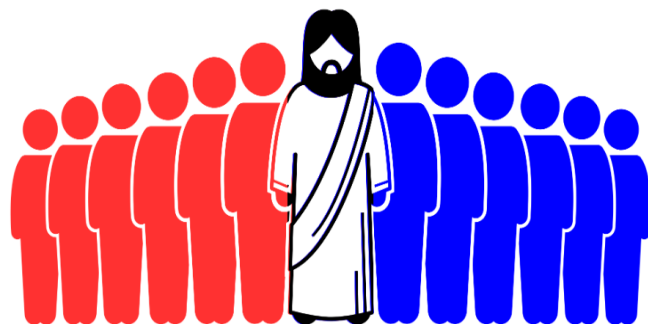
Mandarin Cell Group — 7:00pm, Bowden Hall

Sunday 24 Aug

Baptism — 10.45, Church



Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division.



Luke 12:51

Worship Details

St Peter's Church

8:00am— Eucharist

9:15am— Eucharist

10:45am— Connect Worship

St Luke's Church

9:30am— Eucharist

Mandarin Congregation

2:00pm

Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7 *The song of the vineyard*

Psalms 80:1-3, 8-18

Hebrew 11:29-12:2 *Looking to Jesus*

Gospel Luke 12:49-56

Sentence

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Collect

Let us pray to face troubles with courage...

silence

**Disturbing God, like refining fire
you move amongst us,
setting parent against child.**

**May we never shy away
from the demands of the Gospel
but with courage face the time
of trial,
through Jesus Christ, we ask it.
Amen.**

Versicle and Response for Intercessions

For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

Next Week's Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrew 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



Prayer Focus

- For our mission partners

⇒ Petersgate:

♦ Loving God we thank you for all the work done by the administration team at Petersgate, we pray for Sharon as she leaves for a new full-time job, and ask for guidance in selecting a new person to replace her. We also thank you for all the guest speakers who contribute to the professional development of our counsellors through the year, helping to keep their knowledge relevant and up-to-date.

⇒ Preschool:

♦ Rest and healing for those who are sick.
♦ More new enrolments.

- For Ivan, Janie, and Isaac being baptised on the 24th Aug.

• Other Prayers

We pray for those in need of prayer and known to us, especially: Margaret B, Irene Ch, Dave G and Alison R and Grace L.

• Diocesan Prayers

ANGLICAN CARE:

The Trust Board

Chairperson: Ms Jane Evans

City Missioner: Mrs Corinne Haines

Administration and Finance Team

Alcohol & Other Drugs Detox Team

Social Services Team: Community

Development Team; Night Shelters;

Food Bank; Business Development

Team

Elder Care Project: The Rev'd Anne

Russell-Brighty (Adrian)



Please support the par-



ONLINE GIVING

Account Name: St Peter's Church Riccarton

Bank: Bank of New Zealand

Branch: Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

Account Details: 02-0874-0021566-00



NZCCM Christchurch Community Day Travelling Light

Saturday, 20 September 2025

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

St Peter's Anglican Church (The
Atrium)

22 Main South Road,

Christchurch, Canterbury Region,

8042, New Zealand (map)

www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz/community-days-retreats/christchurch-community-day-travelling-light

2025 Special Dates

DATE (& Day)	Event	Notes
4,5,6 Sept	Synod	
14 September	Spring Service	combined with Methodists at 10am
4 October	Plant Sale	
5 October	Pet Service/St Francis	@ St Luke's & St Peter's
11 October	Car Boot Sale	
19 October	St Luke's Patronal Service	
27 October (Monday)	Labour Day	
2 November	All Saints Sunday	
7-9 November	Parish Retreat	Friday - Sunday in LR
14 November (Friday)	Canterbury Show Weekend	
30 November	Advent Sunday	
7 December	Remembering the Departed	
14 December	Carol Services	St Luke's & St Peter's
24 Dec - Wednesday	Children's Nativity 5pm	
	Midnight Service	
25 Dec - Thursday	Christmas Day	

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



Coffee & Chat

3rd Monday of the month
9:30am - 11:00am

		15 September 20 October 17 November 15 December
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Join us while you
catch up with friends
over your morning
coffee



St Luke's
Anglican Community Church
43 School Road, Yaldhurst

Contact: Carol 027 686 2803

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Socials



<https://linktr.ee/stpeterschurch>

— THE — **BIG BUS BASH**

GOLD

Join the Avonhead Community Trust on the
bus for an exciting day packed with
adventure, tailor-made for our experienced
adventurers!

11 Aug 9:45am - 3:00pm

**Meet at Avonhead Baptist Church
102 Avonhead Road**



To register, send an
email to
info@actrust.org.nz, or
scan the QR code

Only \$5 per person



Saturday 16 August 2025 from 11:00-15:00

Jolly Goods country

Info:

*glendajoy2017@
gmail.com*

market ³⁴³ *Waterholes rd.*

Public • Event by **Glenda Joy and Christchurch**
Antiques & Vintage Collectors

HIGH NOTES

Lunchtime Organ Recitals on the Hill

1.10pm–2.00pm

St Augustine's
5 Cracroft Terrace
Cashmere

Monday August 25
Martin Setchell

Monday October 6
Jeremy Woodside

Concerts for Christchurch Foundation Trust is thrilled to present this series of lunchtime organ recitals featuring three Christchurch organists. St Augustine's Church, Cashmere, is home to a George Croft and Son pipe organ which was one of the first organs to be repaired and recommissioned after the devastating earthquakes of 2011.

Each lunchtime concert will feature well known works from the organ repertoire along with some delightful musical surprises. Well known composers such as Bach, Rutter, Ravel, Strauss and so many more will be showcased at these events.



August 25 – Martin Setchell

An international concert organist who believes in promoting entertaining music to a wide audience, Martin was recently called 'New Zealand's most widely travelled concert organist', delighting audiences with his lively personality, spirited playing, and entertaining repertoire. His international concert tours have taken him to Australia, America, Canada, Europe, the UK and the Far East. He was pivotal in securing a Rieger Pipe Organ for the Christchurch Town Hall and was appointed curator by the City Council upon its installation.



October 6 – Jeremy Woodside

Jeremy has held organ scholarships at Christ Church St Laurence, Sydney, Wells Cathedral and Westminster Abbey UK. He holds a Bachelor of Music (First Class Honours) from the University of Canterbury, and a Masters in Organ Performance from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Recital and accompanying work has taken Jeremy throughout UK, Australia, Singapore, Europe and New Zealand.

Ticket Information

Adults \$20
Concerts for Christchurch Friends
and Friends of the Arts Centre \$15
Students \$10
17 years and under \$5
Door Sales – eftpos and cash
Book and enquire –
concertsforchristchurch@gmail.com





The Riccarton Tool Shed

Located in Riccarton Baptist Church car park,
80 Rattray Street.

Open on Saturdays, 9am-11am,
starting 6 September.

Volunteers are needed to help with the
set up during the month of August. To help,
or for more information, contact
Steve on 021 186 3645.

*Official opening, Tuesday 2 September
12.30-2pm.*

Everyone welcome.

*This will start with a look through the
container, followed by lunch and speeches.*

*Sign up membership deals available then, and
for the month of September.*

RSVP to
riccartontoolshed@odt.org.nz
by Thursday 28 August.



Christchurch
City Council



What is the Riccarton Tool Shed?

The purpose of the Riccarton Tool Shed is to provide residents with easy and affordable access to tools and resources in their local community. The Riccarton Tool Shed will be stocked with over 200 tools, gardening equipment and household items that members can borrow to maintain their house and section, to do their own gardening and DIY projects.

The Riccarton Tool Shed will operate as a not for profit cooperative with low membership fees (\$30/year) and members assisting with the operation of the Tool Shed sessions.

Membership fees are deliberately kept low at \$30 for the first year, and \$20 per year for renewing memberships. Members visit the Riccarton Tool Shed and borrow the items they need for a week. All hand tools and safety equipment is free to borrow and a small borrowing fee is applied to electrical items (\$5), mowers (\$10), and higher wear motorised items (\$15). Weekly borrowing session will be held, where members can borrow and return tools.

Our intention with this initiative is to provide affordable access to a wide range of tools and gardening equipment so that people can thrive independently, have the means to grow their own garden, and save on household expenses.



*"...whenever we are truly creative,
we step onto holy ground."
(inspired by John O'Donoghue)*

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