



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 24 February 2019



Theme: Loving those who do us harm: How difficult is that?
Priest in Charge: Ian Smith
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: Genesis 45:3-11,15, Luke 6:27-38

Sentence:

Love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High, for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
- Luke 6:35

Prayer for the day:

Living God, how often we struggle to love those who have done us wrong! How easy it is to close the door on them, locking them out of our lives! In our worship today give us that strength, only you can give, to open those doors, that

love and compassion might flow again. In the name of him who showed us such love when we were sinners locked out by our stubborn refusal to listen.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



A Note from the Priest in Charge...

A very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity and St Alban's this morning! How awesome it is to gather regularly to be encouraged in our faith by the Divine Life we share with each other!

It was an absolute delight to hear Revd Spanky Moore speaking at the Diocesan Camp last Sunday on "Families on Mission". Like Jesus, we need to see the value of using the ordinary things; food, getting together, playing games and just chatting, as opportunities to invite others into 'ordinary' space... this is all people long for!

Sara Clover began her role as Pastoral Worker among our seniors this week. This role carries a huge amount of responsibility and part of our work is to be encouraging and prayerfully supportive of Sara as she undertakes this ministry. I know you are already! Thank you!!!

Remember in prayer for our Electoral College that begins with a public Eucharistic Service at Christ Church Cathedral Nelson, 7pm Thursday and runs through Friday and Saturday. Pray especially that God's mind might be ours in this gathering!

A couple of events in early March are the World Day of Prayer on Friday, 1 March, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. See the notice on the board at the back of Holy Trinity Church. And we will be hosting an Imposition of Ashes service with the Catholics on Ash Wednesday at 7.00pm, on 6 March here at Holy Trinity. There will an Imposition of Ashes at our 10.00am service this day as well led by Revd Franz Murbach!

And a reminder to get back to me if you are interested in doing a series of Monday evening Bible studies over Lent.

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Candidates for the Office of Bishop of Nelson - To assist with your prayers for the upcoming Electoral College to nominate a new Bishop of Nelson, the Arrangements Committee for the College wishes to advise the candidates' names as follows - Revd. Michael Brantley (currently Wellington Diocese), Revd. Steve Maina (currently CMS, Christchurch Diocese), Revd. Canon Dr. Graham O'Brien (currently Nelson Diocese). If anyone knows of any reason or impediment that makes it undesirable for any of these persons to be elected as Bishop, please advise Annie Fraser, Secretary of the Electoral College, straight away at diosec@nelsonanglican.nz Any concern about misconduct must be advised before the Electoral College. Please pray for all candidates and their families, and that God's will is discerned by the Electoral College.

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Preserves - There is some lovely plum jam, made with delicious sultan and billington plums. Low sugar as usual, just a reminder, once opened they need to be kept in the fridge. I also have some plum sauce, if you would like some please ask. If you have 450 g jam jars or Pic's peanut butter jars please can I have them? All money to missions. Many thanks for your support. Shiona Frengley.

Invitation to the Electoral College Service - Archbishop Philip warmly invites you to attend the Cathedral service preceding business sessions to nominate the new Bishop of Nelson. The Cathedral service is a public diocesan event and not limited to Electoral College members. Archbishop Philip will deliver his Electoral College address at the service. We would love you to join us at Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson. The service will begin at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 February 2019. Please arrive by 6.45pm. We ask you to hold all decisions of the Electoral College in your prayers.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Afternoon AAW Group - Our first meeting of the year will take place this Wednesday 27 February at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Our afternoon is entitled "About Us". It will be fun and informative. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Rosters - Updated Rosters for Sundays February to July 2019 are now on the noticeboard and printed copies are available at the back of the church. Email copies are also available for service/worship leaders. Please contact David in the Church Office if you have not received one. A very big thank you to all those of you who have chosen to continue to be on the rosters, and an especial thank you to those who have stepped up to fill any gaps. We really do appreciate your commitment to serve our church family in this way. Jean Palmer.

AAW Evening Group - First meeting of the year is at 7.30pm this Thursday 28 February in the church. All are welcome. Enquiries to Ivy Price 544 5405

Prayers for the Week

The World - We pray for the troubled country of Venezuela that there will be a peaceful and just solution to the political crisis, and that the solution will be one the Venezuelan people themselves chose. We thank you that the fragile cease fire in Yemen is holding and pray that food and aid relief will get to those in need, especially to the children. We pray for Nigeria's postponed election today that it may pass off peacefully and that a government be elected that will bring an end to the armed conflicts and the endemic corruption.

Missions - We thank you for the Corin family. We continue to pray that you will enable Chris and Catherine, in particular, to get used to the new reality of their children moving away to other countries for further training. We pray especially for Chris as he seeks to encourage some of the local pastors to remain in their villages despite the persecution. Supply the resources they need to further your work in these villages. Bless Chris' contacts with others that together they might bring help.

Diocese - We pray for the Parish of All Saints in Nelson with Simon and Fran Martin and their leadership team as they review their church's vision. We pray that you will supply a suitable pastoral care coordinator for that large church. We also ask your blessing upon their work with young people and the family outreach called the Table.

We continue to pray for the clergy and lay synod members of the electoral college as they meet on Friday and Saturday to elect a new bishop – grant them unity, a deep sense of your presence and guide them by your Spirit into your will for the next bishop of this diocese.

Local church - We thank you for the ministry of the local Lutheran churches at Hope and Upper Moutere, bless them as they seek to minister to their scattered congregation and to engage in real community outreach.

Local area - We thank you for the incredible work put in by firefighters as they continue to control the Pidgeon Valley fire and for the other emergency services involved. We continue to pray for the many people who have been affected by this fire, as they seek to rebuild their family lives and businesses.

Parish - We continue to pray that you will guide Stephen Hooper as he prepares to become vicar of this parish in November, bless him and his family at this time. We thank you for Ian Smith and pray that he will be blessed and encouraged as he ministers among us.

We thank you for our house groups and those who lead them, may they continue to be a source of encouragement and blessing to those who attend. We pray that you will enlarge the current groups and raise up new groups that more of our parishioners will belong to house groups.

Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for progress on the new building and ask your blessing on further funding applications to reduce our financial shortfall.

For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray particularly for those who mourn the loss of close family. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 25 February

9.00am Church open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun

Tuesday 26 February

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Fregley)

Wednesday 27 February

10.00am Holy Communion
1.30pm AAW Afternoon Group (J McConachie)

Thursday 28 February

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)
7.30pm AAW Evening Group (I Price)

Sunday 3 March

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Tuesday 5 March

11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)

Wednesday 6 March (Ash Wednesday)

7.00pm Combined Anglican & Catholic Ash
Wednesday Service at Holy Trinity

*For more information about services or groups
contact the office Ph. 544 8844.*

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 24 February

Morning Prayer

Leader: Rev Fergus Capie

10.30am Sunday 10 March

Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Fergus Capie

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 3 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	Ian Smith	10.30am	TBA
Reader:	9.00am	A Heslop, V Matthews	10.30am	L Summerfield
Sidesperson	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	B Cheyne
Welcomer:	9.00am	G Thomas	10.30am	K Cheyne
Chalice:	9.00am	E Erskine, B Lash, I Price	10.30am	N/A
Tea:		E Erskine, G Thomas		
Flowers:		D Martin	Crèche	M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: When Places of Peace are Ravaged by Storms: What then?

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25, Luke 8:22-25

Parish Contacts

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Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm

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