



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 10 March 2019



Theme: Temptation's insidious devices: Trapped by our own limitation
Priest in Charge: Ian Smith
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-3

Sentence:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry...
- Luke 4:1-2

Prayer for the day:

Living God, so many voices are calling out to us with promises of a full and easy life; recognising all the strengths and gifts that we bring to our communities, all our positions of influence and power! This Lenten season, help us to turn

from these empty, deceitful perceptions and embrace your cross in new and powerfully humbling ways, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



A Note from the Priest in Charge...

A warm welcome to our services this morning at St Albans in Appleby and Holy Trinity in Richmond as we begin our Lenten journey together!

If I was to introduce my theme this morning with, "There is so much pride being manifest in the way each of our worship centres operates!" What would your reaction be? Would you agree? Would you say, "Well, look at yourself!?" Or would you be offended and react in some other way? It is so easy to take offence when, what we do with 'good' intention, is criticised or thrown back in our face.

If our Lenten journey has been a good one, we will have learned not to be offended so easily when God speaks critically of some of the decisions we

have made or decisively about new decisions we need to make.

It struck me powerfully at Electoral College as many lay and clerical leaders spoke in desperation of a need for a good bishop who will instil the kind of leadership and vision that will grow our diocese and get us out of the quagmire of despair many in our declining diocese find themselves in. But is this really the answer? Should we ever be putting the title of saviour on to a bishop! Lent is that season where we look deeply into our own being and ask if the problems facing us might actually be our own! I know this might be a sobering thought, but maybe that is why we begin this journey with ashes applied - that ancient symbol of repentance and humility!

Here's to a great Lent, as we journey together!

Arohanui

Ian

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

Preserves - Many thanks to everyone who has brought in jars. A brilliant response. There are more jams, marmalades and sauces. If you would like something particularly do please ask. I'm not going to make more till the water shortage ends, but have heaps of frozen fruit. Again, many thanks, Shiona.

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

Nelson Hospital Chaplaincy - 2019 Volunteer Training. Do you feel God calling you to become a part of the Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry? Applications for 2019 Volunteer training close at 4.00pm Friday 15 March. To find out more please phone 546 1800 and ask to speak to Hospital Chaplain, Henk Lups, or email henk.lups@nmdhb.govt.nz

Majesty / Art & Faith - Calling artists of faith together, to engage in a greater devotion to the One, to release a greater purpose through their making, and to reveal a greater promise – the heart of God. Held at ATELIER Studio|Gallery in Nelson, New Zealand over the Easter weekend of 2019, visual art-making workshops, times of worship, new ideas and discussion, prophetic input, and plenty of 'making time' all flow together to release a new fire in the creative soul. Each day will begin with time in worship and prayer – the furnace of creative endeavour. For info visit <https://atelier.org.nz/majesty/>

Christian Women Communicating International - Coffee & Dessert evening 7.30pm Tuesday 12 March at the Headingly Centre, Richmond to hear Beth Allison from Melbourne. \$10 at the door. Beth is passionate about seeing lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. She says "Forgiveness is very hard when someone has deeply wounded us. We want justice, an apology, changed behaviour, restitution. And yet Jesus said if we don't forgive others, our heavenly Father won't forgive us (Matt 6:14-15). What does forgiveness mean? What doesn't it mean? How do we know if we have really forgiven? What is the ultimate aim of forgiveness? Each one of us has the choice – through the power of the Holy Spirit – to apply his Master Key. It can be a very painful journey but it is the key to freedom and healing. Heaven opens up to us when we forgive."

Diocesan short-term missions trip to Malaita - Our Diocese is arranging a short-term missions trip to Malaita in the Solomons between 19 June and 3 July 2019 for up to 15 people. (This may seem a long time to be away but the journey to Malaita takes 3 days.) The group will be under the leadership of Graham O'Brien and Mike Hawke. Malaita is one of our Companion Dioceses. This is an Investment and a source of encouragement for the Diocese of Malaita and Nelson. Whilst in Malaita the group will

be under the overall direction of Bishop Sam Sahu. There's a Diocesan Conference, Parish and school visits, at which the group will pray and minister with people in smaller groups. Further details are on the Missions Noticeboard at the back of the church or if you wish to know more about this trip please contact Barb Lash Ph. 544 7775 or John Palmer Ph.544 4275

Missions Event - For 17 years, Americans Martin and Gracia Burnham served as missionaries in the Philippines with New Tribes Mission. Martin was an experienced jungle pilot who brought mail and supplies to the region. In 2001, they were taken hostage by an Islamic militant group. They spent the next 376 days running for their lives through the Philippine jungle, before Martin was killed during a rescue attempt and a wounded Gracia was freed. Gracia is now a popular speaker and New York Times bestselling author of two books – *In the Presence of my Enemies* and *To Fly Again*. Gracia's story is one of faith in the midst of terror. She knows what it's like to be completely and utterly dependent on God when life is spinning out of control. 7.00pm Sunday 31 March at the Headingly Centre, Richmond.

Day of Giving - On Sunday 24 March we will be holding a 'Day of Giving,' when we are asking you (again) for money for our new hall. Additional costs have increased more than we were initially advised and we are looking at a shortfall of \$180,000. Funding applications are underway, however these cannot be relied upon to cover our deficit. Please give this request your prayerful consideration. *Together we can make it happen!*

Richmond Parish AGM - 10.30am Sunday 31 March 2019. Check your details in the 2019 Parish Roll in the church. Make any changes to the Roll details in the line below your name. If you are listed on the roll you do not need to re-enrol. If you are not on the roll and wish to enrol, complete a blue Declaration form. Return forms to the Completed Forms container at the back of the Church or to the parish office. AGM forms are available at the back of the Church: Nomination Forms for Vestry & People's Warden. (*Nominations close 2.00pm Friday 22 March 2019*). Declaration form (*On file by 12.00pm 27 March 2019*). AGM Question form (*Questions close 12.00pm Friday 29 March 2019*)

AGM Reports - All reports from groups and individuals to the office by **Friday 22 March** please.

Home Group - We welcome new members to our group meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 12.00pm to 2.00pm. If you are interested please contact Valerie McNaughton or Jan South.

Prayers for the Week

God's creation - Jesus you call us to care for the least, the lost and the last. At this time when there are more than 65 million refugees world-wide more than half of whom are children, inspire us both individually and as a community to be your love in action for these your people.

Mission partners - We thank you Lord Jesus for Murray and Féy's time in Albania, and pray that Your church there would be blessed. Be with Murray and Féy as they settle back into New Zealand and inspire and encourage Féy in her new role.

Diocese - We thank you for your church family in Awatere. Strengthen their leadership and unity as they seek another priest in charge. Bless their Bible in schools programme, raise up teachers and enable it to be taught in both the local schools. Unite the families and whanau in this community to care for those facing major health issues and their carers. Give all involved Your peace, wisdom in their choices and may they know Your love.

Community - Bless Martin Oh and the Methodist church families in Richmond and Stoke. Strengthen their love for one another and their witness.

Parish - We thank you Lord for the community the You have made, and the welcome and care known to all who come. Bless all those involved, may all their good works prosper. We thank you for the support of the Jeremiah Trust/Kai with Love, and ask your blessing on all involved with their work especially those in need.

We lift to You Lord all those in need, those known to us and those known only to you Lord. We bless them in the name of Jesus and pray that you would know your peace beyond all understanding. We pray for those caring for others, give them your love and give them abundant patience, and rest Lord.

Amen.

This Week...

Monday 11 March

9.00am Church open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun
7.00pm Lenten Study

Tuesday 12 March

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

Wednesday 13 March

10.00am Holy Communion
12.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday Group (J South)

Thursday 14 March

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 17 March

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Sunday 24 March

Day of Giving

Sunday 31 March

9.00am Combined Communion
10.30am AGM

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

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 24 March

Morning Prayer

Leader: Rev Matthew Beech

10.30am Sunday 14 April

Holy Communion

Leader: TBC

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

Roster for 17 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J Palmer	10.30am	F Summerfield
Reader:	9.00am	J McConachie, P Jordan	10.30am	L Ashby
Sidesperson	9.00am	K South	10.30am	J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am	J McConachie	10.30am	A Green
Chalice:	9.00am	S Frengley, P Jordan	10.30am	N/A
Tea:		A Burrough, V Matthew		
Flowers:		C Strang	Crèche	Glenda Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: Covenant and Judgement: When the promise becomes a Ruin

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Luke 13:31-end

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