



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 17 March 2019



Theme: Covenant and Judgement: When the promise becomes a Ruin
Priest in Charge: Ian Smith
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Luke 13:31- 35

Sentence:

Yahweh is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
Yahweh is the fortress of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

- Psalm 27:1 (Jerusalem Bible)

Prayer for the day:

God, steadfast in love and purpose,
your Son was not diverted from Jerusalem and
the cross:
amid all business and distraction keep us
focussed on your purpose;

in times of uncertainty or anxiety, steady us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



A Note from the Priest in Charge...

A very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity this morning, on our second Sunday in Lent!

It is very good to be able to speak openly about the election of our new Bishop-elect, the Revd Steve Maina, a Kenyan, who will be consecrated later in the year. Steve has been in New Zealand as the National Director of the NZ Church Missionary Society for almost fourteen. He is a natural leader with excellent abilities in missional motivation, communication and administration. But most of all he is passionate about Jesus and developing communities that exhibit Jesus life! we are in for some changes I am sure!

We have our AGM on the 31st March and I remind you to get to me any motions you intend bringing (that have been seconded) by Wednesday 27 March so they can be dealt with thoroughly. All reports to the AGM should be in to the parish office by Friday 22 March!

In our services today we will be looking at the promises God makes toward us, we often call these promises covenants, and how we so readily try to live outside them and wonder why God seems to desert us when this happens. Lent gives us a chance to look back at some of these derailments and through repentance and faith begin that journey back into the heart of that relationship that might presently appear broken... Let's move sensitively through this season...

Prayerfully,
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.

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/>

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.

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 forms, Motions (*On file by 12.00pm 27 Wednesday 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.

Thanks - Thank you all so much for all your wonderful prayer support and interest you've shown towards me on my missions journey. A door has opened for short-term service in a different location although God's vision for my service on a Greek island still remains. I would appreciate your ongoing prayers as I will be leaving early April. Information coming soon on where I'm heading to. - *Lyn Ashby*

Afternoon AAW Group - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Barb Lash will be our guest speaker and talk about "The Franciscan Life". 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. At the moment pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereals would be most welcome. There is already an abundance of tins of fruit. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Seniors Ticking the Boxes Seminar - *You're Legends!* Be energised, exercised, entertained and educated about strength and balance with Abbe West. 1.00pm Thursday 21 March St Barnabas Church Stoke. Afternoon Tea provided.

Prayers for the Week

God's Creation - We lift to you Lord the people of Yemen, trapped by war. A further 37,000 people have been displaced this month. Health and sewage systems are breaking down and because of the intensified fighting aid is being blocked. In the Democratic Republic of Congo be with all those caring for the more than one quarter of a million children suffering from severe acute malnutrition. You are Sovereign Lord, we ask that Your Peace beyond all understanding would break out, that all involved would come to know You. Enable relief efforts to get through and guide us to care for one another, as we are all Your children.

Mission partners - Lord Jesus we thank you for Chris and Catherine Corin and their family, bless them in their work and witness for you, give them wisdom and resources to build your kingdom. We pray for your protection for the family and your strength as the face further changes in their family.

Diocese - We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ at St Christopher's, Blenheim south, bless them dear Lord, may your shalom abound and may those who know them see your light in them and be drawn to You. Bless Dale Pomeroy, his family and team and fill them with your love and wisdom.

Community - We thank you Lord for the Richmond New Life Church, and their leadership team headed by Jono and Vanessa Martin. We thank You for their church camp, may it be fruitful. Bless their ministries, and may they show your love our community.

Parish - Bless all those involved in Friends 'n Fun. Give your vision to the leaders, and enabled Carol and her team of helpers to be Your love, wisdom and light to the families who come.

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

This Week...

Monday 18 March

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

Tuesday 19 March

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 20 March

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

Thursday 21 March

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

Sunday 24 March (Day of Giving)

9.00am Morning Worship
10.30am Holy Communion

Coming up...

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: 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 24 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.30am	F Summerfield
Reader:	9.00am	B Lash, S Entwistle	10.30am	L Milligan
Sidesperson	9.00am	J Lines	10.30am	J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.30am	S Milligan
Chalice:	9.00am	N/A	10.30am	J Green, M Tilley
Tea:		M Mercer, S Paine		
Flowers:		R Armstrong	Crèche	S Milligan

Theme for Next Sunday: Repent: fleeing into God's mercy

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9

Parish Contacts

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Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm