



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 24 March 2019



Theme: Repent: fleeing into God's mercy
Priest in Charge: Ian Smith
Preacher: Jean Palmer
Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9

Sentence:

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NRSV)

Prayer for the day:

Holy God,
merciful and patient over all creation,
your Son confronts our casual and fruitless ways:
fire our hearts with compassion;
quicken our minds against deceit and shallowness;

strengthen our wills to resist evil and follow Christ;
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...

Another very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity Richmond and St Alban's in Appleby this morning! I am worshipping and celebrating with the Victory Anglican Church this morning.

I hope you are digging deeply into your inner selves as you dig and dung (from the Gospel reading today) and allow God's spirit to prune unwanted growth that will allow new spiritual growth to develop throughout this Lenten season!

I love Lent for this very reason!!! I appreciate it is also our Day of Giving and I am prayerfully hopeful we will each be digging deeply here too!!!

Those of you who call the 10.30am service at Richmond 'home' are reminded of the hui we are having after the service on 7 April. We will supply some kai and drinks but you need to supply the conversations that might help this service better serve the purpose God might have for it. In our

discussion we should have at the forefront, these words off my Licence from + Richard and the diocese; "WE AUTHORISE you to build up the Body of Christ by preaching and teaching the Word of God from the Scriptures, by celebrating thee, and by guiding the life of the community committed to your care under this licence in it worship and mission, in accordance with the Doctrine of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, using only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by lawful authority". This statement in itself might raise some discussion!

Our Annual Meeting next Sunday will be following our 9.00am Combined Communion at around 10.30am. I hope most of you can stay on for this. We have chosen this time to make it more easy to attend for most of you. Any notices of motion should be with me by Friday. These can be sent to the office also! God's blessing as you enjoy our worship 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 for all the jars. No more needed at present thanks. There is some black boy peach sauce and chutney for sale. These are new recipes, so I would be most grateful for feedback. Many thanks for your support for missions in buying these. *Shiona*.

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

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 Papers - The AGM Papers are available at the back of the church. Please take and read.

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. Please note the change of email address for me: ashlyn199@gmail.com - *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.

Offering Envelopes - New envelopes are at the back of the Church to collect.. Some parishioner's numbers have changed in order to reduce the cost of printing. If your number has changed your offerings will be combined and recorded for tax purposes. Receipts will be available at the end of April.

Ministry of Health Message - Counselling is available for anyone in New Zealand following the Christchurch Tragedy. If over the following days and weeks, distress or stress symptoms are escalating, or you feel you are not coping, early access to help and professional support is important. Your GP is a good starting point, or for support with grief, anxiety, distress or mental wellbeing, you can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – to talk it through with a trained counsellor.

Evening AAW Group - Meet at 7.30pm Thursday 28 March, in the Church. The Rev Ian Smith and Sara Clover will speak, all women are welcome to attend. Any queries to Ivy Price 544 5405

Café Connection - 10.30am Thursday 28 March. Wooden Spoon Café. All Welcome for coffee & chat.

Prayers for the Week

God's creation - We thank you Jesus for the outpouring of kindness, compassion and generosity in the face of the tragedy in Christchurch. We ask you to richly bless all those who have been affected in any way, may they know Your shalom. We pray for Brendan Tarrant, nothing is impossible for you Lord, we pray that he would know Your love. While the media seek not to give him any recognition Lord, not even his name, we know that it is written on the palm of Your hand and Your heart is grieved. We pray for peace and protection for his family and that they too might know Your love.

Mission partners - We thank you for N&R and family. We pray for them, far from home as this tragedy has affected New Zealand. May they know your love and peace. May the blessings that have been seen at this time of tragic loss enable them to forge new links for the furtherance of Your kingdom.

Diocese - We thank you Lord Jesus for your call on Matt and Jacqui to the Buller parish. We ask that you bless them and guide them as they settle into the parish. Guide and inspire the team as they minister to Westport, Granity and Karamea. Bless the new Sunday school programme starting in Westport, and raise up new leaders and volunteers to enable this to grow.

Community - We thank you Lord for the generous contributions that the Hope community church fellowship made during the recent fire. We thank you for the leadership Donald Irvine has given over many years, please bless him and his family as he prepares to hand over to Daryl Bay. Bless Daryl and his family as they seek to do Your will Lord and lead your people. Please guide them and give them your wisdom as they prepare for Hope-fest in May.

Parish: We ask your blessing Lord Jesus, on our families and whanau, and all the families and whanau in this community. We thank you for the salt and light we have all witnessed in this last week. Help us to be salt and light and build your kingdom, in our hearts, our families and whanau, and our community. Guide us Lord to be agents of Your peace beyond all understanding

This Week...

Monday 25 March

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

Tuesday 26 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 27 March

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

Thursday 28 March

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
10.30am Café Connection (S Clover)
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 31 March (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am Combined Holy Communion
10.30am AGM

Coming up...

Sunday 14 April

7.00pm Taizé Service

*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 31 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	I Price		
Reader:	9.00am	S Frengley, N Pritchard		
Sidesperson	9.00am	E Erskine		
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle		
Chalice:	9.00am	J Sardella, N Pritchard, B Lash		
Tea:		F & J Murbach		
Flowers:		M Fulton	Crèche	TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Mothering Sunday

Readings for Next Sunday: Exodus 2:1-10, Luke 2:33-35

Parish Contacts

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