



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 March 2017



**Theme:** No condemnation  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Romans 5:12 – 19, Matthew 4:1 - 11

## Sentence:

If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! *- Romans 5:18 – 19*

## Prayer for the day:

God of the desert, you lead us by day and by night. You bring forgiveness, grace and empowerment to us.

Be with us when we are tested;

- may it be your bread we eat,

- your world we serve,  
- and you alone we worship;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### The Season of Lent

We have entered the season of Lent this week. Some have taken the sign of the cross on foreheads. We remembered we sinners die to ourselves, accept the forgiveness of our Lord and recommit to serving God afresh.

Once again we prepare ourselves to experience, with Jesus, the pain of his suffering and the exultant joy of his resurrection.

People traditionally have given up stuff in order to have more time for prayer and more awareness of the Spirit of God at work within us. God knows we certainly can do with less stuff in our lives. So giving up something is a good discipline. There is nothing wrong in giving something up.

Increasingly though, people seem to be taking on something – as well or instead of giving something up. For example one might decide to read more of the Bible or set aside additional time for prayer. Those are good things to do and will increase our relationship with and understanding of the Lord.

However I'd like to offer you another wee challenge this Lent, perhaps in addition to what you have already decided.

On Sunday I spoke about how humility is not always hiding away in the background. Actually humbly obeying the Lord often means that we need to be visible in order that Jesus can be seen through us. Teresa of Avila said "He has no feet but your feet and no hands but your hands".

So how about taking on a spiritual discipline of service this Lenten season? What say we all

adopt one practice that pushes us out of our comfort zones, even if only slightly? How about you ask the Lord for something?

Something:

to do that takes courage,  
that makes you visible,  
maybe something only you can do,  
that is meaningful and ongoing for  
someone else,  
preferably someone who might  
normally miss out.

I can promise you that whatever God wants you to do to partner with him this Lent will help to build his Kingdom here on earth; whether or not you see that at the time. It will also bring you unexpected blessings as you discover something about yourself on the way.

Paul wrote to the Roman church:

Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right.  
- *Romans 5:18-19 (The Message)*

Let's partner with Jesus in bringing others to life. Let's say 'yes' to God and help put others in the right by choosing one 'something' this Lent that will lead others on in their journey to Christ.

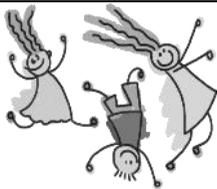
By the way – that 'something' could be a fun something. Lent doesn't have to be all sackcloth and ashes.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

**Lenten Study** - We will be holding four practical studies during Lent. The theme is *Listening & Responding to God*. Rev Chris Donaldson will be leading. We'll begin at 7.00pm with dessert and coffee with study running from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Session 1 is on 9 March and we will explore *Hearing Holy Spirit's Voice* – the foundation for expressing Holy Spirit's gifts; Session 2 on 16 March covers *Prophetic Intercession* – learning to pray according to God's will; Session 3 on 23 March looks at *Motivational Spiritual Gifts* – living and working in Holy Spirit enabling; and the series finishes on 30 March with Session 4 *Let's see what God has for us*.

**Church open for Prayer** - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. Coffee and prayer. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.



## = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 5 March - Ash Wednesday and Lent

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

**Building Fundraiser** - Honey 500gms \$7.00 // 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin Ph. 542 3284

**Autumn Fair** - Our Autumn Fair is on Saturday 25 March from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Could you help by putting up posters around town to advertise this? There are 8 and if you are interested could you talk to Shiona. Also we need someone to run the sausage sizzle, would you be able to? Please contact Jan South Ph. 544 8413 or Shiona Frenghley Ph. 544 4155 if you can help.

**Missions BBQ** - You are invited to something special Holy Trinity Missions Group especially invites you to a BBQ to meet Féy and Murray Cotter and hear what they have been doing in Albania at 6.00pm Saturday 18 March at Holy Trinity Church Hall. Meat and Buns provided. Please bring a salad or something sweet to share. For more information or inquiries phone John Palmer 544 4275

**Word and Worship Service** - At the Cathedral 7.00pm Sunday, 12 March. Steve Apirana will be singing and leading worship. Steve was a street kid in Christchurch in the 1970s who was marvellously converted. He is a great singer who speaks well and has produced a number of Christian CDs.

### Prayers for the Week

**God's World** – Almighty and all powerful God, we thank you for this your creation. Guide us to be good stewards of your world. We thank you for the action of the Philippines' government in shutting 23 mines because of environmental concerns, for their putting care for their people and the environment first. We lift up to you the people of South Sudan, where more than one million children are at risk of starvation. We know this breaks your heart. Move us Lord to help in any way we can. We implore you to bring aid and rain to South Sudan, Yemen and Nigeria, so that the millions facing starvation might be fed. Lord we ask for you to intercede in Korea. In giving us free will we know that such a totalitarian regime will grieve you. We fear for the people of Korea, and for the threat their arms programme poses. Guide the leaders of the world, give them your wisdom, in how to respond to the threat this poses. We lift the people of Chile to you. We thank you for the courage of their firefighters, fighting huge forest fires, and for all those working for recovery from the recent catastrophic floods. Lord fill all those involved with your generosity, grace and love.

**Our Community** – Lord we thank you for your faithful servants in the Methodist Church and ask you to be with their Pastor Martin Oh as he ministers to two church communities. As harvest time approaches for orchardists and wine makers we thank you for this good weather and pray for a good harvest, that your bounty may be shared across this community.

**Mission** – We give thanks for Allan's recovery from surgery and for Christine and Allan's wonderful time of in Australia and pray for your protection for them as they return to Tianjin.

**Our Diocese** – We pray for Bob Barnes and the team at the Nativity Church in Blenheim. We pray specifically for their new staff structure may they work to build your Kingdom Lord, especially for the youth and 24-7 initiative they have started in Marlborough Girls College. We also pray for their new Vestry and God's direction for future building developments.

**Our Parish** – Lord we thank you for the opportunity to serve you through Lunch on the Hill, whether it be by coming and talking with others, bringing others or another way. We pray that you would guide us as we seek to build your kingdom and particularly Lord we ask that you would bring the people you want to the Alpha course. We ask that you bless this and inspire all those involved. We pray Lord for your healing on Anne Green, Peter Bean, Ellie, Pam Butler, Lisa Arrandale, Sonja and others we know.

## This Week...

### Monday 6 March

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 7 March

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Wednesday 8 March

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

### Thursday 9 March

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.00pm Lenten Study

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Sunday 12 March

9.00am Holy Communion\*

10.45am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Saturday 18 March

6.00pm Missions BBQ

### Sunday 2 April

6.00pm 2016 AGM

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 12 March**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 26 March**

Morning Prayer

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

### Roster for 12 March - Thank you for serving us all!

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|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Leader:</b>      | <b>9.00am</b> | J Palmer              | <b>10.45am</b> | F Summerfield |
| <b>Reader:</b>      | <b>9.00am</b> | A Hodges, D Day       | <b>10.45am</b> | M Tilley      |
| <b>Sidespeople:</b> | <b>9.00am</b> | W Wilkinson           | <b>10.45am</b> | M Tilley      |
| <b>Welcomer:</b>    | <b>9.00am</b> | B Page                | <b>10.45am</b> | S Lyon        |
| <b>Tea:</b>         |               | M Mercer, S Paine     |                |               |
| <b>Chalice:</b>     | <b>9.00am</b> | G Thomas, W Wilkinson | <b>10.45am</b> | N/A           |
| <b>Flowers:</b>     |               | D Martin              | <b>Creche:</b> | M Martin      |

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Believing and Belonging

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Romans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17, John 3:1 - 17

### Parish Contacts

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm