



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 8 March 2015



**Theme:** Holiness and Justice  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Exodus 20:1 – 4, 7 – 10b, 12 – 17, John 2:13 - 22

**Sentence:**

God said, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."

**Prayer for the day:**

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit, write your commandments on our hearts. Grant us the power and wisdom of the cross, so that we are cleansed from

greed and selfishness. Then we may become a living temple of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Hospitality**

For the last year or so, we've been talking about spiritual gifts. Remember the passages in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4? (In term 2 we will do a full course for those who are keen )

One of the really important gifts is hospitality. It is really important because:

*UP* It fulfils the purposes God has for us and therefore is worship

*IN* It is a way to show our love to each other and develop the body of Christ

*OUT* It is a way to welcome others into our midst

It is important for all of us to operate primarily within our gifts. Then what we do won't be hard work but fun and we'll love it. Working mostly this way also enables us to say 'no' to too many things outside our specialities.

However, we are all called to operate the gift of hospitality in some way or other. It may or may not involve having people over to your place.

It might be welcoming folk to church – talking to a stranger in the street – ensuring new work/ school mates know where to find the things they need. It might be meeting someone for a coffee or a walk in the park. You'll be able to think of many other ways to be hospitable.

Hopefully Jesus will be able to say to us: *'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'*

I've been reflecting on how I can be more hospitable.

One way I'd like to do this is to host some of you (first in first served) to lunch once a month, after church. So, there is a chart on the church notice board with the available dates. Just write your names up there and we'll have a simple lunch together in the Vicarage. It will be a great way to get to know each other. (I'm hoping you do want to come and I don't end up with egg on my face.)

Much love,

*Susan*

**Data Projectionist Needed** - Is God calling you to be a data projectionist for the 10:30am Sunday Service? Could you commit to once a month being on the data projector? Full training given. Talk to Margaret Martin, or sit beside her during a service to see if it is for you.

**Garage Sale** - We will be having our Autumn Garage sale on Saturday 14 March from 8.30 until 12.00pm. Donations towards a grocery hamper or Easter basket would be much appreciated. There is a box down the back of the church. If you could help at any time on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning could you please sign the list at the back of the church. We need baking, plants, produce, jams and preserves as well as garage sale contributions. It does help us if these are clean and in the case of electrical goods in good working order. We do *NOT* want TV's unless they are flat panel or monitor, stereos unless everything is working, computers unless they have windows 7 or 8, or VHS recorders. These usually do not sell and cost us to dispose of. If you have goods to be picked up please contact Jan South. Ph.544 8413

**Lunch on the Hill** - Cooks and helpers required to join the team. Either on call or permanent. Help us to reach our community with this ministry. Please contact Kay Ph 544 8844 or 547 6777.

**AGM Sunday 29 March** - Say 'goodbye' to boring AGMs forever. Our AGM features an opportunity to share a meal, listen to a great speaker, a visual report-back on 2014, and will

finish with inspiring snapshots of where we are going. 5.00pm shared meal / 5:40pm Speaker Sue Fallow Diocesan Children and Family Ministries Coordinator / 6.00pm AGM.

**Thanks** - The Morning Teas held in January which were organised by the AAW raised \$600 for the building fund. Thank you to all those who hosted the teas and all in the parish family and friends who made them such a success. Sue Paine



### Children's Programme

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Children are welcome to attend one of the following during the 10.30 sermon time:

- Kids' Church under 5's in the crèche.
- Kids' Church primary school age in the church hall and younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.

### Prayers for the Week

Almighty Heavenly Father we thank you for our many blessings. We thank you for your loving care and your faithfulness as you continue to hear and answer our prayers.

**The World:** We pray for those countries that are suffering the ravages of war. We bring before you Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Israel, Palestine, and the innocent people who have become caught up in situations not of their own making, for those who have become displaced, who are struggling to find suitable food and shelter. We pray too, for Christians in these areas who are being martyred for their faith.

**Mission Partners:** We pray for Murray and Féy Cotter in Albania, for wisdom, safety and greater understanding of the language, We pray for Murray's "Introducing God" course, that he will be successful in reaching these men for Christ. We pray for Fey in her leadership role with ECMI and the new ministries she develops. We thank you for answered pray as Féy's father goes into remission and we ask your blessing on Patrick and Elise as they begin married life together.

**Local Churches:** We pray for the Richmond New Life church and all who work there. We pray for Pastor Jono, his wife Vanessa and their 5 children, for Steve and Kathy, for Jude (youth), Jenny (children), Jan and Kelly-Anne (admin) and the 2 youth interns, Hannah and James. Guide each one and help them to grow in their faith as they minister to their congregation.

**Diocese:** We pray for all who work at the Anglican Centre, for good health and freedom from stress. We pray for Luke's back that he would be free from pain. We pray for discernment as they begin the process to select a new secretary for the Diocese.

**Our Parish:** We thank you for the response to our request for more helpers for Lunch on the Hill. Bless those who have put their name forward and guide us all as we work together in this outreach ministry. Be with the congregation and leaders as the AGM approaches. Help us to chose candidates wisely.

**Those in Need Within our Own Church Family:** We pray for George, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, the Weaver family in their recent loss, Judy as she recovers from surgery and others known to us as well as those in resthomes and hospitals in our parish.

## This Week...

### Monday 9 March

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 10 March

- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

### Wednesday 11 March

- 7.30am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
- 10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 12 March

- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Saturday 14 March

8.30am Garage Sale

### Sunday 15 March

- 9.00am Morning Worship\*
- 10.30am Holy Communion\*
- 4.00pm Messy Church

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 29 March

5.00pm AGM

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 8 March** Holy Communion

**Sunday 22 March** Morning Service

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### Roster for 15 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Gill	<b>10.30am</b> F Summerfield
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> N Pritchard
<b>Tea:</b>	J & K South	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> N/A	<b>10.30am</b> J & A Green, N Pritchard
<b>Flowers:</b>	Harvest Decorating	<b>Brass:</b> J Inwood

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 65, Exodus 16:1-18

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Harvest Festival

### Parish Contacts

Vicar	Susan Gill	544 8827	Children's Ministry	Ingrid Blackbeard	544 4917
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### Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm