



Church on the Hill

Sunday 13 March 2016



Theme: Pleasing God
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Philippians 3:4b – 14, John 12:1 - 8

Sentence:

God loves a generous giver.

- *Philippians 3:6*

Prayer for the day:

Living God you have freely poured out your grace and mercy on us through Jesus Christ your only Son. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. Your generous plan is to

unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. May we respond to this amazing love in thanksgiving and generosity to you. Holy Spirit, overflow us to those who also need to experience the riches of your grace. To you be the glory for ever and ever, **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



What really matters?

Maori have a proverb I am sure you have heard "He tangata; he tangata; he tangata." (It is people; it is people, it is people.) This proverb resonates with me and yet it is not the whole picture.

Jesus agreed with the fact that people matter – after all he and his Dad, along with the Holy Spirit, created us. So we really are important in the scheme of things.

Jesus always knew how to put things in perspective didn't he? When asked how we should live, he said: Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbour as yourself.

Jesus knew that loving people could only ever work if we put God first. Our love for others would flow from that – in fact our love for others shows how much we love God.

We can't separate the two commandments really. When we are fulfilling those commands, people and circumstances are impacted far more than we could ever imagine.

In what ways can we measure how well we are doing on those commands? How much time do we spend with God? And others? How much money do we give to God? And others? How is my prayer life? And my prayer for others? How much do I yearn for God? And feel compassion for others? How am I learning more about God? And developing my people skills?

I have a lot to learn. But I know a couple of things (though I often fail to put them into practice).

My loving Father wants to be with me and for me to offer the same kind of companionship to others. How am I doing with that?

Uncomfortably yours,

Susan



Love God



Love Others



Serve the World

**That is our mission.
Our mission comes out of God's great love.
Since God loved us we want to love others.
It's as plain as that.**

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. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

Passover Meal - Saturday 26 March. Our Holy Communion service has its roots in the events of the Last Supper, when Jesus took bread and wine. The Gospel writers make it very clear that Jesus was celebrating Passover. Consequently, experiencing a Jewish Passover service can shed new light not only on our communion service but also on the links between the old and the new covenants. This is what we will be doing as we go through a Jewish Passover service on Saturday 26th March at the home of John and Jean Palmer, 149 Queen Street, Richmond. We invite anyone to join us for a shared meal at 5.45 pm. Please ring 544 4275 to book a place.



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
/ Younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.

Prayers for the Week

God's World: We continue to pray for the people of Fiji, as they rebuild homes and livelihoods after Cyclone Winston, for courage and perseverance. Thank you for the aid that has arrived to outlying islands via our defence forces and for the money that has been raised in the relief appeals. Guide us, gracious God, as we respond to the desperate needs of refugees and for those who seek a new life in New Zealand. We pray for sensitivity, humility and respect for all agencies who are working together in their long term care, both here and overseas.

Mission Partners: We pray for the Corin family in Central Asia. Chris has been at a conference in Turkey on the work in Central Asia. We pray for the opportunities he has had to talk with people who might be able to help with funding for business projects he is developing. We pray for Catherine at home with five children, for strength and energy, and for the health and well being of the children. We pray especially for Reuben and Sacha, who are grieving the loss of Joseph, a sixteen year old friend who died unexpectedly, and for Joseph's family as they return to the UK, that all concerned will know Gods comfort and presence with them.

Diocese: We remember in our prayers The Awatere Joint Venture, we pray for Rev Dawn Daunauda as she ministers in Ward and Seddon, for their community ministries, Bible in Schools, Mainly Music, The Foot and Soul Clinic, and for church members representation on many local and provincial boards and committees. For safety and perseverance for the working bees, repainting the vicarage. Thank you for the generosity of time, parishioners have shown in completing the last of the earthquake repairs. Pray for Christians in this area working supportively together, especially regarding the use of church buildings. Today we also pray your mighty blessing upon Kaye Dyer being ordained in Picton.

Local Community: We pray for the Church of Christ, praising you for the recent baptisms and your amazing blessings. We pray for their AGM and vision presenting day today. We pray for JAM children's Sunday programme, that it will reach children in the neighbourhood. We ask your blessing on preparations for the coming Easter outreach.

Our Parish: We thank you for the successful mission trip to Buller last weekend. We thank you for the practical painting work accomplished, and for bonds that have been formed to be strengthened and maintained. We pray for our Youth Group and the developing team of Youth Leaders, that they would form a cohesive team and know your leading. We pray for Susan, and ask that you continue to lead and guide her as she ministers to our community.

Those in need within our own church family: Gracious God, we continue to pray for George and Bev, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurence and Barbara and others we know. May your grace, mercy and peace also be with the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 14 March

9.00am Church open for Prayer until 2.00pm
10.00am Friends 'n Fun
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 15 March

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.45am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 16 March

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.00am Wednesday Service
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Thursday 17 March

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
10.00am Friends 'n Fun
10.00am Lenten Study - Lounge (S Gill)
7.30pm Lenten Study - Church (S Gill)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Saturday 19 March

8.30am Autumn Fair

Sunday 20 March Palm Sunday

9.00am Morning Worship
10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Messy Church

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Friday 25 March Good Friday

Sunday 27 March Easter Sunday

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 March

Holy Communion

Sunday 27 March

Morning Prayer

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Roster for 20 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am S Gill

10.30am S Gill

Reader: 9.00am A Burrough K South

10.30am M Did - Dell

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am J Green

Welcomer: 9.00am A Burrough

10.30am N Pritchard

Tea: J & K South

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

10.30am M Ross N Pritchard
E/D Stanger

Flowers: B Page

Crèche: N/A

Theme for Next Sunday: Fickle or faithful?

Readings for Next Sunday: Zechariah 9:9 – 11, Luke 19:28 – 40

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