



Church on the Hill

Sunday 19 March 2017



Theme: Hope and Hard Work
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Romans 5:1 – 11, John 4:27 - 42

Sentence:

We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure.
He's the Saviour of the world!
- John 4:42

Prayer for the day:

Fountain of life, we your desert wanderers
come to you thirsty and parched. Become in us
a spring of life-giving water, bubbling and
brimming over, to eternal life, in the power of

the Holy Spirit and through Jesus Christ our
Saviour, 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...



News from Elder Care Leader

Thank you to all those who support me so well. Many of you help in ways you are probably not even aware of, telling me when someone is unwell and could do with a visit, or just helping by supporting our outreaches such as *Tea and Talk*, or *Lunch on the Hill*. Also thanks to those supporting the *Ticking the Boxes* seminars, we had a great turn out last Wednesday at St Barnabas and great speakers on rest homes. The next seminar is in May and if you haven't got a brochure I have put some more at the back of the church.

Lunch on the Hill continues as our main community outreach, numbers are steady between 25-30 each time. It has however, got to the stage where we need some more helpers. Sometimes team members are unavailable and it would be good to have some back up folk I could call on to help dish up food and clean up afterwards. Also we could do with a couple more folk who could provide food. If you could help in this way, I would love to hear from you.

We now feel the time is right to offer an Alpha Course after Lunch on the Hill. We intend to start this on Tuesday 2 May and it will run until mid August.

Invitation has always been the key to getting the best out of the Alpha course. However it is something that many continue to struggle with.

When it comes to inviting to an event, one even vaguely Christian, many believers either dismiss the opportunity, "I have no friends!" or are afraid of rejection and so never invite. For the kingdom to come, we have to get better at invitation. Jesus told every single one of us that we are here to shine.

Jesus said, You're here to be light, bring out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill (or Church on a Hill!) If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a lampstand do you? I'm putting you on display. Now that I've put you there - SHINE! (*The Message*)

I was invited to an Alpha course and it changed my life. I will speak about this at the afternoon AAW next week on Wednesday 22 March at 1.30pm in the Lounge. You're all welcome.

If you have not done an Alpha Course, or if you did one a long time ago, the invitation is for you. Otherwise, please pray about who you can invite, you don't need to be a regular at Lunch on the Hill to come to the course, you can even come to Alpha without having anything to do with Lunch on the Hill!

Please pray for our Alpha Course, and other Alpha Courses in our Diocese, that many will come to faith or deepen their faith, and also please pray about whether you will be a participant or someone who invites!

Yvonne

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.

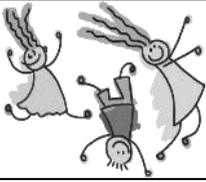
Autumn Fair - Our Autumn Fair is on Saturday 25 March from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Could you help by putting up posters around town to advertise this? There are 8 and if you are interested could you talk to Shiona. Also we need someone to run the sausage sizzle, would you be able to? Please contact Jan South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

Afternoon AAW group - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 22 March at 1.30pm in the Lounge. Yvonne Smyth will be our Guest Speaker and we look forward to hearing of her life and use of her amazing talents. Afternoon tea to follow. There will be a Sales Table and a collection box for the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie (544 6921).

Evening AAW - A reminder to members that there is no meeting this month because of the Lenten studies. Our Area Day is to be held on Wednesday 12 April at our church, starting at 10.00am with morning tea. More details to come. Registration forms for the Diocesan AGM in Motueka on the 28/29 April are now available from Anne (544 7992) or Val (544 5007)

Offering Envelopes - Envelopes for 2017-2018 are at the back of the church. Please collect yours.

Lenten Study - Session 3 Thursday 23 March 7.00pm dessert and coffee with study running from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. This session looks at Motivational Spiritual Gifts - living and working in Holy Spirit enabling. In the Church lounge. All Welcome.



= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 19 March - Craft activities relating to Jesus in the wilderness

Focus on storing up the Word of God in our hearts.

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

The W.A.Y. - Richmond's new community centre is opening tomorrow Monday 20 March at 11 Florence St from 9.00am -1.00pm. Call in and help us connect with those in our community who are isolated and lacking connections. Want to know more? See *The Way 7020* on FaceBook or call Dave (021 1066 967).

Missions Newsletter - The latest Newsletter from Allan and Christine is on the Missions Noticeboard.

Do you feel like an adult? If the answer is yes, then you can help us. We need 4-5 adults to sit (yes sit - no interaction required) with the intermediate aged children 11-12 and be the token adult. This is to cover us legally and to give our young leaders (Hamish and Jonathon) some moral support. Your commitment would be for 4-5 times a year for one hour each time. There is no planning or meetings or even help required other than being there. It has taken a long time for us to get something for the older children on a Sunday. We can provide for the younger children but they do grow up! We want to provide for this important age group and give our young adults leadership opportunities as well. This helps them grow in the Lord and have a deeper understanding of their own faith. Help us build on the foundations of our community as we rebuild our new facility and hopefully Holy Trinity will grow to be the salt and light in the centre of Richmond! Call Catherine (022 647 9810) or (541 0854)

Preserves - We have some new preserves for sale. Do try the greengage jam, it is delicious and packed with fruit. There is even a version with vanilla added - delicious! There is also rhubarb and ginger jam, marmalade and some chutneys for sale. All the money goes to the building fund. Having made a heap of preserves I have run out of jars with screw top lids, if you have some I would be most grateful if you could leave them in the box under the preserves, or phone me. Shiona (544 4155).

Prayers for the Week

Our World - We pray for all those in Mosul. We ask for your protection, Lord, for the many innocent civilians caught up in the fighting there and in many parts of the Middle East and Africa. Lord we see the devastation of cities, communities, families, we ask that you comfort those in need and bring them hope.

Our Community - We pray for the Hope Community Church. We ask Lord that you would give their leaders wisdom and discernment around replacing staff. Please bless the preparations for HopeFest 2017 coming up in May and sustain and inspire all those involved. They ask for the Holy Spirits touch as they work through a teaching series entitled "Bringing Hope to the World". We pray for the growing population of Richmond, that those coming to live here would make friends and find a place to stand in this community, and especially Lord that you would draw them to us, your people, that we may minister and witness to them.

Mission - We pray for the Corin Family. We ask Lord that you would strengthen believers who are facing opposition from family and their communities for their faith. We thank you for each one of these believers, for their ministry, their businesses and the impact they have for the kingdom. We pray for Reuben and Sasha, that they would have some special connections with refugees they meet - and that this time would be really formative as they step out on their own, trusting in God.

Our Diocese - We thank you for your church in Buller and for the leadership of Steve and Glenda Wockner and the Vestry. We give thanks to God for the wonderful ministry they had from 11-13 March from Ken Hepworth from the UK. Lord we ask that you would give them clear guidance from the Holy Spirit as we follow our vision of "The Pathway to Revival," and call more people to be involved in Sunday morning ministry. We lift up to you this region Lord and ask that for economic recovery and growth for Westport and the Buller District.

Our Church - We thank you Lord for the commitment of those who lead our youth, we ask you to inspire and encourage them to grow your kingdom. We pray Lord for your healing on Anne Green, Peter Bean, Ellie, Lisa Arrandale, Sonja and others we know.

This Week...

Monday 20 March

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 21 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 22 March

10.00am Wednesday Service
 10.00am Tea and Talk
 1.30pm AAW Meeting (J. McConachie)

Thursday 23 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 26 March

9.00am Holy Communion*
 10.45am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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 26 March

Morning Prayer

Sunday 9 April

Holy Communion

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

Roster for 26 March - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.45am	S Gill
Reader:	9.00am	J McConachie, P Jordan	10.45am	TBA
Sidespeople:	9.00am	J Lines	10.45am	M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.45am	TBA
Tea:		V McNaughton		
Chalice:	9.00am	S Frengley, P Jordan	10.45am	N/A
Flowers:		M Reynolds	Creche:	Glenda Thomson.

Theme for Next Sunday: Blinded by the Light

Readings for Next Sunday: Ephesians 5:8 – 14, John 9:26 – 41

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