



Church on the Hill

Sunday 22 March 2015



Theme: Seeing Jesus
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Hebrew 5:5-10, John 12:20 - 33

Sentence:
"We would like to see Jesus." - John 12:21

Prayer for the day:

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus, into the world we live in, to be to us the way the truth and the life. Open the eyes of our understanding so that we may see the real Jesus. Put

into our hearts a desire to meet with Him and to allow Him to impact and change our lives so that we may become people who can introduce Jesus to others. We ask this in His name. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Praying

We all know that prayer is not just asking; sometimes it is listening, often it is just being aware of God's presence – sharing companionship together.

And yet it is asking too. If you think about it, it would be pretty weird not to ask Jesus for the things we need. Last week I quoted:

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6 - 7

Vestry members and I are praying for more people to pray! Prayer is powerful, not just in the results God gives but also in the process of praying. Praying together, whether we are physically together or not, brings a unity of spirit that is powerful.

We want to create a deeper climate of prayer in our church generally. And we want to be able to pray for you more often after church services. We need people to be part of the prayer teams. We also need a willingness to admit that we need people to pray for us. We all need this – me more than most ;)

So Vestry has committed to praying for the next month. Would you like to join us as we pray?

Learning together in love,

Susan

Loving God, as Vestry members we acknowledge the power of prayer. We love that you always listen and answer. For the next month we commit to talking with you about our need for more pray-ers. Please show us who you have in mind. Also, would you talk with us about tithing Lantern giving. We are listening Lord. Amen

Intentional prayer. Explosive power.

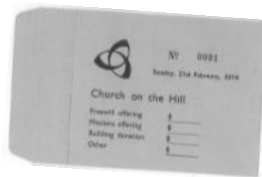


Budget Service - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get it touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin if you would like to know more about this service.

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

Passover Meal - Saturday 4th April 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. If you would like to join us for a Passover meal contact John or Jean Palmer on 544 4275.

Offering Envelopes - The envelopes for giving for 2015-16 are now available to pick up at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. The envelopes are a new style – all donations go in the one envelope. Please indicate on the outside where the donation is to go. - 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

The World: In the world we pray for the people of Vanuatu as they rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the recent cyclone. We pray for countries to be generous in their aid and for your blessing over the aid workers. We pray for the Coptic Christians and Shia Muslims being persecuted by ISIS. We pray for an outbreak of peace in the area and for safety for our troops being sent into Iraq. We pray for the healthcare workers in the world, many who are over-worked. Give them strength and guidance as they save lives and bring physical restoration to their patients.

Mission Partners: We pray for Jo Rogers and the work she does. We pray that you will give her the energy to spread the Gospel and love the people she is called to work with. We pray that her recent break in New Zealand was a successful one.

Local Churches: We pray for Grace Church as they prepare for Easter. We thank you for their witness as they prepare to put ads in the Waimea Weekly with testimonies from people who have found hope in Christ with the message that the cross brings. We pray that people would read these testimonies and be drawn to you and your love. We also ask for your provision for the new pastor arriving next week as he and his wife move from Auckland to Richmond.

Diocese: In our diocese we pray for the Wakefield/Murchison Community. We thank you for the faithful service of Rev Allan Wasley and everyone else who contributes to the running of the church. We thank you for Hayden Stevenson as he runs the junior youth and senior youth groups. We pray that these groups would flourish and be successful. We also ask your healing for a number of people in the church who are not well.

Our Parish: We thank you for the home groups in our parish. We thank you for the people who open their homes up to facilitate these groups. We thank you for the gift of community and pray that you would stir our hearts to be more loving and share this community with others.

Those in Need Within our Own Church Family: We pray for George, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, Bill, Judy as she recovers from surgery and others known to us as well as those in rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 23 March

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

Tuesday 24 March

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

Wednesday 25 March

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

Thursday 26 March

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

Sunday 29 March

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill*
- 5.00pm AGM

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Friday 3 April - Monday 6 April

Easter

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

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

Roster for 29 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Palmer	10.30am A Sardella & Youth Band
Sidespeople:	9.00am S Entwistle	10.30am J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am E Erskine	10.30am M Ross
Tea:	F & J Murbach	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	M Reynolds	Brass: J Lines

Readings for Next Sunday: Ps 118:1 – 2, 19 – 29, Mark 11:1 - 11

Theme for Next Sunday: Loud Hosannas

Parish Contacts

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Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm