



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 14 April 2019



Theme: Worship...what is it?
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Jean Palmer
Readings: Psalm 118:1 - 2,19 - 29: Luke 19:28 - 40

Sentence:

Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, his love is everlasting!

- Psalm 118: 1 Jerusalem Bible

Prayer for the day:

God of saints and sinners, these palms will dry and fade, our shout 'Hosanna' change to 'crucify'... forgive our treachery;

grant us faithfulness to follow Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



A Note from the Priest in Charge...

A very warm welcome to our Palm Sunday services at Holy Trinity and St Alban's today and an especially warm welcome to Revd Jeff Odhiambo, my new assisting priest/curate, and his wife Alecia and their two children as they continue their ministry journey with us! In this last part of his training, Jeff will be following what I do pretty closely and I will be giving him every opportunity to preach and lead to make him the amazing vicar he will become! Thank you guys for coming to us for these opportunities!

Palm Sunday is a celebration service that shows us a little about what worship isn't! It isn't so much

about waving palm branches and shouting Hosanna's or trying to make Jesus King! No! Jesus himself refuses that. Worship is much more about the Palm branches and clothing themselves that are scattered on the road for Jesus to tread over. This is what the journey into Jerusalem is all about- A journey into death! This is what worship, in its essence, really is; a life laid down for God to inhabit. A life that refuses to bow to anything but the will of the Spirit who inhabits it! What a wonderful season to celebrate! It's also the reason we call this week Holy Week, because holiness is the outcome of a life who's agenda's have been surrendered to the one who created us! Let's enter into this week with a real sense of Joy as we each accept this task!

Arohanui,

Ian

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer this Monday 15 April from 9.00am - 2.00pm.

Preserves - Many thanks for all the jars. No more needed at present thanks. There is some black boy peach sauce and chutney for sale. These are new recipes, so I would be most grateful for feedback. Many thanks for your support for missions in buying these. *Shiona*.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Mission - Please feel free to take a Prayer Card for my upcoming Mission Trip to the Middle East. If you would like to contribute financially to my mission there are envelopes for this at the back of the church. - *Lyn Ashby*

Passover Meal 2019 - It was no accident that Jesus was crucified at Passover time – He deliberately chose a Passover meal to institute Holy Communion. John & Jean Palmer are organising a Passover meal at 6.00pm on Thursday 18 April which will include a shared meal and an adapted Jewish Passover service. If you would like to learn more about the origins of our Communion service and why Jesus chose Passover then we would be delighted for you to join us at 149 Queen Street, Richmond. Please contact us on 544 4275.

Bishop Installation - The service of ordination and installation of Steve Maina as Bishop of Nelson will take place on Saturday 31 August at 9.30am at Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson. Bishop Elect Steve has advised that a considerable contingent from Kenya will be arriving to help celebrate his ordination as Bishop.

AAW Evening Group - Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 25 April in the Church. The speaker is Colleen Wilson. All women are welcome. Any queries to Ivy Price Ph. 544 5405.

Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal 2019 - The Lenten Appeal is an opportunity to give to specific needy projects during the season of Lent. Traditionally, these projects have been in the Middle East but this year a project from Polynesia has also been included. The three projects are:

1. Christ Anglican School in Nazareth, a school with 1,100 students from kindy to secondary, needs a new central audio system to improve internal communication between departments and for use in emergencies. The system will allow messages and announcements to be made to the whole school or to a particular room.
2. Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan provides educational opportunities for deaf, hard-of-hearing and deaf-blind children. Funding will assist in outreach services to provide information, training for families, students and professionals supporting these children and young people.
3. Water for All Fiji. It is surprising to learn that some communities in our near neighbour, Fiji, do not have reliable water supplies. This project aims to procure and install water tanks in five small rural communities in Vanua Levu and to provide more tanks for Holy Trinity School in Suva.

Lenten Appeal envelopes are available in the pews or you can use your existing giving envelopes and ensure in each case you designate which of the three projects you would like to support. Further details are available on www.angmissions.org.nz/lent

Library News - Browsing the shelves a title caught my eye – “Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus”. It is written by Nabeel Qureshi and tells of his progression from a child steeped in Muslim tradition to Christianity. This book won a Christian Book Award for best non-fiction. You can read more about him on the Internet. Sadly he died in 2017 at the young age of 34. As soon as I have finished reading it, I'll return it to the library, probably next week. *Anne*.

Lunch on the Hill - 11.30am Tuesday 16 April, Salvation Army Hall, 57 Oxford Street. Bring a friend. Gold coin donation.

Gift Day - Our total received to date for Gift Day to fund the Hall construction shortfall is \$60,400. Thanks to all who have contributed. Together are making it happen!

Prayers for the Week

The World: We pray for the troubled country of Venezuela that there will be a peaceful and just solution to the political crisis, and that the solution will be one the Venezuelan people themselves chose. We also pray for peace for the troubled nations of Libya, Syria and Sudan. We pray that Christians in these countries may be given courage, strength and peace to be the peacemakers, the salt and the light to these nations, but also the freedom to proclaim your gospel freely and openly. We also continue to pray for those in refugee camps in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Foster the efforts of all who seek to bring food, shelter, medical aid, and schooling for the children.

Missions: We thank you for N&R and their family. Help them to cope with the heat of April. Bless these last four months of their focused language learning. Help them to understand dyslexia which has affected one of the children's ability to learn and may also affect N. Help them to find new ways for both of them to learn, in ways that is more effective for dyslexic-thinkers. Bless The Workshop as they release some beautiful new products. Help the artisans to learn to stitch and package these gorgeous things, ready for the world to see. May this work bring healing to them.

Diocese: We pray for the Parish of Golden Bay with Philip and Lynda away on sabbatical leave in England. Bless this sabbatical time, may it be a time of refreshing and re-visioning. Help the parish to run smoothly in their absence, and help the parishioners to step out into new areas of service. We thank you for the diocesan staff who have offered to come over and help with communion and present the message each Sunday.

Local church: We thank you for the ministry of Richmond Church of Christ with Steve and Lynn Rollo and their team. We thank you for the great outreach services last week, with more than 20 responding to Jesus. We pray for their new youth ministry especially for leaders Jeff, Kayli and Campbell. May the church experience a deeper unity, further growth and more baptisms.

Parish: We pray for Jeff Odhiambo, his wife Alicia and their children Elle and Miles, as he starts with us as our curate. Help them to settle in well among us, and to quickly grasp our needs and aspirations as a church. We thank you for Ian Smith that he has been willing to mentor Jeff and pray that he will be blessed and encouraged as he ministers among us.

We thank you for Sarah Clover and pray you will bless her as she gets to grips with all the facets of her role as Senior's worker in this parish. Help her to quickly grasp who does what and where there are gaps and opportunities in this important ministry.

Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for progress on the new building. We thank you for the day of giving and further gifts that have been given. We ask your blessing on further funding applications that have been submitted to reduce our financial shortfall.

Those in need: For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray particularly for those who mourn the loss of close family. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 15 April

9.00am Church Open for Prayer
7.00pm Lenten Study

Tuesday 16 April

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 17 April

10.00am Holy Communion
12.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday Group (J South)

Thursday 18 April

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Friday 19 April - Good Friday

2.00pm The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Luke - *Choral, Hymns
& Readings*

Sunday 21 April - Easter Day

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Coming up...

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

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 28 April

Morning Prayer

Leader: Rev Fergus Capie

10.30am Sunday 12 May

Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Peter Bean

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

Roster for 21 April *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.30am	J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	B Lash, P Jordan	10.30am	M Tilley
Sidesperson	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	M Tilley
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Frengley	10.30am	TBA
Chalice:	9.00am	J South, S Frengley, P Jordan	10.30am	J Palmer, M Tilley, L & T Summerfield
Tea:	J & k South			
Flowers:	A Matthews			Crèche G Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: Redeemed to make Jesus visible

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31

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