



Church on the Hill

Sunday 22 April 2018



Theme: Care and Protection
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ian Palmer
Readings: Psalm 23, John 10:11-18

Sentence:

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'
- John 10:11

Prayer for the day:

Alleluia! Eternal God, humanity is made in your image; you call us by name, help us to always recognise your voice and to respond willingly, that we might witness to the resurrection. This

we pray through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Note from the Priest in Charge...

A very warm welcome to our services today!

As our Easter theme develops we continue to look at this 'Body' that is being prepared by Yahweh to house the Spirit's presence... Jesus is described as a rock, rejected by the Jewish priests as entirely worthless in their construction of Judaism but deemed as the keystone in the new construction Yahweh is putting together to 'house' the Spirit's new community.

We will look again at the five adjectives from Exodus 34 describing YHWH as Merciful, Gracious, Faithful, Forgiving and Steadfast in Love to indicate the kind of activity that will be brought into this new construction because the Keystone, Jesus, is in central place in this new post-resurrection structure we call the church, the body of Christ or the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Lets identify the Lord's central position among us as we come to worship this morning. Opening ourselves to hear and then do that which is asked of us in this action of praise to the One who Is....

Arohanui,

Ian

Stones - We will be starting on our new building soon and we want to give everyone a last opportunity to put your children and grand children's name on a stone, which will be buried in the foundation of the new hall. A gold coin donation will be appreciated for each stone to go to the building fund. - Kai Kruse & Jacob Klootwyk.

St Albans 150 Years Celebration - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/ 1kg \$13.00 / 2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Preserves - Thank you to everyone who is buying our preserves. The vision is to use donated fruit and that the money will go to support missions. We have some lovely tomato sauce, crab apple jelly and green tomato chutney as well as our usual variety. A real oldies but goodie! The crab apple jelly is delicious on toast, and great with lamb or pork, please try it! Yup we had lots of crab apples donated this year:). Your feedback is most welcome, please get in touch with Shiona if you have any suggestions 544 4155

First Aid Training - Saturday 5 May 8.30am – 5.00pm at St Barnabas, Stoke. We are looking for 2 people to attend First Aid Training. The Diocese is paying for two people to attend. Please contact the office if interested.

Home Group Change - Kay and Ron Peterson's is on hold until after Queens Birthday weekend. Regular attenders will be notified nearer that time.

Evening AAW - Meet on Thursday 26 April, 7.30pm in the church. There will be an opportunity to meet our area leader, Roz Loasby, who will be joining us. Please bring your Bible for a fun competition. Sales table. All welcome. Contact Anne: 5447992 or Val: 5445007.

Pentecost Service - Richmond Combined Churches Pentecost Sunday Service is confirmed for 7.00pm 20 May at Grace Church. Ian Smith to be speaker with combined worship team leading Worship.

Afternoon AAW group - Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 25 April at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Elsa Laing will show photos and talk about her Mission Trip to Fiji last September. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Café Connection - Wooden Spoon Café, 10.30am Thursday 26 April, love to see you there, all welcome.

Wanted - Lunch on the Hill needs a few small jugs and drinking glasses, see Yvonne if you can help

Concert - 'Messiah' G F Handel; Nelson School of Music Auditorium 25 May 7.30pm, 26 May 2.00pm. Nelson Civic Choir, Chroma Chamber Choir and Orchestra. Conductor Pete Rainey. Tickets \$40 available at Richmond Mall Information Centre.

Op Shop - St Vincent de Paul op shop Richmond are in need of volunteers to work in their shop and sorting room. If you are interested in working for a few hours once a week. Phone Gwen Thomas 544 8984 for more details.

Prayers for the Week

We pray for God's World – We pray for restraint on the part of both sides engaged in confrontation along the borders of Israel and Gaza. We grieve over the situation in Syria where the populace and the refugees bear the brunt of international interference and mindless violence. We pray for peace and justice to reign. We thank You for the faith of the Christian community in Syria who continue to express their confidence in God that He is with them at this time of great trial.

We pray for the Christian community in Quetta, Pakistan, where two men were killed last Sunday by four gunmen on motorcycles, and two children and another adult remain in hospital. This follows the deaths of four family members who were shot dead earlier in the month. We pray for courage for the Christian community and for the political authorities to ensure better protection for all minorities in Pakistan.

Mission – Loving Father, we pray for Corin family in Central Asia and thank You for a clear diagnosis for Sophia. We pray this week for good health for the whole of the family, especially for Sophia. We continue to pray that You will help Chris in his mentoring work with small businesses and pastors.

Within our Diocese – We pray this week for the parish of Havelock and the Sounds with Susan and Graeme Howarth. We praise You for some healings and new people invited to Church. We pray for the new Vestry members, that the Vestry will gel well as a team. We also pray that Susan and Graeme listen well as they learn about the community and the shape of ministry in this season.

In our Community – We thank You for the witness and ministry of each local church in this area and pray for an increasing unity among the churches. We pray that the combined service at Pentecost will be a time of blessing and rejoicing as we celebrate our unity in the one Spirit. Bless Ian as he prepares his sermon for that service.

In our Parish – We thank you for the joy of worshipping You in our services on Sunday and Wednesday and ask Your continued blessing on all those who lead and participate in these services.

We thank You for the Easter Camp and for the encouragement it has been for our young people, may the lessons learnt continue to bear fruit.

We continue to pray for Ian, our Priest-in-Charge, that you would uphold him and guide and direct him in his time among us.

We also pray for Susan. Thank you for the stimulating and challenging encounters she has had so far as she walks the Camino. Please continue to watch over her and may this walk deepen her faith and trust in You.

We pray for those in need. We pray for those who are who are in special need at this time. Comfort them with your presence; give them courage and hope to persevere in whatever difficulties they face. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle and others known to us. We also ask you to bless the residents and staff of the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 23 April

9.00am Church open for Prayer

Tuesday 24 April

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frenghley)

Wednesday 25 April

10.00am Wednesday Service
1.30pm Afternoon AAW (J McConachie)

Thursday 26 April

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

Sunday 29 April

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Coming up...

Tuesday 1 May

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Sunday 6 May

7.00pm Taizé Service

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 22 April

Morning Worship

Sunday 13 May

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 29 April - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J Palmer	10.30am	Ian Smith
Reader:	9.00am	S Entwistle, B Lash	10.30am	J Sardella, J Palmer
Sidesperson	9.00am	E Erskine	10.30am	J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.30am	M Ross
Chalice:	9.00am	B Lash, F Murbach	10.30am	M Tilley, J Sardella, M Ross
Tea:	F Murbach, J Murbach			
Flowers:	S Clover			Crèche J Vercoe

Theme for Next Sunday: The Source of life
Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40, John 15:1-8

Parish Contacts

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10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm