



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 27 March 2016



**Theme:** New Life  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Acts 10:34 – 43, Luke 24:1 - 12

**Sentence:**  
 “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” - *Luke 24:5-6*

## Prayer for the day:

*Leader* This is the Good News  
**All** The grave is empty, Christ is risen.  
**Hallelujah!**  
*Leader* This is the Good News  
**All** The light shines in the darkness,  
 and the darkness can never put  
 it out. **Hallelujah!**  
*Leader* This is the Good News

**All** Once we were no people, now we  
 are God’s people. **Hallelujah!**  
*Leader* Christ is our Saviour, our Lord, our  
 Friend and Brother.  
**All** Christ is our peace, the  
 indestructible peace we now share  
 with each other. **Hallelujah!**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### Conversations with God

Two quotes on prayer that struck me recently. "We domesticate the Spirit and make chums of the Triune God at our peril." - *Michael Godfrey*. "It's easy to think of God as a divine Santa clause or doting grandparent who wouldn't refuse any request we make." - *Ron Hay*. The questions is, in our spiritual search, is God the end or just the means to an end?"

At our 10:30 worship service last week, people wrote their own prayers on (paper) palm leaves and we brought them forward at the Communion service. I was delighted to see how much thanksgiving and praise was among the 'leaves.' I've printed them below. You might like to join the folk in their prayer and praise. Perhaps you could back up the request also.

#### **Praise and thanks for:**

- Family and families
- Your Son, Jesus, who died that we might be spared
- Thank you for the power of love that enabled you to suffer this death for me
- Praise the Lord for dying on the cross for me and for the whole world
- You took the punishment that we all deserve and made it possible for us to have eternal life
- Healing and guiding
- Praise God for his love and faithfulness
- (Thank you) Jesus (for): our church people, Susan and team, musicians, new youth workers, great person to work with the older people, beautiful and peaceful country, friends, family, freedom of worship
- Praise the Lord! Let the birds sing his name

- for the news he is GOOD. Hallelujah!
- Opportunities in life, being part of a family in Christ, mentoring and leading our younger generation, music, friends, family, life
- Jesus! Family, friends, churches, salvation, scripture, provision, health, work, school
- Freedom of worship
- Praise the Lord for being the shining light and bringing hope to the world
- Kindness
- Hope
- All praises and glory to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
- The special blessings children bring
- Jesus the advocate
- All that You do in my life. Gods' faithfulness and Jesus' death and resurrection that we might live. Family and the joy that young ones bring.
- Youth and young people
- Jesus' life in his church and in his world
- Grandma and her needs
- Lovely weather

#### **Requests were for:**

- Full healing for Mitch in Christchurch hospital
- Other places in the world to be opened to You
- Help to the people of the Philippines
- World peace
- Doris
- YWAM Kaikoura
- Health, family, friends, church

This Easter season, may our prayers of praise and our requests not be an end in themselves. May they be vital conversations that don't focus on ourselves but lead us closer to the living God – the one whose Son we remember through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Easter blessings,

*Susan*

### Easter Candle lighting declaration

*Leader*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Christ has risen!

**All**

**He is risen indeed!**

## = KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Easter Sunday 27 March** Egg hunt in church and crafts and activities at back of church *but no official Kids Church ( children will stay in with adults).*

**Next Week Sunday 3 April** Bring your potted herbs to give to someone special (hope you are watering them children?). Harvest Festival - bring any 'harvest' you have to share from your garden or cupboard. Also bring trowel and gardening gloves if you have them.

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

*Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810*

### Prayers for the Week

**God's World:** On this day of resurrection celebration, we pray for those in our world who are suffering, especially the people who have lost loved ones in the terrorist attack in Brussels, we pray for those injured and those who are fearful. We continue to pray for peace in Syria and for the desperate refugee situation in Europe. We pray for persecuted Christians and the work of the Barnabas Fund. May they have courage in the face of fear and torture, and continue to trust in Christ. We pray also for our Pacific neighbours on the island of Fiji as they rebuild lives and infrastructures after Cyclone Winston.

**Mission Partners:** We pray for all our mission partners this Easter, may they know the power of the Risen Christ with them as they serve him overseas. Today we pray especially for Murray and Fey Cotter as they head north to Croatia for ECM's biennial conference and we pray for the week long holiday they will take afterwards, that it may be a time of refreshment for them both.

**Diocese:** We remember in our prayers Bishop Richard as he leads this Diocese in the strength you provide. We also pray for the Parish of Reefton. Bless Di Griffin as she leads the Easter services there. Thank you for the way the local churches are working more closely together – please foster that togetherness so that the wider community can see you in action.

**Local Community:** We pray for all churches in our area as they celebrate your resurrection. May their Easter services be filled with joy and may they continue to witness to your love and power to change lives. We pray especially for the Richmond Baptist Church and Pastor David Jensen. Thank you that he and his family are settling in well to the church and the wider community. Thank you for the invitation to worship with them on the evening of Pentecost Sunday.

**Our Parish:** We pray for our vestry and the upcoming AGM. Thank you for the work David does behind the scenes, getting everything ready in time. Thank you for all the hard work involved in running this church. We pray for Susan, and ask that you continue to lead and guide her by your Holy Spirit as she ministers to us and the wider community. We pray too for the Harvest Festival on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, may we give back generously of the bounty we enjoy in this land.

**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, Barbara, Pam and others we know. We pray too for the family and friends of Dorreen Eyles in their time of grief. May your grace, mercy and peace also be with the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish. O Lord, risen, alive and full of grace. You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today; We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.

## This Week...

### Monday 28 March

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 29 March

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

### Wednesday 30 March

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

10.00am Wednesday Service

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Thursday 31 March

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

10.00am Friends 'n Fun

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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### Friday 1 April

6.45pm Youth meet for *The Sauce*

### Sunday 3 April *Harvest Festival*

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

5.00pm Shared Tea / Speaker Nathan Hughes

6.00pm 2015 AGM

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Tuesday 5 April

11.45am Lunch on the Hill

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 10 April**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 24 April**

Morning Prayer

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## Roster for 3 April *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Leader:** 9.00am J South

10.30am M Did-Dell

**Reader:** 9.00am A Heslop, TBC

10.30am M Martin

**Sidespeople:** 9.00am B Page

10.30am L Blackmore

**Welcomer:** 9.00am J Lines

10.30am K Thomson

**Tea:** E Erskine, S Raj Devi

**Chalice:** 9.00am B Payne, E Erskine

10.30am V McNaughton, H Thomson  
E/D Stanger

**Flowers:** R Armstrong

**Crèche:** TBC

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Harvest Festival

**Readings for Next Sunday:** TBA

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