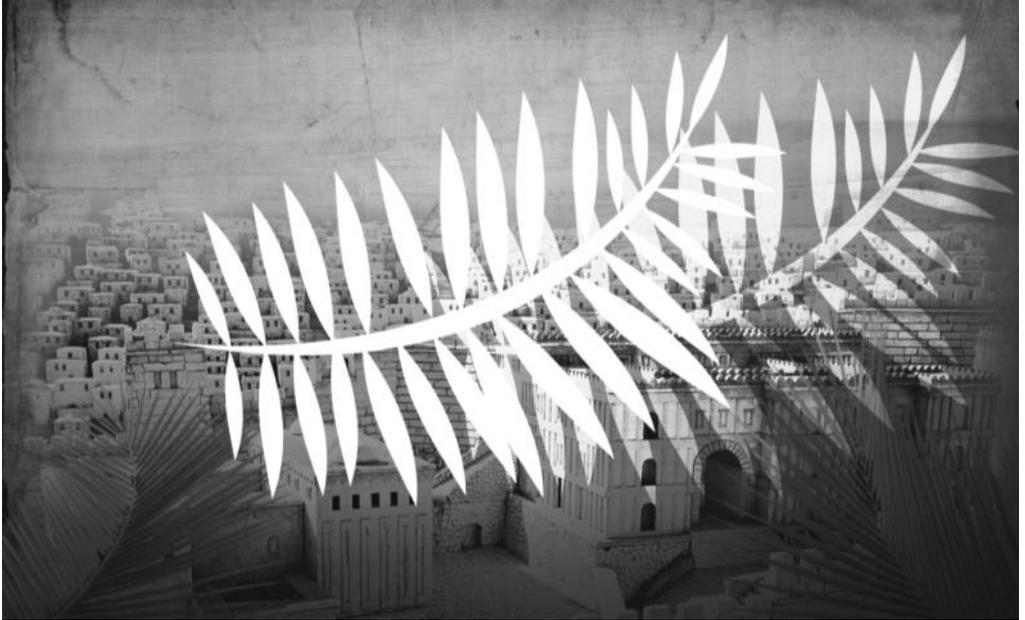




Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 March 2015



Theme: Loud Hosannas
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Ps 118:1 – 2, 19 – 29, Mark 11:1 - 11

Sentence:

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer for the day:

Jesus when you rode into Jerusalem the people waved palms with shouts of joy. When the shouting dies down, may we still walk beside you to the Cross;

and meet you in the Easter morning hope, and amazement of new beginnings.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Performing

I've abbreviated and adapted a brilliant article which encapsulates some of my own feelings and concerns. Read the whole thing at www.relevantmagazine.com/god/practical-faith/stop-performing-god

Some people have grown up in the church and missed the whole message of Christ. They believe what He wants from his children is a solid "performance." They've been taught all the "rules" and believe His blessing or punishment is a direct result of how well they follow them.

They wonder if God cares. It's possible to be so busy checking boxes for God and never experience life with God?

Take this story – There are two brothers. The younger wastes his father's inheritance and ends up destitute. He returns home and begs for forgiveness. Maybe this is an attempt to "get something" from His father again. Whatever

the motives, the Father embraces his return. The older son, seething with jealousy, demands an explanation. He followed all his father's rules. Why wasn't he getting rewarded?

As I read the article, I was reminded how much I love it when my grandkids want to be with me. I specially love it when they want to sit on my lap. I don't care if they aren't totally focused on me. I don't mind if they fall asleep. It doesn't worry me if they poke fun at me or say silly things. They don't have to achieve a number of tasks before I welcome them. There is nothing better than the moments of closeness we enjoy. I take those moments at face value – they are precious and the feelings generated, stick with me long after the moments have gone.

I suspect it is like that with us and God. What will it take for us to simply enjoy our relationship with a God who is far more welcoming and loving than this fallen and limited Gran?

Learning together in love,

Susan

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.

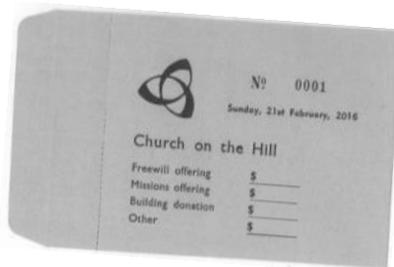
Used Paint Brushes wanted – if you have any used paint brushes – 100 to 150 mm (4 to 6 inch) suitable for staining a fence please see John Green - phone 544 7540.

Men - The next forum will be at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond commencing at 7.00pm on Monday 30th March 2015. The topic will be Maori Sovereignty. We hear a lot of comment about this topic but do we really know what they are talking about and what the implications are? I have invited Garry Clover as a special guest. Gary did his MA thesis at Auckland University about the process of Maori conversion focussing on the Wesleyan mission to South Taranaki in the 1840s & 50s. His

MA studies included research into the Treaty of Waitangi. Gary also lived & work for 6 months during 1975 on a kibbutz. I am sure we can all learn something. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

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 families on those who lost loved ones in the Germanwings disaster. We ask for your peace to descend upon the situation and that the Church can reach out to the people in need. We also pray that this will result in changes that will prevent such a tragedy from ever happening again. We also remember Vanuatu as they rebuild after the recent cyclone.

Mission Partners: We pray for Phil and Becky Sussex along with their children Bryn, Toby, Pippa, and Molly. We thank you for their work in Cambodia, especially Phil's work training dentists and Becky's work at Hope International School. We pray for a continued refilling of their spirits as they face the challenges of mission work.

Local Churches: We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We thank you for the ministry of Father David Gruschow. We pray for their preparations for Easter, that they can be a blessing to the community.

Diocese: In our diocese we pray for The Church of the Nativity in Blenheim. We thank you for the work of Reverend Bob Barnes as he pastors the community. We pray for the new vestry and for good results for the engineer's report that the church is waiting for. We also pray for the youth that will be going down to Easter Camp; that it will be a time where God will move in their hearts.

Our Parish: We thank you for the men's ministry run by Joe Sardella and Dave Pritchard. It is great for the men of this church to be able to gather together for community. We ask that you bless this ministry and everyone who comes in contact with it.

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 30 March

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 31 March

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

Wednesday 1 April

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

Thursday 2 April

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

Friday 3 April Good Friday

- 11.00am Cross Walk Combined Service at Wesley Centre – finishing at Church on the Hill
- 2.00pm Choir Led Service

Sunday 5 April

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Holy Communion*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 19 April

- 4.00pm Messy Church

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 April Holy Communion
Sunday 26 April 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 5 April *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J McConachie/J Burrough	10.30am S Gill
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am L T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am L Blackmore
Tea:	E Erskine / Volunteer	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne / E Erskine	10.30am V McNaughton, C Robinson, H Thomson
Flowers:	B Savage	Brass: J South

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:1 - 9, Mark 16:1 - 8

Theme for Next Sunday: Easter

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Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm