



Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 April 2015



Theme: Strange Ways
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Isaiah 55:1 - 9, Mark 16:1 - 8

Sentence:

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Come and eat'; and he took bread, and gave it to them.
Alleluia.

Prayer for the day:

Jesus our Saviour, we remember that this was a special week for you – from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. Help us to follow your journey from the shouts of praise to the cries of pain, and then to your new greetings of peace this day.
Thank you for bringing us forgiveness by

your Cross, and new life and undying hope by your rising again. This Easter help us to be among those followers who hope in you, and commit our lives to you on the journey you lead us on. **Amen**

*- Adapted from Prayer for Kids,
by Rosemary and Peter Atkins*

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Reclaiming Easter

Would you like a quieter, more spiritual, closer to family and friends kind of Easter?

Manna book shop chain has some suggestions:

Ask God for what you need this Easter. That's a good idea. The Lord has our well-being at heart. Jesus died at Easter so we can be reconciled to the Lord, our fellow human beings and all of creation. What do you want to ask God for right now?

Ssshhh. The writer suggests less noise – TV and technology off for a while. Our loving God longs to relate to and with us. Less noise aids this – it also gives us more time to relate to others in a focused way. What could you switch off to take a little quiet time?

Think Maybe we could read a book about an aspect of the Christian faith that will challenge us or a biography of someone we admire. Or even a part of the Bible we are not comfortable with! God has given us our brains to help us grow and develop. In what way will you engage your mind this Easter?

Meet

It's good to develop relationships with positive people especially people of faith. Let's create occasions to get together and make use of the opportunities for communal worship. Who can you reach out to with love?

Give

Jesus came not to be served, but to serve others. How might we give something meaningful to others? Many agencies need our money but time is the greatest gift of all. Who can you serve this Easter?

The five suggestions come from www.manna.co.nz/5-ways-to-reclaim-easter/

I've added some thoughts of my own.

This Easter we received a kind invitation from friends to go and have lunch with them. I praise God for friends. I can never repay the gift of friendship God offers me in Jesus Christ. It is not a debt that calls repayment but a relationship to be nurtured. What does a friendship with Jesus look like for me, and for you, this Easter season?

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.

Men's Social Night - Home Brew Tasting, Spit Roast and Hangi (Kai Cooker) at the Vineyard. 5.30pm Friday 10 April at 158 Pugh Rd Hope. Wives / Partners are welcome. BYO Drinks. BYO chair. Please bring warm clothing. \$10.00 pp to cover costs for food. RSVP by Tuesday 7 April for catering numbers. For more info: Dave Pritchard 544 5314 or Joe Sardella 544 9237

Urgent Request - To the parishioners who use the envelope system for giving please check that they have the correct number. Number 52 is missing. If that number is inadvertently used by the wrong person, their donation may be attributed to someone else. Contact Sue Paine Ph.544 0395

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.

The Lantern



Together
we can
*make it
happen!*

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 pray for those in war torn countries for your peace and justice to roll through like a river.

Mission Partners: We pray for Allan and Christine as they do missionary work. We pray for your blessing and care for them as they work overseas. Give them the energy and spiritual sustenance so they can continue to spread the Gospel.

Local Churches: We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Richmond Church of Christ. We thank you for the ministry of Pastor Steve and Lynn Rollo. We pray for their Easter celebrations today, that they can be a blessing to the community and bring new life into their area of influence.

Diocese: In our diocese we pray for the church community in Awatere. We thank you for the faithful work of Reverend Dawn Daunauda. We praise you for the way that the Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics have joined together to share facilities. We pray that they will be an inspiration to us all of how the Body of Christ is meant to work together and transcend denominational boundaries.

Our Parish: We thank you for the money we have raised so far in the new building fund. We pray that we can soon raise the rest of the money so we can construct the community centre. We ask that you bless the building as a means for ministry to the community so that people can be called into relationship with you.

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 6 April

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

Tuesday 7 April

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 8 April

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

Thursday 9 April

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 12 April

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**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 12 April *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am J Palmer
Sidespeople:	9.00am M Gibson	10.30am M Tilley
Welcomer:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	M Watson, M Evans	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, M McRae,	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	N Thomas	Brass: C Frater

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 2:18-25 Ecclesiastes 4:1-3, 9-16

Theme for Next Sunday: Loneliness

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Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm