



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 April 2018



**Theme:** The Source of life  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Micah Did-Dell  
**Readings:** Acts 8:26-40, John 15:1-8

**Sentence:**

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'  
*- John 14:6*

**Prayer for the day:**

Gracious God, you call us your own and love us beyond measure; in the rising of your Son we are made a resurrection people, free us from the old ways, make us faithful disciples, so that we can share with others what you have freely

given to us, who are created, redeemed and empowered though our Saviour, 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...*



### **Shaping the 10:30am service**

In February we embarked on an interesting journey with our 10:30am service. Our aim is to make the theme and message of the service accessible to anyone who walks in the door.

Initially there was a need to include children into our service as they no longer have a separate programme, but it was just the push to get us started. It's not about dealing with the the kids, or coping without Sunday School - it's about making our service accessible to everyone. A much bigger project, much harder, but ultimately more rewarding.

The 12 year old in the third pew back needs to feel fully included in our service, so does the guy with English as his second language, and that lady who is on their second ever visit to a church service. We're not talking about watering down the message, as everyone is capable of thinking very deeply about a subject if it's presented to

them in the right way. It's just about how we package it.

So, for example, instead of saying there are activities down the back for kids, one way to handle it could be an artistic space at the back for anyone who wants to use it. We shouldn't be dividing up the congregation by age - we have to stop thinking like that. We wouldn't send all the women to the back of the church while the sermon was aimed at the men, or all the fat people, so we can share a message with the skinny ones, so why the kids?

As this is an ambitious project, we have to expect some set-backs and things that don't go 100% right. That's OK. We're doing something very different here, but it's hopefully also exciting!! Jesus went out of his way to specifically include people and speak directly into their lives, this is our role-model. Making it happen for our 10:30 service will require buy-in and input from everybody, not just the people up the front. So please, join us and join in. Let's do what we can to make God's message available to everyone!

*Susan, Dave, Karl & Ian*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Mens Group** - Recently the Government announced a two million dollar fund to investigate the claims made by Nicky Hager in his book Hit and Run. The question is: Is this money well spent? Air your views on Monday 30 April 2018 at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond starting at 7.00pm. If you have some strong views about this subject but can't attend on the evening, send me an email Jacob.Klootwyk (asitavi04@gmail.com)

**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.

**Ticking the Boxes Seminar 2** - 12noon Wednesday 9 May, St Stephens Church, Tahunanui Drive, A presentation by Michelle Griffiths on Civil Defence, finger food lunch provided, gold coin donation. Hope to see some of our folk there, Yvonne.

**Op Shop** - St Vincent de Paul op shop Richmond are in need of volunteers to work in their shop and sorting room 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 thank You for a more conciliatory stance by North Korea prior to their talks with the USA, and pray that the wellbeing of the ordinary people of North Korea may improve as a result. Particularly we pray that the lives of Christians may be made easier and that the gospel may have greater freedom in that country.

We pray for Nigeria, where although thankfully attacks by Boko Haram have decreased, attacks by Moslem Fulani herdsmen have increased. Last month 225 Christians died, thousands of families were displaced from their homes and there was prolific destruction of property. We pray for those who mourn, grant them not only short-term help but a longer term solution to this ongoing conflict that goes below the radar of most news agencies.

**Mission** – Loving Father, we pray for N & R and family. We thank You that they were able to take a few days leave over Easter and visit a National Park in the eastern part of the country. We pray for perseverance for them as they continue their language studies. We also pray that they may find some suitable accommodation in the crowded city and that their application for business visas will be completed speedily.

**Within our Diocese** – We pray this week for the parish of Kaikoura. We thank You that the road north is open and pray that it remain open during the coming winter. Bless that community as they still try to recover from the earthquake and grapple with future planning decisions to ensure greater resilience and prosperity for the region. Bless the church as it seeks to minister to the town and surrounding area.

**In our Community** – We thank You for the witness and ministry of Richmond Community Church with Ross and Yvonne Ferguson and their team. We pray for their youth group travelling to Whanganui this weekend for the National Youth Conference, that they may have safe travels and that each young person would have significant life-changing 'God-encounters.' We also pray for Simon Bourn, one of the missionaries they support in France, who has recently received the news that a previously treated brain tumour has started to return. We join our prayers with theirs for a miracle of healing.

**In our Parish** – We pray that all of us may learn, by the Spirit's empowering, to become more like Jesus at home, at work and when we are out and about.

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 30 April

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
7.00pm Mens Group (J Klootwyk)

### Tuesday 1 May

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

### Wednesday 2 May

10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 3 May

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

### Sunday 6 May

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
7.00pm Taizé Service

## Coming up...

### Sunday 27 May

7.00pm Extended praise and Worship

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 13 May** Holy Communion  
**Sunday 27 May** Morning Prayer

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### Roster for 6 May - Thank you for serving us all!

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Jean Palmer	10.30am	F. Summerfield
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Heslop, V Matthews	10.30am	M Barak, V McNaughton
<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	10.30am	C, G, & R Barak
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Thomas	10.30am	TBA
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Burrough, E Erskine	10.30am	S Stephens, C Ward, M Barak
<b>Tea:</b>	M Gibson, S Stephens			
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Reynolds		<b>Crèche</b>	M Brosnahan

**Theme for Next Sunday:** A family grounded in love  
**Readings for Next Sunday:** 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

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