



Church on the Hill

Sunday 6 May 2018



Theme: A family grounded in love
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

Sentence:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

- John 15:12

Prayer for the day:

Alleluia!
Holy One, you are our constant companion,
send your Holy Spirit so that the journey begun
through your Son Jesus Christ may continue to

be lived in all its fullness into eternity.
Giving praise to our one God:
Creator, Redeemer and Advocate.
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Love...

A very warm welcome to our services today!

This morning's theme is about love. We hear this and immediately the familiarity mechanism kicks in and we switch off, principally because we do not know how to respond to such an enormous concept.

I will be likening it to the very initial stage of the Spirit 'brooding' over the world of chaos in the first verses of our bible. This idea imagines broodiness

like a hen preparing her nest... that safe place to lay her eggs and then bring her chicks into the openness of their new world.

We shall see that God does just that, as the Spirit broods over the chaotic state of our lives, lovingly tending us as we are born into God's family. This place where love cements us together giving meaning as this divine life of love becomes ours.

Lets open our hearts to loves new possibilities as we are drawn into God's presence and worship God together today!

Arohanui

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer Request - Pray for Malaysia, upcoming General Election. Polling day is Wednesday 9 May 2018. Please pray for a fair, smooth and peaceful election process, safe travel for people going to and from home to cast their votes and that the new government elected will be corruption free, fair and just to all. - *Evelin Epoi*.

Girl's Brigade - Celebrating 90 years in New Zealand on Saturday 16 June 2018 in Auckland. More information at www.girlsbrigade.org.nz, or email info@girlsbrigade.org.nz

Bible Guide - The Field Guide to the Bible has been written for Kiwis needing a practical guidebook to help them on their Bible reading journey. It's perfect for New Christians, Youth and young adults and Christians looking to reignite their love for the Bible. The Field Guide to the Bible includes lots of creative ideas and tips on how to read the Bible and outlines some of the ways God speaks to us through the Bible. It features a summary of the whole Bible story, practical introductions for every book in the Bible and a useful Frequently Asked Questions section. Introductory offer available at Manna Stores for \$7.49

Prayers for the Week

We pray for God's World – We thank You for positive changes for good in a number of areas in the world. For changes in the Korean peninsula, with a more conciliatory and open stance by North Korea with South Korea, prior to their talks with the USA. We 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 North Korea. We pray for Armenia, where peaceful protests have led to the stepping down of the president after 10 years in office, may there be a peaceful transfer of power to his elected successor who has promised to end corruption and support democracy and human rights. In Spain, we thank You that the terrorist organisation ETA has officially disbanded after 50 years and pray for healing for the many wounds they caused.

Mission – Loving Father, we pray for Murray and Féy Cotter in Albania. We pray that You will continue to guide their involvement with the church leadership team and their Bible study groups. Bless Murray's mentoring activities and for Féy's work with the women's Bible studies.

Within our Diocese – We pray this week for the ministry of Hills Community Church in Mapua with John and Connie Sherlock and their governance team. We pray for Mark Waweru, the Youth Pastor, and his work with the youth ministry that there will be growing trust and partnership between community, youth and school. We continue to pray for the ongoing clean up and rebuilding in Ruby Bay and those affected by the cyclone.

In our Community – We thank You for the witness and ministry of Richmond Baptist Church with David and Jeannette Jensen and their team. We pray for leadership appointments that will take place at the end of May that the folk God wants in eldership will be the folk that end up in eldership. We also pray that the church will continue to know God's direction, equipping, harmony and empowering for service and mission.

In our Parish – We pray that all of us may learn, by the Spirit's power to transform, to become more like Jesus, at home, at work and when we are out and about in our communities. 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 as she comes towards the end of her sabbatical. Help her to process all the things she has seen and heard in her travels. Please continue to watch over her and to continue to 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 7 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun

Tuesday 8 May

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

Wednesday 9 May

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 10 May

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

Sunday 13 May

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Sunday 20 May *Pentecost*

10.00am Combined Communion
7.00pm Richmond Combined Churches Service
at Grace Church

Sunday 27 May *Trinity Sunday*

10.00am Combined Communion
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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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 13 May - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J Sardella	10.30am	Jean Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	A Hodges, D Day	10.30am	E Stanger, M Tilley
Sidesperson	9.00am	W Wilkinson	10.30am	M Tilley, E/D Stanger
Welcomer:	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	M Martin
Chalice:	9.00am	G Thomas, W Wilkinson	10.30am	N/A
Tea:	G Bevernage, E Epoi			
Flowers:	A Matthews			Crèche TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Many gifts from God
Readings for Next Sunday: 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

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