



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 13 May 2018



**Theme:** Many gifts from God  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Ian Smith  
**Readings:** 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

**Sentence:**

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- 1 John 5:12

**Prayer for the day:**

Heavenly one,  
you called the resurrected Christ home  
to be exalted in heaven;  
we wait expectantly for the fulfilment of your  
promise  
to equip us with the Holy Spirit on Earth.

May we wait with courage and patience  
for that day.  
Through 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...



A very warm welcome to our services of worship today!

In these services we will be developing the idea of being an extension of that unique life Christ began just over 2,000 years ago. I will be referring to the three pieces of poetry/prose below. You might like to reflect on these and see if God's Spirit might speak to you through them too:

Make ready for the Christ, Whose smile, like lightning,  
Sets free the song of everlasting glory  
That now sleeps, in your paper flesh, like dynamite.

-Thomas Merton [from, "The Victory"]

For Christ plays in ten thousand places  
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his  
To the Father through the features of men's faces.

-Gerard Manley Hopkins [from, "As Kingfishers Catch Fire"]

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. . . . You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.  
- Marianne Williamson [from, "A Return to Love"]

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**Girl's Brigade** - Celebrating 90 years in New Zealand on Saturday 16 June 2018 in Auckland. More information at [www.girlsbrigade.org.nz](http://www.girlsbrigade.org.nz), or email [info@girlsbrigade.org.nz](mailto:info@girlsbrigade.org.nz) or phone Doreen Bateman Ph.548 9317

**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 pray for godly wisdom for world leaders as they grapple with the fallout of President Trump's decision to withdraw from the nuclear agreement with Iran.

Guide the nation of Malaysia following their recent historic, general election where the ruling party was defeated for the first time since independence 60 years ago; may the new government bring political stability, reduced corruption and protection of religious freedom in that country.

We pray for the safety and protection of Coptic women in Egypt where eight Christian women have gone missing since April.

**Mission** – Loving Father, we pray for the Corin family in Asia. Grant wisdom to Chris as he mentors and encourages local believers. Bless Reuben, Sasha and Joshua as they prepare for both internal and external exams in May and June, especially for Reuben as he finishes his last school year.

**The Anglican Church in NZ** – We pray for Your Spirit to guide and transform Your church, especially after the recent General Synod. Grant to all archbishops and bishops wisdom as to how to move forward and how to handle misunderstandings about what has been passed, uncertainty and resignations.

**Within our Diocese** – We pray this week for the ministry of Motueka Parish Church with Russell and Anna Pickersgill-Brown and their team. We pray that Messy Church and the three Toddlers groups will be welcoming and will continue to impact the lives of families, attracting them to the Gospel. Bless the Youth Alpha that the young people may really grasp Your love for them.

**In our Community** – We thank You for the witness and ministry of the local Lutheran Church in Hope and at Upper Moutere. Bless them as they seek to live and grow in Christ and generously share the love and life of Christ with others. Encourage their youth activities and their small groups. Bless, guide and equip Andy Marr as he steps up into a pastoral role within the church.

**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 and give thanks for for Ian, our Priest-in-Charge as he comes to the end of his time with us, that you would uphold him and guide and direct him.

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 14 May**

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

### **Tuesday 15 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 16 May**

10.00am Wednesday Service

### **Thursday 17 May**

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 20 May Pentecost**

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

## **Coming up...**

### **Sunday 27 May Trinity Sunday**

10.00am Combined Communion  
7.00pm Extended praise and Worship

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 27 May** Morning Prayer  
**Sunday 10 June** Holy Communion

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

## **Roster for 20 May - Thank you for serving us all!**

**Leader:** 10.00am J Palmer  
**Reader:** 10.00am J Green, K South  
**Sidesperson** 10.00am J Green  
**Welcomer:** 10.00am N Pritchard  
**Chalice:** 10.00am B Lash, J&A Green, E/D Stanger  
**Tea:** J South, K South  
**Flowers:** J Lewis-Smith **Crèche** G Thomson

**Theme for Next Sunday:** The Holy Spirit at work  
**Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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