



Church on the Hill

Sunday 19 April 2015



Theme: Pride comes before a fall
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Tom Gower
Readings: Genesis 3:1-13, John 3:1-13

Sentence:

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

- *John 3:6*

Prayer for the day:

All powerful God, we confess that so often we want to be the boss of our own lives. We want to sort everything out our own way and leave you out of it. We think we know what is best. But we don't even know what tomorrow will bring.

Forgive our pride. Help us to live each day in holy submission to your will, knowing we can only do this in the power of your Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Loneliness...

Last Sunday John Palmer preached about the Western epidemic of loneliness and the importance of community. He touched on an important point – that a strong sense of community is vital to combat loneliness. But this can be easier said than done.

Anyone who has spent time in a community setting will know that conflict is inevitable as members fight to have their needs and desires met. Even the early Church, which has been idealised by many modern Christians, was marked by internal conflict. What makes conflict good or bad is how we deal with it.

I'm currently reading a book by Rob Bell in which he states that every time we choose to isolate ourselves, every time we give someone a cold shoulder, every time we pick our words to be the most damaging to another person, we choose to live in a hell of our own making.

The alternative to living in this hell is what the writer David Foster Wallace called "being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them over and over in myriad petty, unsexy ways every day."

Of course this is a lofty ideal and we are fallible humans. But take a moment to read what Paul says about love in 1 Corinthians 13 (you know, the passage that Paul wrote specifically to be read out at weddings!). While it extols us to love each other selflessly it also acknowledges that we inevitably hurt each other.

Sometimes before communion we'll shake hands and "pass the peace of Christ" to each other. This isn't something we do to make shy people uncomfortable (although that is secretly hilarious to watch), it's a sign that we come to the table as brothers and sisters without anything coming between us.

Whether we choose to accept this peace is up to us.

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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.

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.

Giving Receipts - Receipts for both offering and building donations are at the back of the church. They are file alphabetically by surname. Note - Building receipts were added during this week.

Church Office Hours - Church office hours are now 1.00pm - 5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The office is closed on Wednesday.

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.

On Leave - Susan Gill is on leave from Monday 13 April to Wednesday 22 April. Please contact the Vicar's Warden - Marie Tilley Ph. 544 5173 or the People's Warden - Bev Payne Ph. 544 2471 for any urgent Pastoral matters.



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.

Jacob Klootwyk will be speaking after each church service today regarding the new building.

We seek your assistance to make it happen in 2016.

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Prayers for the Week

The World: Lord we grieve over the suffering throughout this world, we think particularly of the troubled lands of Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen. We pray for peace to reign in these lands, for aid to reach those who have lost homes and livelihoods. We continue to pray for a swift rebuild in Vanuatu, especially in the outer islands.

Mission Partners: We remember the Corin family in Central Asia, we pray for wisdom for them as they seek to proclaim the gospel message and encourage the local believers in both their faith and in developing new enterprises.

Diocese: We pray for Reefton parish with Di Griffin, we thank You for a very successful garage sale which means they will be able to update their sound system and we pray for people to respond to invitations to come along to the Alpha course which will be commencing on April 28th.

Local Churches: Pray for Richmond AOG and their leadership under Ross and Yvonne Ferguson and their team; we pray that you will lead the church as it seeks to bring a greater emphasis on ministry, leadership development and renewal and revival.

Our Parish: We thank You for the work of the AAW and pray that you will encourage the leaders and may this ministry be a real blessing to the members. We pray for the new children and families worker that You will call the person of Your choosing for this key position that our children may be wisely discipled as they follow You.

Those in need within our own church family: We remember George, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, Bill, Judy, Jack Wilkie's family and others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 20 April

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 21 April

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

Wednesday 22 April

- 7.30am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
- 10.00am Wednesday Service
- 2.00pm Afternoon AAW (J. McConachie)

Thursday 23 April

- 12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
- 7.20pm Evening AAW (A. Webb)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 24 April

- 3.00pm Small Group Leaders' Meeting
- 7.00pm Youth

Sunday 26 April

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

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

For more information about services or groups

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 26 April *Thank you for serving us all!*

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| Leader: | 9.00am S Gill | 10.30am J Palmer |
| Sidespeople: | 9.00am J Lines | 10.30am M Martin |
| Welcomer: | 9.00am A Webb | 10.30am S Milligan |
| Tea: | G Bevernage, K Mitchell | |
| Chalice: | 9.00am S Frengley, S Payne | 10.30am N/A |
| Flowers: | A Burrough | Brass: A Hodges |

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 2:1 – 4, Matthew 11:25 – 30* (**The Message*)

Theme for Next Sunday: Being or Doing?

Parish Contacts

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