



Church on the Hill

Sunday 20 May 2018



Theme: The Holy Spirit at work
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: Psalm 104:24-35, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Sentence:

The disciples were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the great things God had done.

- Acts 2:4, 11

Prayer for the day:

Transforming God,
you brought the church to birth
through the gift of the Holy Spirit;
empower us by that same Spirit.
Grant the courage of the first disciples

to proclaim your life giving love to all.
Through your Son,
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 Pentecost Combined service this morning!

Thank you for having me at your place this Easter season. Yvonne and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time with you and hope your wonderful vicar, Susan, doesn't have too much trouble reattaching any strands I might have frayed!

Today we will bypass the usual Pentecost reading in Acts chapter two and concentrate on the set Lectional Psalm, which is Psalm 104. We will have read the last ten verses but the first twenty are so important if you get time for a pre read!

The psalmist sees that everything in creation is connected! But not only that!! Everything is sustained by God's breath!!!

It is this revelation of Breath/Spirit/Wind that makes the birth of the church at Pentecost so creatively refreshing. The 'boxed in', Spiritless, Hebrew revelation of God is now being reformed in ways that empower Gods people to live differently. Law and Sacrifice become redundant as this new 'Spirit/Wind' fire burns its way into the surrounding Greco-Roman cultures...

What a joy to be part of this raging community!!!

Arohanui

Ian

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 May at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Our guest speakers are Stuart and Sherry Mirfin. They retraced Stu's father's footsteps in WW1 in France, Belgium and England last year. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. Profit from Sales Table this month is targeted for our July meeting so please support this. Any contributions to the Food Bank will be welcome. Our meeting is open to all. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph. 544 6921.

Evening AAW - Meet at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 May in the church. We are pleased to have Lorraine Pwaisiho talking to us about the women of the Solomons. If this interests you please join us. We are happy to have her speak at the beginning of the evening if that would be more convenient for you. All are welcome. We also have information about the Teapot Valley Executive meeting on 7 & 8 June. Members are welcome to attend on the Thursday, and the speaker is Mike Hawke, Dean of the Cathedral. Registration forms will be available, numbers needed by 1 June. There will be a "bring and buy" table so please bring something for this, and be prepared to buy! Contact Anne: 5447992 or Val 5445007.

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.

Trinity Sunday - Next Sunday 27 May Combined Service

Trinity Sunday is normally celebrated with a church breakfast, followed by a combined service. Because we don't have a hall or kitchen facilities this year we're going to celebrate Trinity Sunday with a combined service at 10:00am (yes, that'll be two combined services in a row), followed by a cold, finger-food shared morning tea. So please bring some kai to share, but nothing that requires any further heating or preparation. This will be Susan's first service back with us too, so two things to celebrate!"



Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/1kg \$13.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Café Connection - at the Wooden Spoon Café 10.30am this Thursday 24 May. All welcome.

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.

Pentecost Service - Richmond Combined Churches Pentecost Sunday Service is tonight at 7.00pm at Grace Church. Ian Smith to be speaker with combined worship team leading worship.

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. We pray for peace within the Middle East, where bullets and bombs rain down instead of righteousness, justice and peace. Bless the efforts of all who seek to bring aid to all who are suffering in refugee camps, especially those displaced by the civil war in Syria.

Bring Your peace and comfort to those who mourn in Indonesia following the suicide bombings. Overrule, we pray in the Korean Peninsula and bring about a peaceful solution where all countries involved can take credit for the progress.

Mission – Loving Father, we pray for the Dawn Daunauda in Vanuatu. Bless her teaching work at the College in Talua. May a new computer arrive quickly and may she get a good, stable internet connection. Bless the short-term missions team as they replace some roofs at the College

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 Picton Parish Church with Richard and Kaye Dyer and their team. We give thanks for the growth in depth of their worship services and in the welcome experienced in their church community; and also for the many church members who are involved in community activities and ministry. We pray for wisdom over the shape of future ministry in the area and for the resources to begin a Messy Church to minister to local families.

In our Community – We thank You for the witness and ministry of the local Whakatu Presbyterian Church, especially for the new assistant minister, Sage Harris. We pray for their youth community and for their families. Bless their alternative gathering that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month that it will connect with families and bring them into the love of God. Guide both their new building project in Champion Road. Guide and their search for a new youth worker.

In our Parish – We pray that all of us may learn at this time of Pentecost to experience the Spirit's power to transform. Help us 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 Ian and his contribution to our parish life over the last few weeks. We also pray for Susan as she seeks to process all the things she has seen and heard in her travels and reconnect with people here. Please continue to watch over her and to renew her vision of your church here.

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 21 May

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

Tuesday 22 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 23 May

10.00am Wednesday Service
1.30pm Afternoon AAW (A Webb)

Thursday 24 May

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
10.30am Café Connection
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Evening AAW (J McConachie)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 27 May Trinity Sunday

10.00am Combined Communion
7.00pm *Night Praise* - Praise and Worship

Coming up...

Sunday 3 June

7.00pm Taizé Service

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 27 May	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 June	Holy Communion

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Roster for 27 May - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	10.00am	J McConachie		
Reader:	10.00am	L Milligan, P Power		
Sidesperson	10.00am	J Lines		
Welcomer:	10.00am	S Entwistle		
Chalice:	10.00am	J McConachie, M McCrae, P Jordan, G/R Barak		
Tea:		V McNaughton, D Martin		
Flowers:		A Burrough	Crèche	S Milligan

Theme for Next Sunday:	An awesome, mysterious God
Readings for Next Sunday:	Acts 2:1-21

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