



Church on the Hill

Sunday 23 April 2017



Theme: Questions welcome
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Acts 2:22 - 32, John 20:19 - 31

Sentence:

I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.
- John 20:25

Prayer for the day:

God of mystery, you affirm our questioning of what we find hard to understand. Grant us the maturity of faith that knows when to question

and when to trust - in the power of the Holy Spirit who with the Father and the Son, live and reign, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Resurrection Life

This Easter Season it seems at least some churches in our region have seen more people attending services than last year. We certainly enjoyed a full house on Resurrection Sunday! A few more than last year attended each of the Good Friday services too! (A huge thank you to Alison and all who contributed to the afternoon Journey to the Cross.)

Wouldn't it be fabulous if this were the beginning of a new trend! It would be so good if people began flocking to us because they caught a glimpse of what could be! It would be awesome if people saw something of Jesus and wanted to come and worship him in church.

That could be true for some. But at the risk of being a cynic I think it is likely to be so for a minority of people in our community. Most people are over institutional anything.

But that doesn't let us off the hook. It doesn't mean we don't invite people – because some will come.

How about you invite people to come next Sunday? We'll be having a service at 10.00am for both congregations and for anyone who has had a connection with our hall. We'll celebrate what God has done in that building over the years. Hopefully some will be willing to honour God by sharing their memories during that time. David Hollingsworth will speak. We'll have fun together and see some of Jesus' Resurrection Life among us.

Just as importantly as celebrating Jesus together as a church is living his Resurrection Life out in the community. Most people won't come to us so we need to go to them.

Jesus said:

I came so they can have real and eternal life,
more and better life than they ever dreamed of.
- *John 10:10b, (The Message)*

Let's live the Resurrection Life out in our communities – in our places of work and play. What does that Resurrection Life look like in your communities?

Learning together in love,

Susan

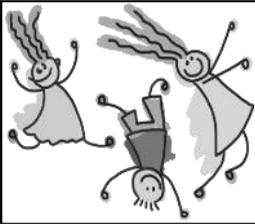
Alpha Update - We are set to begin on Tuesday 16 May after Lunch on the Hill. From then on after every Lunch on the Hill, we will have an Alpha session. This will take us through until Tuesday 21 November. The sessions will be about an hour and a half, DVD and discussion. The first session is *Who is Jesus?* Please take an invitation from the back of the church for yourself or to give to someone. Please pray for this course and all the Alpha courses in our diocese, that many will come to faith as a result. If you are planning to come it would be helpful to let Yvonne know.

ANZAC Day display. St. Peter's Church, Atawhai. 11.00am - 3.00pm Tuesday 25 April. Come and see the World Wars on a different scale. Miniature display of WWI Battle of the Somme, WWII Pacific, Northern France and North Africa Battles. War memorabilia on display. Sausage sizzle \$2.00.

Men's Forum - I love New Zealand's tussock country, it's mountains and it's braided rivers. I also love the standard of living New Zealand afford us. But can we afford the luxury of all the good things we take for granted? The schools, the hospitals, the care of the elderly, the roads and police force?

To afford these sort of things we need income to pay for it or become a third world country. Our farmers, our orchards, our vineyards as well as our tourist industry bring in overseas funds so we can buy cars, golf clubs, bitumen for our roads, palm kernel for our beef animals and cheap clothing so our budget can be stretched to give us money to buy our coffee (imported) and indulge in time off to watch rugby or the beautiful game. Where is that balance? Who decides? What is it you want for our grand children? Monday 24 April at 7.00pm. 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. Have your say or forever hold your peace. Jacob Klootwyk Ph 544 5269

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 26 April at 1.30pm in the Lounge. Kath Ross will be our Guest Speaker. Her talk is entitled *25 years living off the Grid - life in the outer Marlborough Sounds*. Afternoon tea to follow. There will be a Sales Table and a collection box for the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.



= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 23 April -

Activities at back of church.

Next Sunday 30 April -

Activities at back of church.

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

Personality Workshop - Myers Briggs type. 9.30am - 3.30pm Saturday 20 May, St David's Presbyterian Church, Florence street, Richmond. Limited to 15 people. \$35pp. Bring lunch (tea and coffee provided). Please RSVP via email to: galfamily4@gmail.com or phone to 03 9298040 or 027 648 1396 by Friday 5 May.

AA Senior Driver programme - If you are an AA Member over 74 years old with a driving licence the AA is offering you a FREE coaching session, designed to help keep you confident and safe behind the wheel. This coaching session is a great way of checking up on your safe driving skills and road rule knowledge. The Senior Driver programme covers / Vehicle check / Cockpit drill / Friendly and relaxed check of your driving style / Communicating and signalling / Car control Hazard identification / Tips, hints and feedback. To enrol visit: www.aa.co.nz/drivers/fully-licensed-drivers/aa-senior-driver/

Prayers for the Week

World - Lord of the journey, we ask for your protection on all who have fled their homes for whatever reason. Give them strength on their journeys and grant that they may find places of compassion at which to rest. Ease their fear and keep alive their vision of finding a secure and welcoming home. We pray for peace where there is conflict and for all who face persecution for their faith. Please help governmental authorities to make wise, cooperative and compassionate decisions.

Church - Thank you Lord for the time Chris and Susan Donaldson spent encouraging us, during our Lenten studies, to open up to you more. Thank you for their leadership of the parish of Havelock and the Sounds. They simply ask us to pray for more of God's presence in their lives and in the church and wider Parish - to save, deliver, heal and encourage.

Mission - Thank you Sovereign Lord for the services held for Allan. We continue to ask for your comfort and clear direction for Christine as she moves forward into a new stage of life. We also pray for Nathan and Rosey and family who will be our new mission partners. Please help Nathan and Rosey and their daughters Ruby and Eva, as they wind up their current jobs and begin deputation work before heading off to the mission field. We look forward to meeting them soon. We also pray for Lyn as she heads to Greece on Wednesday. Provide all she needs to minister to refugees on Lesbos Island.

Community - We pray for the unity of all churches and their leaders in the Richmond Waimea Minister's Association. Together our witness to you Loving Father is so much more powerful than it is alone. Thank you for the Cross Walk Service on Good Friday and the fellowship enjoyed afterwards. Please help us to be prepared to get out of our comfort zones in order to foster your Kingdom in this region. Enabling God, we thank you for all school chaplains and for individuals and groups who take the Christian faith into schools. There are limitations in what can be said but may your love shine through them as you give them opportunities to touch the school communities. Thank you for our own relationship with Richmond Primary School. Please strengthen our friendship as good neighbours.

Parish - We pray for all our church leaders and for Susan. Lord empower them with your wisdom as they lead this church into the future. We also remember Chris, Anne Green, Shirley, Lisa Arrandale, Sonja and others we know in need of your healing power especially Judy Perry's family as they mourn her loss.

This Week...

Monday 24 April

7.00pm Men's Forum (J. Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 25 April

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Wednesday 26 April

10.00am Wednesday Service
10.00am Tea and Talk
1.30pm Afternoon AAW

Thursday 27 April

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W. Wilkinson, J. Lines)
7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 30 April

10.00am Holy Communion Combined Service

Coming up...

Tuesday 16 May

Alpha Course

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 7 May
Sunday 21 May

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 30 April - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	10.00am	S Gill
Reader:	10.00am	S Entwistle
Sidespeople:	10.00am	E Erskine
Welcomer:	10.00am	S Entwistle
Tea:		F & J Murbach
Chalice:	10.00am	B Payne
Flowers:		A Heslop

Theme for Next Sunday: Celebrating the God of Community
Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 53:15 - 21, John 2:1 - 12

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