



Church on the Hill

Sunday 26 April 2015



Theme: Being or Doing?
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Genesis 2:1 – 4, Matthew 11:25 – 30* (**The Message*)

Sentence:
So God set another time for entering his rest, and that time is today. - *Hebrews 4:7a*

Prayer for the day:

Merciful God, you say "Come to me, and I will give you rest." We understand this to mean rest from burdens and pressures and from the weight of this world's concerns. Very importantly; your rest brings release from sin. We know that all things are accomplished in and through Jesus Christ. We also know we cannot earn your love. May we learn to

be still; to linger in the moment with you. May we enjoy the hint of the eternal and receive restoration and complete healing. Bring true rest to us and to all of humanity, through your enabling Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of the one who brings complete wholeness; Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Children

At our AGM Sue Fallow, Diocesan Children's Ministry Worker, was invited to speak about children. She asked us to "consider each child's journey into Christian faith" in our church context and reminded us of the commitment we have made to each baptised child to be part of their life.

"..we expect to be discipled, well taught and preached to, loved, to take part in services and be free to worship, to be given opportunities to serve. These are the same expectations that children should have as well. **Age is not an issue in this place. Everyone is part of the family of believers.**"

We have been recruiting a new Children's Ministry Co-ordinator because we believe what Sue said. Children are not the church of tomorrow; they are parishioners today. We must care for them appropriately. Sue goes on to say we must recognise children as "**fellow Christians** and **ministers of Christ** with something to **GIVE** to as well as **RECEIVE** from the church."

I want to thank the three parishioners who have each pledged \$100 per term so that we can go some way to meeting the parent's request that the new position is for 10 hours a week. I also want to thank the ladies who have made a

one-off donation. We had initially suggested five hours and can now afford 7. We have conducted interviews. We'll update you through the process.

Sue asked if we treat the children as equals. I want to ask if we understand how difficult it can be for parents and children to come to church in the first place. It is hard work to get the children ready on time for church. It is impossible for children to sit still and keep quiet. The last thing any of them needs is to be grumped at for being noisy.

May I ask, not just for our tolerance, but for our active encouragement of each younger disciple in our midst and our willingness to learn from them. Again quoting from Sue "Often Jesus teaching about discipleship focussed on children and childlike behaviour. It was counter cultural. In society adults are role models to children where Jesus made it clear that adults would discover the way of discipleship from children."

Unrealistic expectations will harm our children. Let's set them free to be who Jesus calls them to be. Let's be a family where children are esteemed and valued and included in our services and social events. Let's pray for the fruit of the Spirit to be evident in us as we interact with them.

Learning together in love,

Susan

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.

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 last week.

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. **Not open this Monday 27 April Anzac Day Holiday.**

Peter Shurley - Aussie singer, songwriter and acclaimed violinist, Peter Shurley has been at the forefront of Gospel music in Australia for over 2 decades. He has released 17 CD titles in that time as well as producing over 130 titles for other artists through his studio, "The Green-room". His *Carry You* Tear Fund tour is coming to St John's Anglican Church, 120 Edward Street, Wakefield at 7.00pm this Thursday 30 April. He is an amazing young man, musician and AOG Tasmania pastor, who planted a church from nothing in Tasmania in a few short years. His testimony and his music is suitable for all ages. An offering will be taken for Tear Fund.

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.



Prayers for the Week

The World: Lord we are appalled at the beheading of Christian men, women and children by ISIS in Quaragosh, the biggest Christian city in Iraq, we pray for strength, courage and protection to be upon Your people who have suffered so much recently; we continue to pray for peace and reconciliation in Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen. We continue to pray for a swift rebuild in Vanuatu, especially in the outer islands.

Mission Partners: we remember the Sussex family in this time of furlough, thanking You for the locum job for Phil at the Nelson Hospital; bless them in their ministry to churches and small groups in the Auckland area this month.

Diocese: We thank You for the work of Bishpdale Theological College, we pray for an increase in student numbers for Semester 2, for permanent accommodation for one of the fulltime students and for funding for a Tanzanian student whom his bishop would love to send to study at BTC.

Local Churches: we pray for Richmond Baptist Church, we thank You that the church has just called a new Pastor (David Jensen) who will commence his ministry at the beginning of June; we pray for the family as they go through the upheaval of moving, especially for the boys that they will adjust and settle down quickly. Equip this family for their ministry in Richmond.

Our Parish: we thank You for the work of the music ministries in this church, as they seek to use their God given gifts to bless your people, bring others to help them and may their music encourage a spirit of praise and worship within our congregation. 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, and others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 27 April (Anzac Holiday)

- 7.00pm Men's Forum (J. Klootwyk)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 28 April

- 10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

Wednesday 29 April

- 7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 30 April

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

Friday 1 May

- 7.00pm Men's Movie Night
7.00pm Youth

Sunday 3 May

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Friday 10 July

- 7.30pm Christ's College Cambridge Choir

Saturday 11 July

- 9.00am Book Fair

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 3 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am S Gill	10.30am J Palmer
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am G Thomas	10.30am E Kimberley
Tea:	S Stephens, M Gibson	
Chalice:	9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine	10.30am S Stephens, C Ward M Robinson
Flowers:	M Evans	Brass: J Inwood

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 4:1 – 13, Luke 21:1 - 4

Theme for Next Sunday: The Spirit of Worship

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