



Church on the Hill

Sunday 1 May 2016



Theme: Children of Light
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: 2 Samuel 11:2 – 11, Ephesians 5:10 - 14

Sentence:

Learn as you go along what pleases the Lord.

- *Ephesians 5:10*

Prayer for the day:

Thank you, Loving God, that you have called us out of darkness into the glorious light of Christ's forgiveness and grace. Help us to live in your light. You remind us that because of this light within us, we should do only what is good and

right and true. Holy Spirit, as you live within us, remind us again and again that we are free from guilt; free to please you. We pray this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



What happens when we disagree?

Because of General Synod coming up, and the very complicated and controversial response to Motion 30, I have been thinking about how we disagree. (Motion 30 asked for a report on how to precede with same sex blessings.) How do we disagree; both churches with other churches and as individuals within a church?

This is a huge issue – one which has the potential to blow the Anglican Church apart. There are two sides to the argument (in no particular order):

- We should bless same sex relationships because Jesus is all about love
- We shouldn't bless same sex relationships because the Bible prohibits them

I've ridiculously oversimplified both of those points. The issue is much more complicated. Please research it for yourself.

Another issue, perhaps closer to home, is that of our new building: the Lantern. Some arguments are:

- We shouldn't be spending huge amounts of money on a building
- We should stick to the original design
- We should build something simpler
- We should start now with the money we have
- We should wait until we have enough etc etc

We all have our opinions on the above and many more issues. Our opinions will differ. Most of us will think our opinions are prayerfully

and Biblically informed.

So what do we do when we disagree? How do we live together in love? This link is to a very thoughtful talk by Dr Chris Marshall:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaS1KTC-1Jg&feature=youtu.be

For over twenty years Chris has taught Christian studies at all levels of tertiary study and also worked nationally and internationally to translate theory into personal practice, especially in the area of restorative justice. He is an insightful thinker and always worth listening to. One of the points he makes towards the end of his talk is: "Don't allow your commitment to the essentials to destroy another person."

Of course we are told in Scripture how to deal with differences. Don't mutter behind people's backs. Approach the person/group in love. Speak kindly when putting across our viewpoint.

One of the things I love about the Anglican Church in general is that we can hold very diverse opinions about a wide range of topics and still worship the same loving and forgiving God. Our current Sunday preaching series aims to help us to respect each other and to allow the Spirit to work freely within our congregations and within us as individuals.

I am always open to discussing any differences of opinion there may be within our church. Whenever we lovingly work through conflict, relationships grow stronger.

In Christ's love,

Susan

Senior's - Visit to Reid's Helicopters, 88 Valley Rd, Wakefield. Nicola Berthlesen, Senior Care Co-ordinator, Wakefield/ Brightwater, has organised a trip to the above destination on Tuesday 10 May at 11.00am. If she gets enough numbers, The Wakefield Hotel will put on a \$12 fish and chip lunch! Men might find this of particular interest, but women as well !!! Please contact Nicola -021 277 8061 if you are interested, or contact Yvonne for more info.

= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 1 May - Activities at the back of the church

Sunday 8 May - Mothers' Day so we will be doing something special for our mums.

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

Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Building Fundraiser Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00

1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00

See Anne Askin
or Ph. 542 3284



Prayers for the Week

God's World: Lord God we continue to pray for those affected by flooding and disruption following the cyclones in the Pacific. May help reach those in need and may power be restored and houses rebuilt quickly. We pray especially for the Indian subcontinent where persecution of Christians is on the rise from both radical Hindu groups in India and Nepal and Islamic groups in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Strengthen Your church to stand and be faithful in this situation and grant a change in political will to protect religious minorities and ensure true religious freedom.

Mission Partners: We pray for the Allan and Christine in Asia, encourage their pastoring of students from many different countries in their area. Give them wisdom and strength in all their teaching activities and grant them guidance about their future.

Diocese: We pray today for the parish of Picton with Richard and Kaye Dyer. We thank You for Kaye's recent ordination and pray that You will open up new opportunities for ministry for her. May there be a move of Your Spirit in the Picton area in all the churches and grant a greater working unity as they each seek to proclaim Your gospel.

Local Community: We pray today for Hope Community Church with Donald Irvine and team. We praise You for the challenge of a recent sermon on the storms of life and the way that the Holy Spirit used it to minister into the real life situations that many people in the church were facing. May the leadership model humility and grace as they serve the body of Christ at Hope. Foster a spirit of unity and may all in the fellowship experience a deeper sense of belonging.

Our Parish: we pray that You will call one or more leaders for the junior youth on Sunday mornings, that this group of intermediate and early college aged youngsters may be wisely disciplined. We pray for Susan, and ask that You will continue to guide and empower her to lead this church here at Holy Trinity. We thank You for Messy Church and pray that You will guide about the future of this ministry. We thank You for all who encourage our singing in this church and pray that You will bless and lead them as they seek to bless us.

Those in need within our own church family: Gracious God we continue to pray for: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurence, Pam, Sonja and Jean (Alice's sister) and others we know. May your grace, mercy and peace be with them at this time and also with the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 2 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer
10.00am Friends 'n Fun
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 3 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.45am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)

Wednesday 4 May

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 5 May

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

Sunday 8 May

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 15 May

4.00pm Messy Church

Sunday 22 May Trinity Sunday

9.00am Breakfast
10.00am Combined Service with Bishop Richard

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 8 May

Holy Communion

Sunday 22 May

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 8 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am P Bean	10.30am F Summerfield
Reader:	9.00am A Hodges, D Day	10.30am M Tilley
Sidespeople:	9.00am W Wilkinson	10.30am TBC
Welcomer:	9.00am B Page	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	M Mercer, S Paine	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, W Wilkinson	10.30am S Stephens, C Ward
Flowers:	D Martin	Crèche: M Martin

Theme for Next Sunday: How do WE view the crowds?

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 55: 6 – 13, Matthew 9:35 – 38

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