



Church on the Hill

Sunday 27 May 2018



Theme: An awesome, mysterious God
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Psalm 29, John 3:1–17

Sentence:

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. *- Psalm 29:10 & 11*

Prayer for the day:

Blessed Trinity,
in the relationship of the Godhead
you show us how to love,
how to give unconditionally,
and reveal your truth;

call us to that model of self giving
which is transforming love.
This we ask through Jesus Christ Our
Redeemer.
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



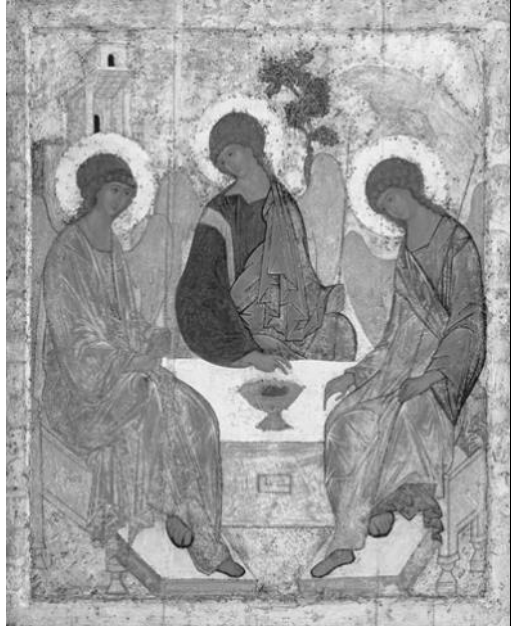
Trinity Sunday

Hello everyone. First a huge thanks to you all for your support and prayers while I was away. It was a wonderful, difficult, fulfilling, challenging, joyful time – a microcosm of life really. I was conscious of being held; held by God and held by those I love and those who love me.

And God continues to hold us all – isn't that amazing? Today is Trinity Sunday. Someone called it 'The Feast of Belonging'. I love that. I love that God holds us when we are actively enjoying relationship with the Divine, when we are squirming to be free, when we are yelling or singing or whinging. And I love that God holds everyone in that same web of love we call Trinity, perhaps especially those we think are beyond that.

So Trinity Sunday comes at the end of all the festivals that tell the story of Jesus. Next Sunday, in the church calendar, we begin the season of 'Ordinary Time'. It's the season where we tell the story of the people of God. I'm looking forward to that.

But back to Trinity Sunday; primarily God is a God of relationship – of welcome to the outsider, hospitality to the stranger, and inclusion of those whom others exclude. Being part of the household of God is a great leveller. Churches may have hierarchy but in God's family the least are the greatest. And we are all invited to the banquet.



So let's learn what it means to party! Perhaps we can do that in small ways to start – so please join us for lunch today if you can. Ian Smith told me, on his way out the door last Sunday, that this is a warm church. He and Yvonne have visited many churches over the years and he is very well aware that not all churches are. So take a bow! And keep it up! Let's celebrate with our welcoming God today.

Learning together in love,

Susan

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.

Home Group Change - Please note our home group has restarted each Monday at 1.00pm. All welcome. Kay Peterson Ph.547 6777

Men's Forum - This month the forum will discuss the growing trend to take children out of school during term time for holidays. See the BBC article on <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-44198043>. Be heard. 7.00pm Monday 28 May 2018 at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. People not normally attending the forum are invited to send their views to Asitavi04@Gmail.com. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

Prayers for the Week

We pray for God's World – We pray for Christians in Algeria, where a fresh wave of repression initiated by the government has resulted in the closure of many churches. Some of the most senior church leaders in Algeria are describing the current situation for Christians in their country as the worst they have known for a long time.

Bring Your peace and comfort to those who mourn following the the recent plane crash in Cuba, especially we pray for the families and congregations of the 20 pastors of the evangelical Nazarene Church who died in the crash.

We pray for the Korean Peninsula, that there will be a lasting, peaceful solution where all countries involved can take credit for the progress.

Mission – Loving Father, we pray for the N&R and family, encourage them in their language study and overrule in providing some suitable accommodation for their next location. Give to the new landlord a sense of peace in letting the property to this foreign family. We also pray for a speedy provision of business visas.

Within our Diocese – We pray this week for the ministry of Reefton and Grey Valley Parish with Di Griffin. We give thanks for 2 new families and one single man who've recently moved to Reefton and have attended St Stephen's. Help them to settle in well both into the community and church. We pray for the flourishing of the elder-care ministry and also for the Soup in Schools programme. We thank You for the cooperation between three local churches and local businesses in this ministry to the children.

In our Community – We thank You for the witness and ministry of the local Methodist Church. Bless Martin Oh as he seeks to lead the congregations at Richmond and Stoke. Encourage their outreach into the local communities and deepen their discipleship.

In our Parish – We pray that all of us may learn at this season 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 thank You for our buildings and grounds that they are accessible to so many but we pray Your protection upon them. May these buildings and grounds be a source of drawing people closer to You, not an opportunity for damage.

We also pray for Susan as she seeks to process all the things she has seen and heard in her travels, help her to reconnect with people here and fit back into leading church life.

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 28 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun
1.00pm Weekly group (K Peterson)

Tuesday 29 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 30 May

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 31 May

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 3 June

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
7.00pm Taizé Service

Coming up...

Tuesday 5 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

*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 3 June - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	S Gill	10.30am	S Gill
Reader:	9.00am	A Heslop, V Matthews	10.30am	L Summerfield, V McNaughton
Sidesperson	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	J Sardella
Welcomer:	9.00am	J Lines	10.30am	C Sardella
Chalice:	9.00am	E Erskine, B Lash	10.30am	V McNaughton, J Sardella, T Summerfield
Tea:	E Erskine, G Thomas			
Flowers:	D Martin		Crèche	M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: To be advised

Readings for Next Sunday: To be advised

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