



Church on the Hill

Sunday 30 April 2017



Theme: Celebrating the God of Community
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: David Hollingsworth
Readings: Isaiah 53:15 - 21, John 2:1 - 12

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...



Celebrating the past, relishing the present, trusting God for our future

Today we celebrate what God has done over the years in the hall. Much will of course remain unknown to us for now.

Here is an excerpt from Mark Quinney's memories:

Each day we would attend different activities at the Hall and learn more about Jesus and our faith. Up to that time, I was living a Christian life but something just hadn't quite clicked into place for me. One day, I was talking with one of the teachers who had called me into the room where she was staying and she led me to my new life in Christ. All of a sudden it all became very clear to me, and I just knew that I was now walking with Jesus as my Saviour.

Our current situation is not as positive as it has been in terms of the numbers of children coming to Christ. However other activities bring God glory

e.g. Lunch on the Hill and the Alpha course we will begin in a couple of weeks.

In the short term we will undergo much inconvenience as the hall is removed and we make do with using the church, the Salvation Army hall and perhaps another nearby venue. We will have to ensure we book our events well in advance to avoid duplication. We will have to communicate more effectively with other groups and plan a bit more effectively together. These are all good things and the Lord will bring positive spin-offs I am sure.

And in the end we will have a new building for the glory of God. More importantly than the building itself are the opportunities it will open for us to do ministry more effectively.

Please pray with me, that the end result will be more people coming to Christ, and more people being given good solid foundations in their on-going relationship with Him.

Wouldn't it be great to hear more testimonies like Mark's?

Learning together in love,

Susan

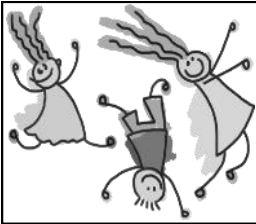
Alpha Update - We are set to begin on Tuesday 16 May after Lunch on the Hill. From then on after every Lunch on the Hill, we will have an Alpha session. This will take us through until Tuesday 21 November. The sessions will be about an hour and a half, DVD and discussion. The first session is *Who is 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.

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/

Preserves - We have two new jams for you to try, blackberry and apple and feijoa and ginger. Feedback is welcome! We have also been offered a second hand chest freezer to store the fruit we are offered, and need to move it. If you could help please phone Shiona on 544 4155.

Ticking the Boxes Seminar - 12.00pm Wednesday 17 May St Barnabas, Stoke. Finger food lunch Legal Facts-Information on Power of Attorney, Wills and legal considerations for Seniors. Presented by Dallas Woods of Senior Law. All Welcome - Gold Coin donation. Yvonne has more information and if transport is a problem has one spare seat in car.



= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 30 April -

Next Sunday 7 May -

Activities at back of church.

Term 2 Programme begins.

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

Workshop - Social Isolation And Loneliness Among Older People In Our Region. Age Concern Nelson Tasman invites you-the everyday people in the community-to a workshop to consider some possibilities for the future.10.00am to 12.00pm, Tuesday 2 May (morning tea provided) Saxton Oval Pavilion, Saxton Rd, Stoke. Facilitated by: Professor Bevan Grant} University of Waikato. All Welcome. Contact Age Concern Nelson Tasman for information. Ph. 03 544 7624 or email: supportageconcernnt.org.nz.

Missions Event - Nathan and Rosey with Eva and Ruby are a pretty ordinary young Nelson family. That is all about to change...You are warmly invited to find out more about their journey into mission with CMS 5.00pm today Sunday 30 April at Stephens Church 61 Tahunanui Rd. Programme for kids. Please bring food to share.

Office Volunteers Wanted - We are looking for some office volunteers to fill positions while some of our existing volunteers are unable to help. If you would like to help from 10.00am to 1.00pm during the week, please talk to Evelin Epoi or contact the office.

Prayers for the Week

World - God of peace, your world seems to be escalating out of control. Except we know that you who created us also sustains us. However things seem, you are sovereign and you are building your Kingdom. So we pray that you would have your way in the escalating conflict in Korea, the unrest in the Middle East especially Syria, and the famine conditions in Africa. We pray for mercy in Arkansas for those who are scheduled for execution by lethal injection. Lord help politicians everywhere to put the welfare of people ahead of their own interests.

Church - We pray for the parish of Kaikoura and for Kevin and Sandy Topp. We pray for them in the daily isolation they face in spite of other communities helping where they can. Help them to continue to support each other and provide the encouragement they need to rebuild. Thank you for the mana Ross and Yvonne Ferguson have in our local community. We pray for them as they lead Richmond Community Church (AOG) into the future. Please provide the wisdom, insight and resources they need to move forward into all you have for them.

Missions - Thank you for all you have provided for Christine as she grieves the loss of Allan. Please continue to give her strength she needs as she heads back to the university in the short term. Let folk gather round and offer their ongoing encouragement. We thank you also for Lyn Ashby's willingness to head over to Greece to serve refugees there. We ask for her protection and the ability To communicate effectively; with the refugees themselves, with the agencies and with her supporters everywhere.

Community - We thank you for the places where we work whether that work is paid or voluntary. Help us to be your ambassadors and to shine the light of Christ in those places. Make us sensitive to the opportunities to speak of your love and help us to see what your Spirit is doing and to work with you in those things.

Parish - We pray for our parish thanking you for your faithfulness; for our church leaders and for Susan. We also remember Jean Lines, Chris, Anne Green, Shirley, Lisa, Sonja and others we know in need of your healing power.

This Week...

Monday 1 May

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 2 May

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

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

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Wednesday 3 May

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 4 May

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W. Wilkinson, J. Lines)

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 7 May

9.00am Holy Communion*

10.45am Holy Communion*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

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

Holy Communion

Sunday 21 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 7 May - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J Sardella	10.45am	F Summerfield
Reader:	9.00am	A Heslop, V Matthews	10.45am	M Tilley
Sidespeople:	9.00am	B Page	10.45am	M Tilley
Welcomer:	9.00am	G Thomas	10.45am	TBA
Tea:		M Gibson, S Stephens		
Chalice:	9.00am	A Burrough, E Erskine	10.45am	S Stephens, C Ward
Flowers:		D Martin	Creche:	M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Abundance

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 2:42 – 47, John 10:1 - 10

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10.00am - 5.30pm

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