



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 10 May 2015



**Theme:** Responsive God – Open Minded People  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Genesis 6:1 – 8, Luke 13:31 - 35

**Sentence:** Jesus said: I have often wanted to gather your people, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

## Prayer for the day:

Thank you, Lord God, that you are sovereign, and all powerful. You always lovingly respond to what is happening in your world. Sometimes you intervene powerfully and sometimes you seem to allow a lot of leeway. We know and trust that you are *for* us and *for* all of humanity; even when we don't

understand how or why you act the way you do. So we give you permission to intervene when we need sorting out, even though you may not act in the way we expect. Somewhat cautiously we pray these things in Jesus' name and through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Unexpected interventions**

Today we are thinking about how God responds to what is happening in the created world and in our lives. Sometimes those ways are earth-shatteringly miraculous and totally unexpected. More often the Lord responds in less dramatic and sometimes anticipated ways. Sometimes the Lord's response or intervention is so gentle, it easy to miss altogether.

In our world today we long for God to intervene in the places where injustice and cruelty are rife don't we? Let's keep praying for the leaders of ISIS Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and of Boko Haram Abubakar Shekau. Imagine if they met Jesus just as Saul did! What a miracle that would be for the world. Christ has done it before – more than once!

What about injustice in New Zealand? It seems that 22% of children (around 230,000 kids) live in child poverty. A child growing up in poverty misses out on things most New Zealanders take for granted such as secure housing, warm clothing, healthy food and educational opportunities. Let's ask the Lord's to respond in

mercy to this awful situation.

Most often, when I have seen God respond to something in the world or in my own life, it is through someone else. Occasionally the Lord responds directly but usually he uses us frail and feeble human beings.

I wonder who the Lord wants to respond to through you and I? There are a lot of people, including ourselves, who need his intervention. Too many for us to help. Even Jesus said the poor will always be with us. And yet ....

Loving God, we need you to respond to us and intervene in our own lives. We need your forgiveness and mercy. We need your strength to change and reach out to others. Help us to obey when you ask us to respond on your behalf. Don't let us blame you for things that are not your doing but help us to be alert to your responses, whether they be big or small. Open our eyes to your unexpected responses, to see where you are at work in your world and to join you in the work you call us to. **Amen**

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.

**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.

**Shared Lunch:** Join us for soup and a roll today Sunday 10 May, the 10.30am service. This is an opportunity to be together. Lunch donations will go to the building fund.

**Thanks** - Thanks for all your prayers and support for me during my recent ill health. Your care at this difficult time is sincerely appreciated. - *Linda Blackmore*

**Performance** - The cast of the winning entry in the Rose Bowl competition held last month have been asked to present their short play at the 9.00am service on 17 May. The theme was "Living Life in Fellowship" and our entry was called "Unexpected Visitors." We'll try and do another winning performance! - *Anne Webb*

**Building Fundraiser** - Honey is now available. Honey 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, and 2kgs \$25. See Anne Askin between the services or Ph. 544 9059.



## 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:** We continue to pray for peace and reconciliation in Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen. We Pray for Nepal and the surrounding countries trying to cope with the aftermath of the earthquake, may aid reach the scattered poor communities as well as the towns. We pray also for wider global Anglican community in the light of comments by the Archbishop of Canterbury that the most common feature of Anglicanism worldwide is persecution.

**Mission Partners:** We pray for Murray and Féy Cotter, give Murray insight and grace as he meets with men in the local area and help Féy as she juggles with her different responsibilities for the missionary team and the local church. Help them both as they coordinate the Albania and Kosovo ECM's team annual Prayer Days from May 20-23.

**Diocese:** We pray for the parish of Havelock and the Sounds with Chris & Susanne Donaldson and give praise for four baptisms this weekend, three of them being adult; we pray for Chris and Susanne as they lead Anzac tours and conference in Turkey during May and June and for the church in their absence .

**Local Churches:** We pray for the St David's Presbyterian church as it goes through the process of restructuring, grant peace to those who are feeling unsettled, help them to trust that God is in control and the end result will be beyond their expectations, and give wisdom for the Temporary Governance Team in their decision making. We also pray for safe keeping for Jon and Vivienne Parkes as they travel through Europe.

**Our Parish:** We thank You for all those who help with Lunch on the Hill, encourage this ministry and grant that those who come may be fed with good food and find spiritual blessing. We pray for the new Children's Ministry Co-ordinator 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 and Bev, 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. We also remember the family and friends of Joan Martin as they grieve but we also give thanks for her life.

## This Week...

### Monday 11 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 12 May

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

### Wednesday 13 May

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

### Thursday 14 May

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

### Friday 15 May

7.00pm Youth

### Sunday 17 May

9.00am Morning Worship\*  
10.30am Holy Communion\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Friday 10 July

7.30pm Christ's College Cambridge Choir

### Saturday 18 July

9.00am Book Fair

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 10 May** Holy Communion

**Sunday 24 May** 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 17 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Gill	<b>10.30am</b> S Gill
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> N Pritchard
<b>Tea:</b>	J & K South	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> N/A	<b>10.30am</b> M Ross, N Pritchard, E / D Stanger
<b>Flowers:</b>	B Page	<b>Brass:</b> J Lines

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Luke 18:18-30, Mathew 6:25-30

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Living a Life of Generosity

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1.00pm - 5.30pm