



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 3 June 2018



**Theme:** Looking beyond what we see  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Owen Haring  
**Readings:** Jonah 1:1-6, Luke 10:25-28

**Sentence:**

Jesus said "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' - Luke 10:27

**Prayer for the day:**

Limitless God, you see all things as they really are; which may not be as things appear to be. You see spiritual realities outside our comprehension. You see possibilities for good in what appears to be hopeless circumstances. You see treasure where poverty seems to be the only option. You see goodness where we are blinded by apparent darkness.

You see clearly where we are totally confused. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us and empower us to see as you see. Open our eyes so that we may see your Spirit at work in all of your creation. Help us to see goodness and possibility and treasure. This we pray through Jesus Christ, the One who came to save the whole world. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### Obeying God's call

We are privileged to have the Reverend Owen Haring preaching this morning. I have appreciated his ministry among us in so many ways. Owen thinks outside the square and we need people like this. His message to us "Look beyond what we see" is a very useful challenge. He is very qualified to speak to us on this topic as, for many of us, life has brought many curved balls his way. This means he has had to look beneath what is happening on the surface to the greater good. I have found that when I jump to conclusions I miss out on much understanding and connection on deeper levels. Help us all to hear and act on what You say to us through Owen today Lord God.

Next week we begin a new sermon series on Hahi Karaitiana (Christ's Church). This series fits well in the season of Ordinary Time (or the Season of Pentecost or the Season of the Church – whatever you want to call it). Our overall aim is to get a clearer sense of who we called to be here where God has placed the churches of Holy Trinity and St Albans. My prayer is the series will help make us more determined followers of Christ and more able to give and receive to and from our wider community.

Perhaps this series of sermons will also go a little way towards adding to the great foundation that already exists here in preparing the way for the sense of vision that the new leader will bring. You are already well placed to respond in obedience to God's call here.

For those who missed them, I reproduce the words I said last Sunday regarding God's call for Kevin and I.

As I walked across the top of Spain on Sabbatical, I thought and prayed a lot about where God wants me and I realised, (I think I already knew), that it

was no longer here in Richmond. I've done what God wanted me to do. I think the Lord may have been saying that for a while but I was not able to hear properly. You generously gave me space to be with our awesome, mysterious God ..... and God spoke. My leaving may not be the outcome you expected nor wanted. But it is what it is. I was conscious of your support and prayers as I walked. One thing this church is very good at is being warm and welcoming and accepting. You have welcomed me and overlooked many of my mistakes.

You will create a warm welcome for the next person I know and you will pray for and support the Wardens, the Vestry and the Nominators as they work through the process of getting a new leader.

Kevin and I know we belong in Canterbury closer to our children and grandchildren. We are selling our Motueka house and both leaving jobs that we love. In our individual ways we are taking a step of faith and are willing to find new places to serve.

Sorry to drop a clanger on you but the Wardens and I felt that there was no point trying to delay the news. Covering things up creates difficulties; things leak. So over the next three months we get to work with God, with the Divine Trinity, the awesome, mysterious God, towards what the future looks like for us all.

While I have very mixed emotions at this time, I am excited to see what obedience to God's call generates in you and in me. God is good all the time.

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

**Honey** - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/1kg \$13.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

**St Albans 150 Years Celebration** - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

**Found** - Gold hoop earring found in Church 24 May, please contact the office if it is yours.

## Prayers for the Week

**We pray for God's World** – We pray for the Korean Peninsula, that there will be a lasting, peaceful solution where all countries involved can take credit for the progress. We pray for the people of Hawaii and others displaced by natural disasters. Especially we ask for your comfort and enabling for dairy farmers, their families, farm workers and all impacted by the cattle slaughter and we pray that the disease will be halted.

**Mission** – Active God we pray for our friends in Albania. Thank you for their ministry there and in the wider missionary community. Bless you for the ECM Biennial conference, which saw over 450 gathered in Calpe, Spain for teaching, fellowship, worship and meetings. Please be alongside them and lead them as they prepare to move back to Aotearoa in September.

**Our Diocese** – We thank you for Victoria Askin and the ministry through Spring Creek parish. Help them in their preparation for the Senior's Lunch in June where they host about 100 people with ties to Spring Creek. May their preparations be smooth and relationships outside of the church be fostered. Please be with Victoria as she moves into the Vicarage; aiming to start a Missional community there. We ask that you provide two flatmates to build on this aim soon. Also please continue to strengthen the Church's good relationship with Spring Creek School and their new principal. Bishop Richard's surgery has been rescheduled for 8th June, Wellington Hospital. If this is postponed he will go private through St Georges, Christchurch around mid-June. We continue to pray for Bishop Richard and Hilary.

**In our Community** – We thank you for Jono and Vanessa Martin, Steve and Kathy King and the New Life Church crew. We pray for their outreach into the community that people will come to Christ as a result. We pray for all their folk asking for health and peace for one lady severely injured in a car crash. And we ask for a continued deepening of friendships, support and community within their church family.

**In our Parish** – We pray our Nominators, Wardens and Vestry as they work for our parish giving thanks for their skills and experience along with their love for you and this community. Please give them wisdom as they work with our Diocese in making a new appointment to the Vicar's role. Help us all as we process change and loss along with excitement and anticipation. We appreciate David and Glynis and all the office volunteers and parishioners who contribute towards our newsletter. We pray for our communication in general and give thanks for Karl and his work on our new website.

**We pray for those in need.** We pray for those who are who are in special need at this time. May they encounter you in their daily reality. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle, David Cowdrey and his family as they grieve the loss of their Mum, Ethan Nicholls and Bev Marsh recovering from surgery, and others known to us.

## **This Week...**

### **Monday 4 June**

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

### **Tuesday 5 June**

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)  
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

### **Wednesday 6 June**

10.00am Wednesday Service

### **Thursday 7 June**

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 10 June**

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Praise on the Hill

## **Coming up...**

### **Holy Trinity Youth Group**

**Friday 15 June** - Prophecy Workshop

**Sunday 17 June** - 40 hour Famine Fundraiser

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 10 June** Holy Communion

**Sunday 24 June** 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 10 June - Thank you for serving us all!**

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J Sardella	<b>10.30am</b>	J Palmer
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	K South, D Day	<b>10.30am</b>	E Stanger, M Tilley
<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	K South	<b>10.30am</b>	E/D Stanger, M Tilley
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b>	M Martin
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Thomas, S Frengley	<b>10.30am</b>	N/A
<b>Tea:</b>	M Watson, M Evans			
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Brosnahan		<b>Crèche</b>	TBA

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Church on the margins  
**Readings for Next Sunday:** Jeremiah 29:10-14, 19 Matthew 2:1- 8

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