



Church on the Hill

Sunday 8 May 2016



Theme: How do WE view the crowds?
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Lex Jones, Gideon Society
Readings: Isaiah 55: 6 – 13, Matthew 9:35 – 38

Sentence:
Beseech the Lord of the harvest to send workers out into his harvest. *- Luke 10:2*

Prayer for the day:

Thank God All-powerful, often we are timid in our prayers. We want to keep ourselves safe. Yet you remind us to be urgent in our prayer for workers to spread your Gospel throughout your world. Your Word is bread for the hungry. We need this food and we know many others who do too. Help us not only to anticipate new

workers, but also, to spread your Good News ourselves. Help us to hold onto your promise that your Word always produces fruit, that it accomplishes all you want it to and that it prospers everywhere you send it. We pray this in the name of the Living Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Faithful and passionate service

As a late-comer to ordained ministry, I am so grateful to have several older and more experienced clergy in this parish. Perhaps unknown to them, and in different ways, each one of has offered me a great example of faithful service to our Lord and to our church.

Not only do they offer faithful service but they offer passionate service! It blesses me heaps to see that age might diminish physical energy a wee bit, but it doesn't have to diminish passion at all.

Most of you will know by now that Owen and Elizabeth Kimberley are moving to Christchurch. This is a sensible move for them to be closer to family who can offer them the support they need for this next stage of life. Owen and Elizabeth have served the Lord

faithfully and passionately in many different places – Tapawera, Tahunanui, Egypt and Holy Trinity – to mention just a few. They are a team and have both been involved in a wide range of Christian ministry; always with a view to outreach with the Good News of Jesus.

I want to honour them both at our shared breakfast before Trinity Sunday combined service on 22nd of this month. Please come a bit before 9.00am to show them how much we have valued their professional ministry during their time with us as Vicar (1985 – 1991) and in 'retirement'.

There is actually no such thing as retirement for the Christian by the way. We are all called to minister in Christ's name for our whole lives. Owen and Elizabeth have modelled this brilliantly and will continue to do so as they travel to what the Lord has for them in Christchurch.

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 this 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 no later than tomorrow Monday 9 May if you are interested.

Community Events/Fundraising: We have put together a draft review of our fundraisers after several very helpful comments about what we do. We would really appreciate the input of everyone who is involved in any way (coming along and buying counts!) about what we do now and what you think we should be doing in the future. The draft report is available from our Administrator by email (church.onhill@xtra.co.nz) Please put Community Events Review in the subject line, or in a printed copy from the back of the church. If there are none left please ask David for a copy.

Quiz Night. - Saturday 28 May. Starting at 6.30pm, come for coffee and desert (for a koha) before the quiz starts at 7.00pm. We aim to finish by 9.00pm so hopefully that is not too late for families and those of us who go to bed early! Please invite your families, friends and neighbours to share an evening of fun and generous hospitality with us. Donations for the prizes would be much appreciated - We need 8 bottles of wine, 8 big bars of chocolate and one box of chocolates. Donations of gourmet food items for the raffles would also be appreciated. Please drop these in to the office or give them to Mark, Marama or Shiona.

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

NZCMS: The Travellers' Tales - The dynamic Steve Maina is coming to share with us following his recent sabbatical spent back in Kenya and travelling. Come and be inspired and challenged ... where is your mission? Saturday 21 May All Saints Foyer 30 Vanguard St 6.00pm. Please bring food for shared meal. All welcome. For info: Nick Gastrell Ph.548 3886

 <p>The Lantern</p>	<p>Together we can make it happen!</p>	<p>Building Fundraiser Honey is now available 500gms \$7.00 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284</p>	
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STOP PRESS: We received our \$100,000 grant from Lotteries this week!

Prayers for the Week

God's World: We thank you Lord for the compassion and expertise of medical staff around the world. We are delighted to see apparent progress in cancer research and ask that you enable researchers to identify much more effective treatment and prevention than we have now. We pray for the United States; both for their election process and outcomes; and for their seemingly increasing involvement in Islamic State conflict. We long for your shalom in your world.

Mission Partners: Thank you for the Corin family's involvement in installing a small sawmill at the local Rehabilitation Centre near where they live in Central Asia. We pray for Musa and his family as they show Jesus's love to the people stay for 1 – 6. We pray for the people recovering from alcohol and drug addictions.

Diocese: We remember Bishop Richard and Hilary and ask for refreshment for them both. We also ask you Lord God for great wisdom and discernment as Richard leads our Diocese in an increasingly contentious culture. And we give thanks that they come to be with us this month. We look forward to their teaching and fellowship.

Local Community: Thank you for Peter Somervell and his leadership at Grace Church. He is a pastor who has seen life in its rawness and beauty. Thank you that he brings his experience and good Biblical teaching to his congregations. Bless all the Grace folk richly as they follow you and lead others to you.

Our Parish: Thank you that you have blessed us with so much. We have so many dedicated people in this parish and we are grateful for each other. We all need more of your love and wisdom in our lives. Please grant those things to Susan as she leads us. We thank you for the opportunities we have to nurture our faith together and ask you to provide the people and resources we need for this. We continue to pray for leaders for Messy Church and teachers for the Intermediate aged young people and supporters for Kids Church. We thank you again for those who minister at Lunch on the Hill – including those who attend and befriend others.

Those in need within our own church family: Loving others involves pain and we hurt with those who suffer. Please walk alongside: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurence, Pam B, Pam C, Sonja and Jean (Alice's sister) and others we know. Pour out your love and strength for each moment on them, others we know and on the rest home residents and staff within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 9 May

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

Tuesday 10 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.00am Senior's trip to Reid's Helicopters
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Wednesday 11 May

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

Thursday 12 May

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

Friday 13 May

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 15 May

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill
4.00pm Messy Church

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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 15 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J McConachie
Reader: 9.00am A Burrough K South
Sidespeople: 9.00am J Burrough
Welcomer: 9.00am A Burrough
Tea: J & K South
Chalice: 9.00am N/A
Flowers: B Page

10.30am J Palmer
10.30am M Did-Dell
10.30am J Green
10.30am N Pritchard
10.30am M Ross, N Pritchard, E/D Stanger
Crèche: N/A

Theme for Next Sunday: The Spirit of Truth and Power

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 2:1 – 21, John 14:8 – 17

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