



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 28 January 2018



**Theme:** Where are the Children?  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Lucy Summerfield  
**Readings:** Zephaniah 3:17 - 20, Luke 18: 15 - 17

**Prayer for the day:**

Praise to you, Jesus Christ,  
God in human form.  
You show us the fullness of life;

help us to find this life for ourselves  
and for others.  
**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

# Reflections...



## Sabbatical this year

2018 is a Sabbatical year for me. I'll be away for two stints; the first and longest time begins on 12 March and will see me return during the week beginning 14 May. I will also be away for 3 weeks or so in July.

My Sabbatical plans include two main parts. The first main part has already begun: I am undertaking Year 1 of the 2 year Spiritual Direction training course here in NZ. Mostly this involves a day here and there and ongoing study and assessment. There is a weeklong block course in July and I'll take a week either side for holiday and study.

At the end of the second year I will be a Spiritual Director; really the title is a misnomer because it is about spiritual companionship rather than directing. The aim is to help people discern what God is doing in their lives and to discover language to describe that. Many outside the church have spiritual experiences so my hope is that this ministry is missional as well as for those in the church who have a longing for something more.

The second main part is to walk the Camino de Frances along the North of Spain. Walking the nearly 800km will take me just over a month. My hopes in this are to come closer to God in a simpler rhythm of life and to meet interesting people from all walks of life.

During my two months away in March - May the Reverend Ian Smith will act as Priest in Charge. My association goes back a long way with Ian. When Kevin and I were in our late teens, we ran a Youth Group together; Ian was the guest speaker at a camp we organised. Then our paths reconnected in Darfield when our children and I were part of the church Ian pastored. And when we moved to the Nelson area our paths crossed again.

I cannot speak highly enough of Ian and am delighted that he has agreed to work half-time in

our parish. It seems to me that our Gracious God has ordained this time and that Ian will be a significant part of our journey as a church.

Here is a brief resume of Ian's background:

He was raised a conservative Presbyterian in Dipton, Southland - the seventh of ten kids. During his early teenage years his parents separated and Ian got involved with the New Life Churches in Christchurch. He was Postmaster at Upper Moutere for a time. He married Yvonne and moved to Darfield as Pastor in his early thirties.

He returned to Mapua as Pastor of Mapua Christian Fellowship in his late thirties.

During that time Ian steered the formation of Hills Community Church joining Mapua Christian Fellowship with the Anglican and Methodist/ Presbyterian

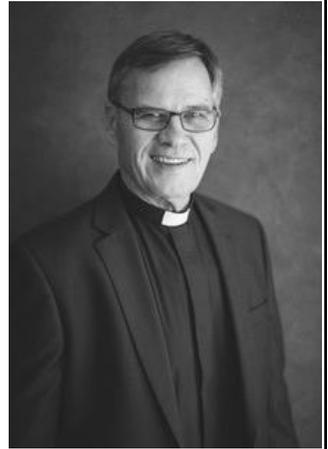
congregations who all gathered as one. He was ordained as an Anglican Priest during that time.

Then Ian and Yvonne moved to Christchurch in their mid-fifties when Ian was appointed as Vicar of Spreydon. In Christchurch he became one of the Diocesan Archdeacons and then Vicar of Avonhead. Ian 'retired' in his mid-sixties back to their family home in Mapua.

Ian and Yvonne have raised four children who are now all married; some with children. Ian and Yvonne enjoy their grand parenting role while Yvonne holds the position as Head Teacher at Waverley St Kindergarten and Ian continues ministry in various places including our own St Alban's.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*



**Introducing Josh** - Vestry has agreed to employ Joshua Allan-Johns as a Youth Intern this year. Josh will be studying with BTC at diploma level for about half of his working week. The rest of his working hours will be taken up with Youth Group and most likely 24-7 at Waimea College.

Josh has eight years of experience in youth leadership, along with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences. He has completed some papers towards a theological degree at Laidlaw College. He is an accomplished bass player and loves leading worship. He has interests in marine biology, reading and gaming and creating customised Lego models

He is moving up from Christchurch this week. Please pray for suitable accommodation for Josh – preferably a flat – and for a great settle in with us and BTC. I know you will welcome him warmly.



**Fundraising Event** - On the Sunday 25 February, I will be cutting, shaving and donating my hair... The hair that I donate will go to 'Freedom wigs', a kiwi wig making company in Dunedin. They create and donate human hair wigs to incredible people suffering from hair loss due to cancer or alopecia. Alopecia is a type of hair loss that is most common in people younger than 20, but people of all ages can be affected. Losing hair as a young person, can be devastating. Freedom wigs helps to bring back confidence, self esteem and happiness to sufferers lives, these wigs are life-changing. The money that I fundraise will go towards LBC, the Leukaemia and Blood

cancer society. LBC is dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with a blood cancer or related blood condition, and receives no government funding. This is a very exciting thing for me to finally be doing, and I would love it if you could support me, either by donating to my *Shave for a cure* web page or by coming to a BYO picnic at Sundial Square on Sunday the 25 February from 11.30am onwards. Thank you so much! Kay Thomson

### = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Sunday 28 January & Sunday 4 February:** School Holidays - Activities at the back of the Church  
Toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.



# ASH WEDNESDAY



## 14 February



Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. We will have two services – 10.00am as usual and 7.00pm at the Catholic Church.

Last year the Catholics supported us in droves and we had a large number at the evening service. This year I will be preaching at their church. Please will you support this joint initiative? It's a huge thing for us to be working and worshipping together and I really want to encourage them and their leaders with a good turnout.

Our Bishop has asked that we use this day for prayer and fasting for the one-day Synod on Saturday 10 March too. If you feel able to do that; even for a portion of the day, please do so. There are events on in Nelson Cathedral from 9.00am.

## This Week...

### Monday 29 January

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 30 January

10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)  
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

### Wednesday 31 January

10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 1 February

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

### Sunday 4 February

9.00am Holy Communion \*  
10.30am Praise on the Hill \* **Note New Time**  
\* Morning Tea between services in the Hall

## Coming up...

### Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday

10.00am Ash Wednesday Service  
7.00pm Combined Ash Wednesday Service  
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic  
Church, 35 William St, Richmond

### Tuesday 20 February

11.30am Lunch on the Hill at Salvation Army Hall  
57 Oxford Street .

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 11 February**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 25 February**

Morning Worship

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

## Roster for 4 February - Thank you for serving us all!

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b>	L Ashby / S Gill
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Heslop, V Matthews	<b>10.30am</b>	M Barak, V McNaughton
<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	<b>10.30am</b>	J Sardella
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J Lines	<b>10.30am</b>	C Sardella
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	E Erskine, B Lash	<b>10.30am</b>	V McNaughton, J Sardella, T Summerfield
<b>Tea:</b>	E Erskine, G Thomas			
<b>Flowers:</b>	A Heslop			<b>Creche:</b> M Brosnahan

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Power to the weak

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm