



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 10 June 2018



**Theme:** Church on the Margins  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Jeremiah 29:10-14, 19 Matthew 2:1- 8

**Sentence:**

King Herod charged them: "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."  
*- Matthew 2:8*

**Prayer for the day:**

Lord God, your Kingdom is built on radical love and mercy toward those at the margins. Christ died for us not when we were righteous, but when we were still steeped in indifference toward you and those around us. Christ's ministry brought good news to people the world had discarded: the blind, the imprisoned, the poor, and the oppressed. Make us a people known for embracing those at the margins of society. Help us Lord, as your church, to be aware of our own

diminishing place within society. Perhaps we need to see your hand in this. Maybe we need to rejoice in our own marginalisation and find new ways of being, of speaking and of bringing your Good News to those around us. And as we move toward the margins, may the watching world witness your mercy, compassion, and hope in us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Not always irrelevant**

Facebook has its uses. I made a post this week letting folk know I am leaving. People are very kind and made lots of generous comments. Several comments were from staff at Richmond Primary School. One person wrote this: "Your family are the lucky ones. We will so miss you at Richmond School. Go well."

One of the most amazing privileges, during my time here at Richmond Parish, has been acting as Chaplain to Richmond Primary. The teachers and staff there are so committed to developing children who will be valuable members of society. The School has always been good neighbours to our Church and that won't change with me going but we could lose the close connection we've enjoyed.

In our service today we talking about how church generally has been pushed to the margins of society. That may not be a bad thing. In fact, I suspect it is part of God's magnificent plan to get us off our collective butts and be who the Lord has made us to be.

We Christians still have some opportunities to have genuine and meaningful input into our wider community. Richmond School is keen to get

another chaplain and they've given me permission to look into that. I'd love that person to be part of our church. Is God calling you to be their new Chaplain?

The time commitment is around 4 hours per week. Every chaplain works in different ways; ways which suit them and their gifting's and the school's needs. Before me the Chaplain organised games at lunch time. Other chaplains meet one on one with children. Some bake with children in the staff room. In the winter terms I have taken little groups of children through fun activities hopefully imparting great life skills along the way. The rest of the time I have lunch in the staff room with whoever is around. Then I go into the playground and just chat to children; especially those who are alone or seem a bit down.

It's not hard but is so rewarding. All you need really is to be friendly, to have 3 – 4 hours a week, and to be a good listener. Full training is given by the Churches Education Commission or Lifewalk as they are now called. The training covers everything that is needed.

Please let me know if you are interested. I will miss the team at Richmond School immensely but would be much cheered if our church continues this fantastic community building outreach.

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.

**Librarian wanted** - We need someone to look after our church library. If you have 30 minutes spare a week we would love to hear from you. Notify the office if interested in helping with this.

**Rosters** -The time has come to start putting together our rosters for August to January, so it is also the time to say a big thank you to those of you who have served us so well in the first half of the year. Please could you let me know whether or not you are happy to continue in your roles for the rest of the year. Also, we are likely to have some gaps to fill, particularly for our 10.30 service, so if I would encourage you to consider whether you could help in any way. Thank you. Jean Palmer Ph.544 4275.

**Oberammergau and Beyond** - 5 - 25 June 2020. Mike and Patsy Hawke invite you to join them to watch this amazing Passion Play. While at it, they will follow the footsteps of Moses in Jordan, then the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. They get to Oberammergau via a 4 day river cruise up the Danube. Because tickets to the Passion Play are limited. Contact: Innovative Travel P.O. Box 21 247 Christchurch Email: [tours@innovativetravel.co.nz](mailto:tours@innovativetravel.co.nz) Ph.03 365 3910 or Mike on mobile: 021 711 726

**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

**God's World** – Oh Lord, our hearts ache for the people of those affected by the volcanic eruption in Guatemala. We pray for the families of the more than 200 people missing and those killed or injured. We pray for those who have lost homes and possessions; even entire villages. We pray for resources and wisdom for the government and aid agencies.

We pray for Jacinda Adern our Prime Minister. We ask for a safe delivery of her baby and for a precious 6 weeks for her and Clark Gayford and their parenting. We pray for our own country too and give thanks for some new government policies asking that their enacting will benefit those who really need it.

**Mission** – Thank you missionary God for the Corin family, the microenterprise loan scheme they are involved in and the Central Asian families this benefits. Praise you for the five new believers they have been working with. May the change in those Christians be evident to the wider community and may others be attracted to the light of Christ in them. Reuben, Sasha and Joshua all have exams in May and June. We prays for them as they prepare and study and especially for Reuben as he finishes his last year.

**Our Diocese** – We pray for our neighbouring parish in Stoke, and give thanks for your financial provision for the new church roof. We pray for Georgia Allen their new Youth Leader as she leads the youth group, Luke Shaw as he launches a new outreach at Summerset Retirement Village and we also pray for Phil Greenwood and Kathy King in their parish ministries. We also remember Hilary and Bishop Richard who see the surgeon in Christchurch on Monday afternoon. Thank you for the generosity which allows for private heart surgery the following week in St George's Hospital.

**In our Community** – We thank you for the ongoing work and ministry of Hope Community Church and their leaders Donald and May Irvine. We pray that their community facing ministries will have kingdom results and that their search for a Youth Pastor will come to fruition. We offer you praise for the good problem they have of having to work through space issues and how to alleviate that. We also pray for our community newspapers asking that they flourish as they provide a way of keeping us positively informed.

**In our Parish** – Thank you that our Diocese is supporting our parish in finding a new Vicar earlier rather than later. Continue to give the Nominators, Wardens your wisdom. We ask that you give us all clarity of thought and the ability to hear from you as we respond to the coming survey. We are blessed to be part of a loving, supportive Church whanau and pray for the Worship Leaders, giving thanks for their willingness to lead us closer to you at our Sunday and Wednesday services.

**Those in need** - We pray for those who are who are in special need at this time; for the lonely, those who are homeless or hungry or in debt. Please reveal yourself to them and provide all they need – perhaps even through us. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle, David Cowdrey and his family grieving the loss of their Mum, Ethan Nicholls and Bev Marsh recovering from surgery, and others known to us.

## **This Week...**

### **Monday 11 June**

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

### **Tuesday 12 June**

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

### **Wednesday 13 June**

10.00am Wednesday Service

### **Thursday 14 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)

### **Friday 15 June**

7.00pm Youth Prophecy Workshop

### **Sunday 17 June**

10.00am Combined Communion

## **Coming up...**

### **Tuesday 19 June**

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

*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

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## **Roster for 17 June - Thank you for serving us all!**

**Leader:** 10.00am J Palmer  
**Reader:** 10.00am A Burrough, L Summerfield  
**Sidesperson** 10.00am M Gibson  
**Welcomer:** 10.00am N Pritchard  
**Chalice:** 10.00am J South, N Pritchard, L&T Summerfield  
**Tea:** A Burrough, V Matthews  
**Flowers:** C Strang **Crèche** G Thompson

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Meagreness and abundance  
**Readings for Next Sunday:** 1 Kings 17:7 - 16, Luke 5:4 - 11

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## **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
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