



Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 May 2016



Theme: The Spirit of Truth and Power
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Acts 2:1 – 21, John 14:8 – 17

Sentence:

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.
- Romans 5:5

Prayer for the day:

God of power and love, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit

enable us to live out your Gospel in your world, now and always.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Risking and learning

Because we are prepared to take a risk, there are some projects our church has tried that haven't worked. One of those is the Budget service. While the training was excellent, we just never got many referrals. We thought there was a need to begin a Budget Service in Waimea. However after extensive and persistent advertising, very few enquiries were received. Possible reasons include the lack of young families in our Anglican churches, the older population in our region generally, the bias against Christian services, and CAP establishment around the same time.

Still some advantages remain: Several people were trained as Budget Advisors and have gained great skills as a result. We gave it our best shot and have learned heaps along the way. A huge thank you to Anne Askin who has given a lot of heart and hours to this project. While we have pretty much closed down the service, you can contact the office if you'd like some budget advice and we may still be able to help you.

This year our church has two main areas we are working on. The first is 'discipleship'. That's a big Christianese word. Other words which may help are: mentoring, teaching, enabling, encouraging etc. Whatever you call it, we want to help people to grow more in their relationship with Jesus and each other.

Part of that has involved a deliberate strategy

around our Lenten Studies. We asked several people to form two groups. The morning group has decided to continue to meet together and so a new Home Group/Small Group has been formed. It was joy for me to watch group members begin to get to know and offer support to each other. I'm delighted that will continue to develop over time.

The second area we are working on is consultation. I understand that we/I have not always followed through with what you have fed back to us/me. For that I am sorry. I am learning and have had the hard word from a few so we will definitely be implementing the most important feedback we get.

Asking others what they believe God wants is always risky. You might have totally different ideas to mine! You might want to change something I want to leave alone or leave something that I want changed. Yet the Spirit speaks through us, as a community, not just through a select few.

We follow a God who risked and continues to risk everything by using frail and fallen human beings. He poured out his Spirit on his Church at Pentecost so that the Good News of Jesus Christ would be spread effectively.

Let's be people who love, respect and listen to one another recognising that the Spirit speaks to us all. Let's not be afraid to take a few risks together in order to learn and move forward in building God's Kingdom together.

In Christ's love,

Susan

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.

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Building Fundraiser

Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00

1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00

See Anne Askin

or Ph. 542 3284



STOP PRESS: We received our \$100,000 grant from Lotteries last week!

Prayers for the Week

God's World: Sovereign creator, we marvel at your universe. The discovery of 1284 new exoplanets explodes our horizons. You created and sustain this universe and yet, care for individual human beings. Thank you Lord, for your hand of protection on Fort McMurray, in the wake of the awful fires there. We marvel that no-one died in the fire and that 90% of the town still stands. Never-the-less we pray for those who grieve because of their huge loss. Please help the local government care for them.

Mission Partners: Thank you for recent update from the Sussex family's in Cambodia. They ask us to pray for relief of the drought there. Drinking water is becoming very low in many areas and running out in some. Animals and fish are dying as lakes and rivers are critically low. Be with Phil leads a team of dentists and students into the prison on Wednesdays. Please provide the Christian students and dentists with opportunities to share their faith and witness through their actions. We remember Becky and the children in the busy-ness of the last 5 weeks of the school year, working through deadlines and towards farewells.

Diocese: We continue to hold our Anglican Province in prayer as we all work through the outcomes from General Synod. We also pray for the Wakefield/Murchison parish; asking for healing for Allan Wasley. They ask us to pray for: unity in the parish between all three centres, the strengthening of the Murchison Leadership team, development of a local Tapawera leadership group, blessing on the small groups - intercessors, and Bible study groups, the witness of the monthly Village market, the Sunday school children and for another leader to emerge, senior care ministries of Nicola in Wakefield with Brightwater, and Anna in Murchison, and for comfort of the Stokes family who are mourning the death of their daughter Rachel.

Local Community: Thank you for Father Seph and Merrick Mitchell who minister as Priest and Lay-leader in the local Catholic Parish. We remember their church communities Richmond, Motueka and Takaka, all in the middle of a change process as they amalgamate. Please answer their prayers, and ours, for guidance, inspiration and trust. Please pour your Spirit out as all the Richmond/Waimea churches gather at the Baptist Church this evening. May we be united in our worship.

Our Parish: Thank you for those who lead and the many who serve in so many different ways. We pray for Susan and Vestry as they retreat with Bishop Richard on 25th May. Please provide a fresh sense of vision and equipping as they look to you. Thank you for the Messy Church team's diligence. We know you have this ministry in hand also and ask for your presence and blessing this Sunday.

Those in need within our own church family: Loving God, bring your healing and comfort to: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganah, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Sonja and Jean (Alice's sister) and others we know. May they receive your grace along with others we know and also, the rest home residents and staff within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 16 May

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

Tuesday 17 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.45am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)

Wednesday 18 May

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

Thursday 19 May

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

Friday 20 May

6.45pm Youth - The Sauce

Sunday 22 May Trinity Sunday

Celebration on the Hill

9.00am Breakfast
10.00am Combined Service with Bishop Richard

Coming up...

Saturday 28 May

6.30pm Quiz Night

*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 22 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 10.00am S Gill
Reader: 10.00am P Jordan, J Sardella
Sidespeople: 10.00am J Lines, M Martin
Welcomer: 10.00am S Entwistle
Chalice: 10.00am P Jordan, S Fregley
Flowers: M Reynolds
Crèche: G Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: TBA

Readings for Next Sunday: TBA

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