



Church on the Hill

Sunday 17 May 2015



Theme: Living a life of Generosity
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ruth Ellena
Readings: Luke 18:18 - 30, Matthew 6:25 - 30

Sentence:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- James 1:17

Prayer for the day:

Lord, teach us to be generous.
Teach us to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.
Amen.

- Based on a prayer by St Ignatius of Loyola

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Desires of the Heart

To all the wonderful people at Holy Trinity... Yes, I thought I was going to retire but God doesn't always allow us to indulge ourselves. He wants His kingdom to grow and He puts things on our hearts.

It's been on my heart to continue working with children and supporting those who do. Richmond Church of Christ has a small Sunday school and I have offered to support the young person who leads it. With encouragement and prayer the Sunday school can grow.

I would encourage you to ask yourself the question, "What do I really want to do to grow God's kingdom?" Or "What do I love doing and how can I use this for God?" Once you know what it is, you can more easily start pruning the activities in your life. After all there are only so many hours in the day and don't you feel uplifted when you do what you enjoy?

If you are unsure what you would really like to do, ask God to show you. Also ask a Christian friend to pray that you will clearly see how to use this thing that you love for God. Once you have a few ideas, talk to Susan or that Christian friend. God might not want you to go to darkest

Africa. He might just want you to connect with your difficult neighbour or invite those noisy kids next door to church.

I can remember at some stage in my life, I wanted to travel. The song we were singing in church was something to do with – I give all my ambitions to you, Lord. I sang the song and meant it. At some stage after I had handed over my ambitions to God, I went to China on a short term mission trip. The following year Robert and I went to Aitutaki and since then have been overseas almost annually. God will give us the desires of our heart, when we honour Him. But He has to be number one!

Scripture tells us that Abraham and Sarah became parents in later life. Arien and Jill van der Schaaf, as a retired couple started their missionary life overseas. Age is no barrier to serving God. God has something special for each one of us and it's often in the things we enjoy doing. Think about what you enjoy doing and ask God to show you how you can grow His kingdom through it. There are people out there who long to hear that someone cares for them. Let us be the people who bring the good news.

Blessings as you serve a faithful and loving God.

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Budget Service - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get it touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin if you would like to know more about this service.

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

Messy Church - Today at 4.00pm in the Church Hall. Theme: Promises. Family fun. Bring some food to share.

Performance - The cast of the winning entry in the Rose Bowl competition held last month have been asked to present their short play at the 9.00am service on 17 May. The theme was "Living Life in Fellowship" and our entry was called "Unexpected Visitors." We'll try and do another winning performance! - *Anne Webb*

Building Fundraiser - Honey is now available. Honey 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, and 2kgs \$25. See Anne Askin between the services or Ph. 544 9059.

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Funds at End Of March 2015

Total giving	\$ 610,270.79
Total interest	\$ 119,478.22
Gross total	\$ 729,749.01

Expenditure to date	\$ 59,814.69
Net cash in Bank	\$ 669,934.32

Thank you for your support!



Children's Programme

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Children are welcome to attend one of the following during the 10.30 sermon time:

- Kids' Church under 5's in the crèche.
- Kids' Church primary school age in the church hall and younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.

Prayers for the Week

The World: We pray for Nepal and the surrounding countries trying to cope with the aftermath of the earthquake, may aid reach the scattered poor communities as well as the towns. We continue to pray for peace and reconciliation in Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen. We pray also for those suffering persecution, especially in Pakistan where death threats against Christians are very common and where religious intolerance is on the increase.

Mission Partners: We pray for Chris and Catherine Corin and their family in Asia, encourage them all as they seek to establish meaningful contacts with the local community, bless Chris as he encourages local entrepreneurs, especially the local Christians as they seek to serve You.

Diocese: We pray for the parish of St Barnabas, Stoke, grant wisdom and encouragement to Phil and Greta Greenwood and their team, we give thanks for the 8 couples on the marriage course and pray that this might be a foundational time for them, we pray for the children's outreach group and for new home groups starting.

Local Churches: We pray for the Richmond Methodist Church with Michael Oh and family, help them to settle into this area and quickly see what You are doing, help them as they grapple with the local churches restructuring, and encourage their witness to the gospel.

Our Parish: We thank You for the youth group and pray your blessing on them as they take part in the 40 hour famine on 22 May, may it be both fun and also impacting as they remember those who are destitute. We pray for the new Children's Ministry Co-ordinator that You will call the person of Your choosing for this key position that our children may be wisely disciplined as they follow You.

Those in need within our own church family: We remember George and Bev, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, Bill, Ella Grace and others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 18 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 19 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 20 May

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 21 May

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

Friday 22 May

7.00pm Youth

Saturday 23 May

7.00pm Quiz Night Fundraiser

Sunday 24 May

9.00am Morning Worship*
10.30am Holy Communion*
**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Friday 10 July

7.30pm Christ's College Cambridge Choir

Saturday 18 July

9.00am Book Fair

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 10 May Holy Communion

Sunday 24 May Morning Service

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is: 03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 24 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am J Palmer
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am S Entwistle	10.30am K Thomson, G Mangelsdorf
Tea:	N Thomas, V McNaughton	
Chalice:	9.00am S Frengley, S Paine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	M Reynolds	Brass: J South

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 2:1 - 21, John 15:26 - 27, 16:7 - 15

Theme for Next Sunday: Pentecost

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