



Church on the Hill

Sunday 18 May 2014



Theme: Jesus' Power
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Ephesians 6:10 – 18, Mark 3:20 - 27

Sentence:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
- Ephesians 4: 4

Prayer for the day:

Loving God, there are times when we feel life is too difficult. We pray for ourselves, and others facing, hard times. Protect us as we put on your armour. Help us to be ready to fight the battles that need to be fought. Give us the

discernment to choose those battles wisely. We thank you that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. May your Spirit use us to encourage those who need your special touch. May your Kingdom grow, here and everywhere. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



God is doing amazing things in and through our church community. This is really exciting and somewhat scary too. The Lord is doing so much, it feels a little as if we (read 'I') are running to keep up. That's all good, as long as we don't run too far, too fast or too often. None of us are in the driving seat however much we kid ourselves.

What is important is that we co-operate with what the Holy Spirit is doing in a unified way. The best way to do that is to understand how he has gifted us, as individuals, to contribute to his church and his mission. When we minister using our God-given gifts we will love ministry. It will bring life and energy to us as well as to those we minister to.

Owen is leading a Spiritual gifts course in June. I can hear someone saying "I've been

there; done that." You may have - and yet, our gifts do change over time. Early in the course we'll identify our gifts and then spend the rest of the time discovering how to put those gifts into practice. We'll explore ministry areas you may not have even considered.

Being clearer about our gifts, should make us less busy, not more. It brings clarity and enables better time and resource management. It enables us to prioritise what we do, to say "no" to some things outside our giftedness, and to focus much more on the things we love to do.

So far about 20% of our people have identified their gifts. My aim is to have 50% identified by the end of the year. We are all created with unique gifts. Find where you fit in this corner of God's world. Give Owen a buzz and sign up.

God Bless,
Susan

Church open for prayer 9.00am - 2.00pm Monday - Join us in prayer each Monday in the Church. Contact John Palmer 544 4275.

Building Fundraiser Honey - New Prices: 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, 2kgs \$25.00. If you want to order Honey ring Anne Askin 544 9059 or see between the Sunday services.

Afternoon AAW group. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 28 May at 2.00pm in the Lounge. Cherie Thomas will be our guest speaker. She will talk about Falls prevention and other useful tips. Afternoon tea to follow and Sales Table. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Help Wanted - Volunteer needed to give Noel Bythell a lift to the 9.00am service on the third Sunday of each month. Contact Kay Peterson Ph 544 8844 for details.

AAW Evening Group - Meeting 22 May at 7.30pm in the Lounge. Our speaker is Jim Frater from TDC. Sales table. All welcome. Contact Alison Heslop Ph. 544 5067

New Arrival! - Tom and Lorna, William and Elizabeth Gower are pleased to announce the safe arrival (by caesarean) of Nathanael David born on Tuesday. He weighed 8lb 4oz. Please pray for protection and blessing for this family.



Save the Date- Messy Church Conference with Lucy Moore (UK founder of Messy Church) 5-6 August 2014! Lucy is coming to New Zealand in August 2014 to hold a series of Messy Church conferences and workshops around the country. Our Nelson

conference will be Tuesday evening and Wednesday 5-6 August at St Barnabas, Stoke. Lucy will be focusing on going deeper in our Messy Churches, exploring discipleship and looking at Messy Church as an expression of church in the 21st century. This will be an amazing opportunity for those just starting discussions around Messy Church, as well as those who are experienced in leading Messy services. For more information please email Julie on julie@strandz.org.nz



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

Our World: We continue to pray for the safe return of the over 200 schoolgirls abducted by the Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram in Nigeria, we also ask for God's support and comfort for their families; we will not give up praying for peace and justice to be established in Syria, northern Nigeria, and the Central African Republic; we thank You for the encouraging news from South Sudan that opposing parties have reached an agreement to support humanitarian assistance throughout the war-torn country.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Murray and Fay Cotter in Albania, bless their daughter, Rachel, expecting her first baby in early June in London; may the new team members settle in quickly into life in Tirana and find suitable accommodation.

Our Diocese: We pray for the parish of Stoke, bless the work of Phil and Greta Greenwood and their team; guide the appointment of a new vicar for the parish; bless the marriage course and the youth outreach after school.

Our Local Area: We pray for Richmond Methodist Church, asking Your continual guidance for and equipping of Paul Tregurtha and his team; encourage and strengthen that small fellowship.

Our Church: We thank You for the ministry of Lunch on the Hill and pray for the provision of more cooks for its expansion; we continue to pray that all who attend our church may feel welcomed and valued; we rejoice in the safe arrival of Nathanael David Gower (8lb 4oz).

Those in Special Need: We remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 19 May

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

Tuesday 20 May

10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly group
7.30pm Prayers for Church and World (Office)

Wednesday 21 May

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

Thursday 22 May

12 noon Weekly lunch time study group
(W Wilkinson)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Saturday 24 May

3.00pm Youth meet at Wakefield Anglican for
40Hr Famine overnighter.

Sunday 25 May

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 15 June

9.00am Trinity Sunday Celebratory Breakfast
10.00am Combined Service

Saturday 12 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 11 May Holy Communion
Sunday 25 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 25 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Service Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am L Milligan
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am S Entwistle	10.30am K Thomson
Tea:	N Thomas, V Mc Naughton	G Mangelsdorf
Chalice:	9.00am S Frengley, C Pitman	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	B Savage	Brass: J Inwood

Transport for Noel Bythell: W Wilkinson

Readings for next Sunday: 2 Samuel 12:1-15, Mark 4:21 - 25

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