



Church on the Hill

Sunday 17 June 2018



Theme: Meagreness and Abundance
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: 1 Kings 17:7 - 16, Luke 5:4 - 11

Sentence:

The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.
-1 Kings 17:14

Prayer for the day:

Lord of the church; God of all creation; you know how small and weak we are. You understand our feelings of inadequacy in the face of vast need. And we acknowledge that in ourselves we are nothing. No, not nothing. We are small but we serve One who delights in us, your people here in this place. We serve an abundant God who constantly reaches out to your creation; the creation you now sustain by your Holy Spirit. We

serve you in that creation. And you provide for us, so that we can play our part in your practical love for all people. Sustain us, so we love others out of the abundance you give us. Hearten us as we actively seek to be Following Jesus; building community. We pray this in the name of the One who provides for his disciples, Jesus; our friend, brother, Saviour, Lord.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Lord change me

The Sufi Bayazid says this about himself:
I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was "Lord give me the energy to change the world."

"As I approached middle age and realized that half my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to "Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends, and I shall be satisfied."

"Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, my only prayer is, "Lord, give me the grace to change myself. "If I had prayed for this right from the start I would not have wasted my life.

- *Anthony de Mello SJ*

Today we've been thinking about meagreness and abundance.

Lord please make me a person of abundance. Open my heart to see my mean-spiritedness when it is there. Show me your love for all people. Give me grace to share the abundance with which you have blessed me.

Learning together in love, Susan

Susan

Afternoon AAW group - Susan Gill will be our guest speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday 27 June. We will meet in the front of the church at 1.30pm. Her illustrated talk will be about her experiences walking the Camino in Northern Spain on her recent Sabbatical. Evening AAW members are invited to join us, as well as any others who wish to take this opportunity of hearing Susan's story. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. Profit from Sales Table this month is targeted for our July meeting so please support this. Any contributions to the Food Bank will be welcome. Our meeting is open to all. (Please note that this is different from our planned programme due to Susan's resignation.) Enquiries to Jean McConachie. Ph. 544 6921.

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.

Evening AAW Group - You are invited to a shared lunch with our guest Liz Giller, at Holy Trinity on Thursday 28 June at noon. Please bring a plate of finger food. Liz has had years of involvement in many educational settings; training and supporting growth in others in the mission field of Pakistan. If you are unable to join us for lunch her talk will commence at 1.00p.m. We'd love to see you at this special event. Contact: Wendy Ph. 544 2532 or Jean Ph. 544 8088.

Church Flower Roster - We have a vacancy on our Flower Roster for the remainder of this year. It only involves being responsible on 3 Sundays. If you would like to fill this spot we would be most grateful; please phone/talk to me. Maybe it is something one of our newer Church Family members would like to do. Thank you so much. Brenda Page Ph. 544 5872.

Request - We have a gentleman recently moved into Wensley House. He is keen to come to the 10:30am service. I am wondering if there are some folk who might be able to give him a ride ,even if you could only do it once a month it would be helpful. Please see Yvonne if you can help.

Finance News - The finance committee is pleased to advise that after the first 4 months of the year to 30 April, the church's general fund bank account has a similar balance to that as at the end of December, with no transfers being required from general reserve funds. Church expenditure for this period has been covered by the current years income.

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Our New Vicar, Your Opportunity - The process of choosing a new vicar is underway. The first stage of this process is to get feedback from the parish as to where we're at, where we're going and who we want to take us there. To this end there's a questionnaire that we'd like every member of the parish to fill in. Questionnaires are included in this issue of Pewsnews. Additional copies are available at the back of the church. You can also complete the survey on line at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3SZG9C2 Since your views will form the basis of our Parish Profile, we'd appreciate your feedback asap or by Sunday 1 July at the latest. Return paper copies to the container at the back of the church, or to one of the nominators. The nominators are also keen to attend home groups to hear what people have to say. Contact one of us to arrange. With thanks for your assistance- Dave Pritchard, John Palmer, Micah Did-Dell and Michaela Ross.

Prayers for the Week

God's World – As forces of the Saudi-led military coalition close in on the main Yemeni port city of Hodeidah, aid agencies fear a major battle that will also shut down a vital lifeline for millions of hungry civilians. Lord God we pray that somehow this vital aid will find its way through. We also pray that the apparently successful negotiations between the US and North Korea will bear genuine and lasting fruit for Asia and the world.

Mission – Lord we take so much for granted. We ask you for easier communication for Dawn Daunauda teaching in Vanuatu – it is exhausting going to town twice weekly to send urgent messages. We thank you for the healing place Talua is for a successful May break with lots achieved re project options, for a successful Bible Study with all staff and students, and for the blessing of visitors. As the halfway mark looms for Dawn's time there, please clarify options for 2019 for her.

Our Diocese – We thank you for the enthusiasm and community outreach carried out by Nathanael and Simone Petterson and their team at St Stephen's Church, Tahunanui. Guide them in their appointment of a new Children & Families worker so that the children become strong disciples. We praise you for the community people attending Koa & Kai at Tahunanui Community Centre, and ask that numbers will remain good especially as work towards weekly rather than monthly events. Please bring people to faith and strong community that will support each other through life. We also remember Hilary and Bishop Richard as they both recover back in Nelson from the flu. We pray for the complete healing that Richard needs from that before he can have open heart surgery on 11 July.

In our Community – We are grateful to you Lord for the fellowship enjoyed by the pastors in our region. This week we pray for Peter Somervell and the Grace Church team giving thanks for the recently finished a Hot Topics preaching and the new faces there. They are grateful for those who have invited others to engage with scripture in this way. We pray that there will be transformed hearts as a result. We pray for their missionary, Ben Gauntlett, serving with New Tribes Mission in Papua New Guinea and his leadership of a team into the remote jungle. We also ask for your guidance as try to meet the needs of the families connecting with their youth ministries.

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. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle along with Debbie and Dave. Continue to bring them your strength and comfort. We also remember, Ethan, Wendy and Bev recovering from surgery, and others known to us.

This Week...

Monday 18 June

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

Tuesday 19 June

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 20 June

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 21 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 24 June

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Sunday 1 July

7.00pm Taizé Reflective Service

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 24 June Morning Prayer
Sunday 8 July Holy Communion

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Roster for 24 June - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J Palmer	10.30am	J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	S Frengley, M Reynolds	10.30am	L Milligan, P Power
Sidesperson	9.00am	J Lines	10.30am	P Power
Welcomer:	9.00am	A Webb	10.30am	S Milligan
Chalice:	9.00am	S Frengley, S Paine	10.30am	N/A
Tea:		M Mercer, S Paine		
Flowers:		R Armstrong	Crèche:	S Milligan

Theme for Next Sunday:

Do You see this Woman?

Readings for Next Sunday:

Ruth 2:1-12, Luke 7:36-50

Parish Contacts

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