



Church on the Hill

Sunday 22 May 2016



Theme: Grace, Love, Fellowship
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: +Richard
Readings: John 16:12-15 , 2 Cor 13:11-13 (to the end)

Sentence:

Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. *- 2 Corinthians 13:11*

Prayer for the day:

Loving God, thank you so much for who you are. We love the way you reveal yourself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We appreciate the way you live out your grace, love and

fellowship, together and in your world. Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life, please fill us with your power so we can live in your ways, as your people here on earth. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Living out the Lord's Grace

Our regional Minister's Association renewed our commitment on Pentecost Sunday. Each of the churches signed the below (or will do at our next meeting if they couldn't be there on Sunday). One minister was worried about being able to live up to them. I see them kind of like wedding vows – we each need to say “so help me God”. We can't do it on our own.

As I revisited the statement, I see how powerful it is. What would our church look like if we lived out a similar statement?

We believe we are called to be one Church, made up of many church families to serve the One God, Father, Son and Spirit. That the one Gospel of Jesus Christ, affirming Jesus is Redeemer and Lord, may be made known clearly and responsibly to our communities.

We therefore make the following commitment

A. To the Church at large

We are committed to our unity in Christ as one Church made up of interdependent fellowships.

We believe that we are sharers in the common task of proclaiming Christ to a needy community.

We are committed to an openness to and appreciation for all who make up the Church – the body of Christ; therefore we shall never publicly criticize another's church or ministry within the Association.

Although each fellowship has its own distinctive values and expressions of our one faith in God (as expressed in the creeds) we will affirm and support each other in our common work for the Kingdom of God in this place.

We commit ourselves to search out God's strategies and pursue his plans for building his Church in our community and districts.

B. To each other as pastors and leaders

We are committed to growing in our relationships with each other and that this relationship will be characterized by trust, forgiveness and grace.

We are committed to servant leadership and to minister to each other with support and encouragement in the work of ministry and leadership.

We are committed to standing together as the spiritual leaders of this community against the principalities and powers of darkness that would seek to divide and destroy the work of God in this place.

C. In our lives as pastors and leaders

We will seek to grow in our intimacy with God and a life anchored in the Bible.

We will seek to grow in our worship and enjoyment of our Sovereign God. We will seek to grow in Christ-likeness and dependency on the Holy Spirit.

We will learn to embrace the cross of Christ and its implications for our daily lives.

We will grow in our prayer and intercession, listening to the voice of God and actively stand together in the spiritual responsibility for the region.

We will seek personal healing for life's hurts so that we are ministering out of our healing rather than out of our woundedness.

We therefore commit ourselves to the cause of God and his Kingdom in Richmond and Waimea.

In Christ's love,

Susan

Quiz Night. - Only 6 days to go! 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. \$80 for table of 8. Tickets available from the office. 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.

Pastoral Care Team Meeting - Church Lounge, Wednesday 1 June 7:30 - 9.00pm. I will contact each member personally but please keep this date free. Thank you, Yvonne.

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.

= **KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR** =

Today Sunday 22 May

Trinity Sunday - Children practicing puppet show

Sunday 29 May

Children to lead Children's talk in Church

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

Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

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



Prayers for the Week

God's World: Thank you Creator God that you sustain your beautiful and sometimes awful world. We continue to pray for refugees; both those in countries they have chosen and those who are stranded in places they don't want to be.

Mission Partners: Thank you for the recent update from Murray and Fèy Cotter. They give thanks for the recent meetings with other European Christian Missionaries, the Bible Studies begun with local Christians in Albania and the arrival of two new grandchildren in NZ. They ask us to pray for Deep relationships and clear communication with the everyone we work with, guidance as we help and input into both the mother church and church plant, new group leaders to be raised up as disciples who make disciples. Féy as she attends her first ILT (meeting in June).

Diocese: We continue to pray for our Anglican Province as we work through the outcomes from General Synod. Thank you for the growth and enthusiasm at St Stephen's Tahunanui. We pray for Nathaniel Pettersen and the leadership team there.

Local Community: Thank you for the leadership and passion of Steve and Lyn Rollo who pastor the local Church of Christ. They give praise for recent baptisms and several new Christians and ask us to pray for their growing Internship program. Today they have a special family service which includes a parade of ICONZ groups. Please pour out your blessing on them as they meet – may they see more of You and be greatly encouraged.

Our Parish: Thank you for the retreat Susan and Vestry enjoyed with Bishop Richard yesterday. Help us all to serve you in your world. Show us how to share your love using language that people understand and welcome. We pray for the our children and young people and those who minister to them. Please raise up more people to disciple them and show them that they are valued church members.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with Bev Marsh and her family as they grieve the loss of George. Be with: Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Sonja 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 23 May

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

Tuesday 24 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frenghly)

Wednesday 25 May

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

Thursday 26 May

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

Friday 27 May

7.00pm Youth

Saturday 28 May

6.30pm Quiz Night

Sunday 29 May

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Sunday 5 June

7.00pm Taizé Service

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

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Roster for 29 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am S Jackson
Reader:	9.00am S Entwistle, J Payne	10.30am J Sardella
Sidespeople:	9.00am E Erskine	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am S Entwistle	10.30am B Page
Tea:	F & J Murbach	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	R Armstrong	Creche: S Milligan, J Vercoe

Theme for Next Sunday: A Mindset of Abundance

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 12:1 – 7, Ephesians 1:6 - 12

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