



Church on the Hill

Sunday 24 May 2015



Theme: When the Advocate Comes
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Karl Summerfield
Readings: Acts 2:1 – 21, John 15:26 – 27, 16:7 - 15

Sentence:

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the great things God had done.
- Acts 2:4,11

Prayer for the day:

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

your Spirit be our goal and our strength
And may the life-giving power of your Spirit renew your world. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Grey days

Life has its ups and downs doesn't it? Clear sunny days lift our spirits, even if the temperature is cold. Grey days are more difficult to deal with.

On a grey day we feel like curling up in front of the fire (or heater) with a book, or the television, or a computer game. We feel like withdrawing from the world. Ironically it is on grey days, when we have the least energy, that we most need the company of others.

Some of us are people persons. Others of us are more introverted and very comfortable with our own company. We have differing needs for human friendship. Never-the-less, everyone has some need for human companionship. Grey days seem to emphasise that need.

Today we celebrate Pentecost – the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the early disciples. That day they were filled with the love

and power of Jesus in a world-shattering way! The Spirit fell on a group of people – not an individual person. Today the Spirit does fall on individual persons – sometimes. However the Spirit is for the community of God; in fact for the whole world.

The Spirit is about community it seems to me. In the early church people became Jesus followers in droves. Some of that was because of preaching. Most of it was because the wider community saw the Jesus community loving each other. Their love for their fellow disciples was their distinguishing feature; love was what marked them as Jesus followers.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

- John 13:35

If you feel a bit down on the grey days, it is very likely someone else does too. Perhaps that someone else would like a phone call or a visit. I wonder if the sky was overcast or clear on the first Pentecost?

Learning together in Jesus' love,

Susan

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.

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.

Men - People smuggling and illegal human trafficking has been in the news lately. Should New Zealand be more active in helping these people who after all are looking for a better life? Your views will be listened to next Monday 25 May 7.00-9.00 pm at 20 Elmsdale Close. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

AAW Evening Group meeting will be held on Thursday 28th May, at 7.30p.m. Our speaker is Mary Garner who is a hospice worker, and her topic is "adding quality to patients' lives." Our meetings are open to all women and if this topic is of interest to you, please come and join us. Sales Table. For more information Ph. 544 7992 - Anne

Home Group - Margaret Silk's group is welcoming new people. The group meets at Margaret's home at 10.00am-11.30am on Tuesday morning and the present study which has just started is what we learn about God through the parables. Contact Margaret for more info. Ph. 544 7448

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Please fill in and return the "Yes, I want to be involved" in the Lantern pamphlet as soon as possible. Spare pamphlets at the back of the church or see Jacob Klootwyk. The funding organizations need to know what we can contribute before they are willing to commit funds. Your contribution need not be immediate as long as we know what we can expect by 31 March 2016 or at some later date.



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 with the aftermath of the earthquakes, may aid reach the scattered poor communities as well as the towns, particularly as the monsoon rains will start soon. 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 in India where religious intolerance is on the increase.

Mission Partners: We pray for the Phil and Becky Sussex and their family as they continue their speaking engagements prior to packing up before they return to Cambodia. We pray especially for Pastor Saroeun Om and his family, who helped Phil set up his first church-based dental clinic in Phnom Penh, as they come to terms with the death of Pastor Om's wife at a young age.

Diocese: We pray for Bishop Richard and Hilary, we thank You for their work among us, grant them good health, strength, wisdom and Holy Spirit insight as they care for the clergy and the spiritual direction of the Nelson diocese and the wider Anglican church in New Zealand.

Local Churches: We pray for Richmond New Life Church, uphold Jono and Vanessa Martin and Steve and Kathy King and their team, we give thanks for the 20 couples attending a marriage course this term, and may Your Spirit continue to touch and impact lives through the ministries of the church.

Our Parish: We pray for Vestry as they meet on Wednesday, grant them Your wisdom and guidance that they might follow Your plans, in Your time and in Your way. 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 25 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer
7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 26 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 27 May

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

Thursday 28 May

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

Friday 29 May

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 31 May

9.00am Celebration Breakfast
10.00am Celebration Service

Coming up...

Tuesday 2 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Sunday 7 June

7.00pm Taize Services

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 31 May *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: S Gill
Sidespeople: S Entwistle, J Green
Welcomers: E Erskine, M Ross
Chalice: To be confirmed
Flowers: B Savage **Brass:** C Frater

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 50:14-21, Matthew 5:38-48

Theme for Next Sunday: Forgiving Well

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