



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 25 May 2014



**Theme:** Revealing the Truth  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** John Palmer  
**Readings:** 2 Samuel 12:1-15, Mark 4:21 - 25

**Sentence:**  
 Everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light.

**Prayer for the day:**  
 All-powerful and ever-living God, shine your light upon us. All-powerful and ever-living Christ, shine your light within us. All-powerful and ever-living Spirit, shine your light through us. Let us hear, understand and apply your love and your truth to all we do in your world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



On Sunday I mentioned that when Vestry met a couple of Saturdays ago, we felt that God said he wasn't hearing enough from us. We took that to mean we need to pray more. Paul urges us to "Pray without ceasing". A big ask – maybe – depending on what we think prayer is.

If prayer is an inward attitude of being with the Holy Spirit, listening and sharing our thoughts, dreams, actions, then maybe it is not quite so hard after all. Dr Ralph Martin writes "Prayer is, at root, simply paying attention to God." Sounds good to me! Prayer is not just about me and Jesus though. Prayer is a community thing as well as an individual thing.

In June we have several opportunities to pray communally:

Pentecost is on Sunday 8 June – we'll have our usual morning services here. *Replenish* is on in the evening at St Barnabas, Stoke. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray and reflect individually while being in the company of

others – the best of both worlds for some.

The following Sunday 15 June is Trinity Sunday. We'll enjoy breakfast together at 9.00am in the hall and then worship as one congregation at 10.00am. The week preceding is prayer week. We'll set up the Church with various prayer stations around our Mission of *Following Jesus; Building Community*. Our focus will be the 3 aspects of that Mission: In, Out and Up.

Praying is not just about reflecting quietly though. Prayer often involves acting positively towards others. For me setting up the Prayer Stations is just as worshipful as praying at them later; perhaps even more so.

If you'd like to be involved in readying the church for prayer, or in assisting me to do so for Pentecost at St Barnabas, then please let me know. Do ask the Lord how he would like you, and any groups you are in, to be more prayerful.

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 her 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: 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.



**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.



### New Songs Practice -

Tomorrow, Monday 26 May in the Church at 7:15pm. All welcome.

For more information contact Shirley Jackson Ph.544 5477

## 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 those who grieve and suffer following the bomb blasts in Jos, Nigeria; we will not give up praying for peace and justice to be established in Syria, northern Nigeria, and the Central African Republic; we pray for Meriam Yehya Ibrahim, a pregnant Christian woman on death row in Sudan for marrying a Christian man and refusing to renounce her faith.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Chris and Catherine Corin and their family in Asia, bless their ministry to the local believers in their area; give them wisdom as they plan a visit to New Zealand in July for a opportunity to reconnect with friends and supporters and to share about their work.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Bishop Richard, grant him renewed strength and wisdom as he ministers to this diocese and to the wider church in New Zealand; give him a shepherd's heart as he cares for the clergy in this diocese.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for Richmond New Life Church, encourage the ministry of Jono and Vanessa Martin and Steve and Kathy King, renew their vision for the work You have given them to do and build and encourage the church.

**Our Church:** We thank You for all You are doing among us and pray that You will make us sensitive to the leading of Your Spirit. We thank You for providing enough cooks for Lunch on the Hill to expand. Please be with us as we prepare for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday and may all who participate in our church feel welcomed and valued.

**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 26 May

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

### Tuesday 27 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 28 May

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)  
10.00am Wednesday Service  
2.00pm Afternoon AAW (J McConachie)

### Thursday 29 May

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

### Friday 30 May

7.00pm Youth

### Sunday 1 June

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
10.30am Holy Communion\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 8 June

6.00pm - 8pm Replenish at St Barnabas

### 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 1 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Service Leader:** 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am O Haring

**Sidespeople:** 9.00am B Page

10.30am T Mangelsdorf

**Welcomer:** 9.00am J Lines

10.30am L Blackmore

**Tea:** P Cotton, J Martin

**Chalice:** 9.00am B Payne, E Erskine

10.30am V McNaughton,  
C Robinson, H Thomson

**Flowers:** N Thomas

**Brass:** L Richards

**Transport for Noel Bythell:** K Mitchell

## Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 17:17 – 27, Mark 4:26 – 34

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### Office Hours

Thursday and Friday

9.00am - 5.00pm