



Church on the Hill

Sunday 1 June 2014



Theme: The Impossible Kingdom
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Genesis 17:17 – 27, Mark 4:26 – 34

Sentence:

Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. *- Mark 4:27*

Prayer for the day:

Mighty God, please fill us with the knowledge of your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. Help us to live worthy of our Lord Jesus Christ, pleasing him in every way. Let us bear fruit in every good work. Let us know you more and more. Strengthen

us with all power according to your glorious might so that we may endure and be patient. Fill us with joyful thanks to you, our Father, because you have qualified us to share in the inheritance of your holy people in the Kingdom of Light. We ask this in and through Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *(based on Colossians 1:9 – 12)*

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



I attended the afternoon AAW meeting this week and spoke to them on the subject of being able to love like Jesus.

You and I are not love. Don't get me wrong, we can love, but we can't do it perfectly because we see faults in others and remember slights we have suffered in the past. This leads to us refusing to make ourselves vulnerable as Jesus did because we don't want to risk getting hurt again. Yet, Jesus tells us to love as he did, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another." - *John 13:34*

So how do we do something we are incapable of doing?

We turn to scripture for the answer and it's there we learn the secret of how to love like Jesus. We love like Jesus through living in him. If God is love, he cannot be truly known apart from love.

We cannot observe God from a distance and claim to know him; we can only encounter divine love close up and personal – by living in him.

Jesus said, "Apart from me you can do nothing." - *John 15:5* We cannot love like Jesus on our own. In fact we can't do anything in our Christian life on our own. We must surrender our life to Jesus to the extent that when we live in Christ, he loves others through us.

But what does that mean? It could mean attending Lunch on the Hill to befriend those that do come, sitting with them even if their personal hygiene or language isn't all that good, listening to their stories in a non-judgmental way and letting God's love work through you. Or if that's not your scene it could mean something completely different. How are you called to show Christ's love to others?

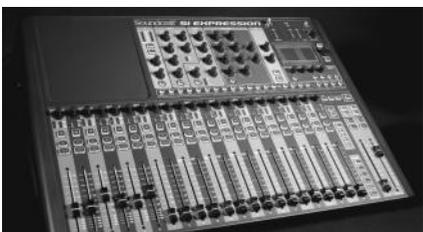
God Bless,

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Church open for prayer 9.00am - 2.00pm Monday - Join us in prayer each Monday in the Church. Contact John Palmer 544 4275. **Note:** Closed Monday 2 June.

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.

Parents - Please note that Kids Church is in the crèche today. Also diary these dates: Friday 20 June for Friday Fun and Sunday 22 June is the next Messy Church.



Sound Desk - Thanks so much to James Brosnahan and Bruce Thomson who have put hours and hours into setting up our new sound desk. They have researched and come up with the best option for us. They have worked very hard to get it to this point. Thanks also to your families who have sacrificed their time with you to make this happen. There is still some fine-tuning

to be done. That will happen in the near future. We are blessed to have people, like James and Bruce, who want us to be the best we can. I appreciate the work you have both done and your ongoing commitment to our mission: *Following Jesus; Building Community*. Much love, Susan.

Jars - A quantity of Glass jam and preserving jars available. Contact Elizabeth Kimberley Ph. 544 2115

St Albans Day - Sunday 22 June. Allen Michel is preaching at St Alban's on their Patriarchal day.

Messy Church Conference - with Lucy Moore (UK founder of Messy Church) 5 & 6 August 2014. Nelson conference is on Tuesday Evening 5 August and Wednesday 6 August at St Barnabas, Stoke. Lucy will be focusing on going deeper in Messy Church, exploring discipleship and looking at Messy Church as an expression of church in the 21st century. For more information 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 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 both Meriam Yehya Ibrahim sentenced to death in Sudan for apostasy and Asia Bibi sentenced to death in Pakistan for blasphemy.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Jo Rogers in Tanzania, giving thanks for the recent rains; guide the diocese of Central Tanzania as they chose a new bishop may the diocese run smoothly in the interim; we pray for a long-term English teacher who can start in August.

Our Diocese: We pray for Richard and Kaye Dyer and their team at Picton parish; giving thanks for the ministry of Raewyn Parks, the parish nurse, and for the way Mainly Music has grown; may effective bridges be built into the young families in the community; we pray for the parish as they seek for a new treasurer following the sudden death of Peter Mills and pray also for the team that is preparing to go to Tonga at the end of July on a short term mission.

Our Local Area: We pray for Hope Community Church, with Donald Irvine and the team, pray that God would develop within the church a heart to seek him, and a greater dependence on the Holy Spirit as they continue their series on prayer; we give thanks as they prepare to celebrate their centenary in August and pray that God would continue to help them to be effective at representing Jesus in their community, with gracious words and Christ-like lives.

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 especially 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 2 June

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 3 June

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 4 June

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

Thursday 5 June

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

Friday 6 June

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 8 June (Pentecost)

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

**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 8 June Holy Communion

Sunday 22 June 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 8 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Service Leader: 9.00am J Palmer

10.30am S Gill

Sidespeople: 9.00am M Gibson

10.30am M Tilley

Welcomer: 9.00am J McConachie

10.30am S Lyon

Tea: M Watson, M Evans

Chalice: 9.00am G Thomas, M McCrae

10.30am N/A

Flowers: R Armstrong

Brass: C Pitman

Transport for Noel Bythell: K&R Peterson

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