



Church on the Hill

Sunday 24 June 2018



Theme: Do You see this Woman?
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Jean Palmer
Readings: Ruth 2:1-12, Luke 7:36-50

Sentence:

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

- Luke 7:50

Prayer for the day:

Gracious God, you look at all people with eyes of love. We, however, often make judgements based on appearances and our own prejudice. Please forgive us when we do this. Open our eyes so that we see people as Jesus does. Help us to see their potential rather than their limitations. Show us the beauty that you see of each one and remind us that we are all made in

your image. Give us an extra measure of your love and grace for those on the margins, and please show us how you'd like to us to join in with you in on-going acts of kindness and transformation. We pray this in the name of the One who loves without limit; Jesus; our friend, brother, Saviour, Lord.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Remember these two?



Those of you who've been around the parish for three and a half or more years will remember the

Reverends Kevin and Anne Roberts. They came and ministered to us for 3 weeks on behalf of ReSource in the UK. Kevin spoke about how our church and our lives are like a plane with two wings; one wing is the Holy Spirit and the other wing is the Word. We can't fly without either of those wings. Anne would often illustrate the talks with evocative pictures or examples the Lord had given her.

I was blessed to have a few days staying with these two (three including their much loved dog whose name I have forgotten – not being particularly doggy myself). They live in the Bishop's Palace in Wells and it was such a privilege to stay in their apartment with the Bishop below and the chief gardener and his family above. One night we hosted them all for drinks – Kevin made us all Mojito's as he and Anne had just come back from a visit to their son in Cuba. (Their Bishop, like ours, is very down to earth.)

Kevin continues as director of ReSource and Anne has been Palace Chaplain and does a fabulous job there supporting the Bishop's team and all the volunteers. She is well-loved there and will be sad to leave in late August or sometime in September. The ReSource office is moving and so they need to follow suit. They'll be living in their own home on the western edge of Telford, the Shrewsbury side.

Kevin and Anne provided wise advice to me about leaving well. I enjoyed their hospitality and catching up with them again. Please pray for them as they move and for the future and regrouping of ReSource in the UK.

Learning together in love,

Susan

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.

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

Men's Forum - Someone suggested that we are the last of the summer wine but more importantly the government has promised to build 100,000 houses in the next ten years. Can they achieve this? What advice would you give the government to fulfil their promise? Find out what others think on Monday 25 June 7.00pm at 20 Elmsdale Close. If you know anyone from the building industry, bring them along. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

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.

Volunteers wanted - Each year at the Cathedral, groups and organisations from around Nelson are invited to put together a Christmas tree that represents them. Bev Greig is organising the display this year and invites parishes to be involved in the volunteer roster. Opening at 6.00pm 27 November, the display will remain open to the public for several weeks after Christmas. Interested? email Bev at fred.bev@xtra.co.nz phone 547 1120 / 027 246 6384 or 548 1008 (Cathedral office).

Prayers for the Week

God's World – Please help world governments make wise decisions that recognise the needs of real people rather than basing them on statistics or prejudice. We weep with the Mexican families separated in the US and ask for justice and restoration for them. We ask for help for all refugees and are grateful for those that come to our country. Help us to help them to feel welcome and to integrate into very different ways of being.

Mission – We remember N & R and give thanks for the provision of a good place to live in Asia. Be with the children settling into new schools and the parents making new relationships. Continue to help them with their language learning too please.

Our Diocese – Victory Community Anglican Church enjoys a mix of diverse people of different cultures, ages and backgrounds. Be with Greg and Jacqui Holmes and their team as they reach out with Christ's love especially in their work with Under 5 Jive and with children and youth. We 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 July 11. We also remember our Diocesan Office team working under increased pressure just now. Please give them the strength they need and enable them to set your priorities each day.

In our Community – We pray for our Catholic friends and Father Seph as he leads the parish that covers Golden Bay, Motueka and Waimea/Richmond. Bless them please and continue to nurture the good relationships begun by Lay Leader Merrick Mitchell. Establish him and Lucia firmly as they minister now in the Stoke Catholic Parish.

We give thanks that the Queen St upgrade is nearing an end and look forward to the increased sense of community that comes with greater access for pedestrians. Enable us to be a community of genuine compassion and care for one another.

In our Parish – We pray for our church leaders coping with increased workloads generated by the efforts to find a new vicar. Give them energy, wisdom and discernment along with good periods of rest and restoration. We pray for Susan and ask for provision for her and Kevin for the future. We give thanks for all our preachers and the opportunities we have to learn from their different personalities and styles. Help us always to be asking what you are saying to us through the sermons and what you want us to do as a practical outcome.

Those in need - We pray for those who are who are in special need at this time. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle and 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. Please be with the staff and residents in our parish too.

This Week...

Monday 25 June

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

Tuesday 26 June

- 10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
- 10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 27 June

- 10.00am Wednesday Service
- 1.30pm Afternoon AAW Group

Thursday 28 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 29 June

- 7.00pm Youth Worship Night / Jam Session

Sunday 1 July

- 9.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Holy Communion
- 7.00pm Taizé Reflective Service

Coming up...

Friday 6 July

- Youth Group end of term bonfire night

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 1 July - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J McConachie	10.30am	S Jackson, Youth Band
Reader:	9.00am	A Heslop, V Matthews	10.30am	M Barak, V McNaughton
Sidesperson	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	C & G & R Barak
Welcomer:	9.00am	G Thomas	10.30am	TBA
Chalice:	9.00am	A Burrrough, E Erskine	10.30am	S Stephens, C Ward, M Barak

Tea: M Gibson, S Stephens

Flowers: M Evans

Crèche: M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Reimagining the future
Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 10:11 – 23, John 13:3 - 17

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