



Church on the Hill

Sunday 31 May 2015



Theme: Forgiving Well
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: David Hollingsworth
Readings: Genesis 50:14-21, Matthew 5:38-48

Sentence:

Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.

Prayer for the day:

Loving God, our understanding of you is limited, but we know that you care for us and for all creation. Thank you for loving us and remaining with us in our sorrows and joys. Thank you for Jesus, whose life shows us the way to abundance and trust. Thank you for your Spirit who

leads us. Warm our hearts and unite us, that we might open our lives to you, to accept all your love and to respond to it by entrusting ourselves to you this Trinity Sunday and always. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Celebrating Trinity

I've been preparing for our patronal festival this week. I'd thought I'd slip in a big word so you can see how educated I am – not really. First person to answer what 'patronal' means on Sunday gets a chocolate.

Anyway, we are celebrating the life of our church and the One God who is Lord of our church. But how does Trinity work?

God, who is Spirit, lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. That is why Jesus the Son can be different from the Father. And, yet the same. The Bible speaks of: God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit but always of only one God - who share the same Godhood.

You will have heard the illustrations for the Trinity: H₂O is water, ice and steam (all different forms, but all are H₂O). An egg consists of a shell, egg yolk and egg white. The latter is flawed because there are no "parts" to God.

God the Son (Jesus) is fully, completely God. God the Father is fully, completely God. And God the Holy Spirit is fully, completely God. Yet there is only one God. It's not easy for us limited humans to understand the Trinity. From the

beginning we see God this way in Scripture. Check out the plural pronouns "us" and "our" in Genesis 1:26.

Nowhere in Scripture is the doctrine spelled out clearly. However some passages mention the three persons. Jesus' baptism is a great example. Matthew. 3:16-17 Another goodie is Jesus promise to the disciples in John 14:16-17, 23. Check them out.

However the Trinity is far more than a doctrine. The Trinity is the reason for our existence – originally as individuals and now as a church. This church belongs to our God. Christ is Head of the Church. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live out the mission of Christ in this community in which the Lord has placed us.

We've tried to simplify all of this in our pithy vision statement:

Following Jesus; Building Community

It's fairly obvious what we mean by 'Following Jesus'. Building Community is about our relationships with each other and also with the wider community. Sometimes we express it as UP, IN, OUT. A Trinitarian expression of who we are called to be as members of the Holy Trinity Church.

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.

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.

Love in Action - It's happening on Saturday 4 July. Ten churches are taking part in several practical projects which demonstrate Christ's love to the wider community. Which project would the Lord have you volunteer in? You may be able to help supply equipment or produce. To be part of this outworking of God's mission, simply provide us with your contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of church. If you can't help this time around, you can certainly pray that people truly will see Jesus in our actions. Or it may be that the Lord is asking you to get involved in the community in some other way. For further information contact Susan Gill.

Church open for Prayer - Cancelled this Monday Queen's Birthday Holiday. Open on 8 June.

Quiz Night - Our thanks to everyone who helped in making our quiz evening great fun. To all those who helped make it happen in so many different ways thank you, it was a great team effort. To those who came without you there would have been no evening, thank you. We raised \$1032.10 for the building fund, and \$60.50 for missions. Mark, Marama and Shiona. P.S. All suggestions for how to make it even better are welcome.

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

God's World: we pray for Nepal and Vanuatu continuing to clear up after the disasters there. Bring comfort to all who mourn and struggle for survival. We continue to pray for peace and reconciliation in all places where there is war and upheaval. We also pray for all those suffering persecution; for Christians and for other minority religions who do not enjoy the freedom to worship that we enjoy in the West.

Mission Partners: Thank you for Allan and Christine ministering in Central Asia especially for the beach trip they recently enjoyed with 44 students. Be with them both as they assist in the nitty gritty of student concerns as well as their Christian teaching and discipleship.

Diocese: We thank you for Richard and Kaye Dyer and their ministry in Picton. We pray you'd help the whole church to understand their calling as ministers in that community and provide the Treasurer they need.

Local Church: Thank you for Hopefest that Hope Community Church has hosted last week. We pray for Donald Irvine and the team there asking that you bless them and their outreach into our community.

Our Parish: We thank you for each and every person in our church. We rejoice in our unique mix of gifts and personality. We pray for your Spirit to keep us unified as you build your Kingdom here in this community. We continue to pray that you would supply the right person to teach our children so they become lifelong Jesus followers.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with George and Bev, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, Bill, Ella Grace and others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish. Please provide all they need.

This Week...

Monday 1 June

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

Tuesday 2 June

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 3 June

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

Thursday 4 June

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

Friday 5 June

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 7 June

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*
7.00pm Taize Service

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 21 June

4.00pm Messy Church - *Mission Impossible*

Friday 10 July

7.30pm Christ's College Cambridge Choir

Saturday 18 July

9.00am Book Fair

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 14 June Holy Communion

Sunday 28 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 7 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Palmer

10.30am F Summerfield

Sidespeople: 9.00am B Page

10.30am T Mangelsdorf

Welcomer: 9.00am J Lines

10.30am L Blackmore

Tea: E Erskine, S Raj Dev

Chalice: 9.00am E Erskine, TBC **10.30am** V McNaughton, H Thomson
E & D Stanger

Flowers: N Thomas

Brass: E Moore

Readings for Next Sunday: Gen 8:13 – 22, Luke 4:16 – 22a

Theme for Next Sunday: Renewing God

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