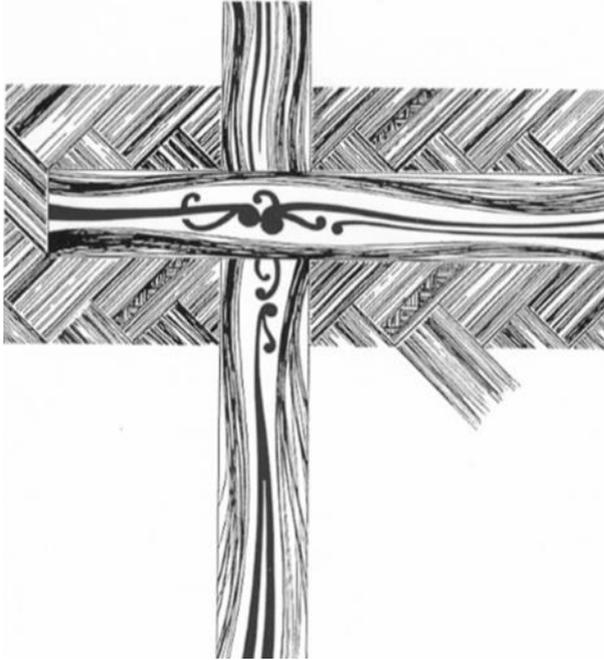




Richmond Parish News

Sunday 23 June 2019



Theme: Celebrating our Three Tikanga Church
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Jeff Odhiambo
Readings: Isaiah 42:10-20; John 15:9-17

Sentence:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one on Christ Jesus

- *Galatians 3:28 NRSV*

Prayer for the day:

Creator God, you make the sun to give light in the day, the moon and the stars for guidance at night, you divided the seas making a path through the waters. Grant that, sailing out in our canoes of Tikanga Pakeha, Tikanga Maori, and Tikanga Polynesia, we may follow the way you have

charted for us and from our separate home ports find our common destination in you. We ask this through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest Assistant / Curate:

Kia Ora, welcome to our third Sunday after Pentecost. And today we celebrate our Three Tikanga Church.

And so, we're observing Te Pouhere (Constitution) Sunday: what does that mean? What is this Constitution anyway? This is the Constitution (Te Pouhere) of the Anglican Church here, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The 1992 Constitution, which we are thinking about today, revised the constitution agreed on in 1857 by a general conference held in Auckland. It was back then that the Anglican church here became an autonomous province. The 1992 Constitution of this Church provides for three partners to order their affairs within their own cultural context.

Anyway, an event that has had an important impact in my growth as a person, occurred when I was still a student at St John's college in Auckland, and I was introduced to the concept of the Tikanga structure. I have been thinking about the Tikanga structure for a while now, in particular the way in which it manages multiple identities in one institution. As human beings, we too manage multiple identities, we are at once a parent, a child, a spouse, a friend, a neighbour, and we are relational, political, cultural and ethical as well. This reality of multiple identity can create a

dynamic tension for us, because it will force us to ponder on our multiple "us" and what we represent to others. I am wondering which of your identity do people see. Is it the Kiwi (Pakeha, Maori, Polynesia)? Or is it Anglican? Or is it simply a disciple of Christ?

I have come to appreciate that my approach to identity in today's interconnected world has to be multidimensional. It has to be about sameness and belonging, but it has to also be about differences and exclusion. What I like about the Anglican church outworking of the Tikanga structure is the way it embraces sameness and belonging with other fellow Christians and with other fellow human beings. In addition, I like the way it places a little more attention on our communality as if our future depends on it.

And so, as we celebrate our Three Tikanga Church today, we do not have to feel threatened that we will have to give up or lose some of our personal tikanga identities. In fact, being able to hold a strong tikanga identity without downplaying the existence of our common human identity will be the key to navigating successful human relationships. And celebrating our diversity and unity does reveal our faith and belief in the power of God. Being too narrow about our own tikanga identity, however, will continue to create divisions that can only be overcome by simply acknowledging "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one on Christ".

Jeff

Carpark - While the carpark is under construction over the next few weeks there will be restricted access into the church grounds from the northern entrance off Dorset St or the ramp access to the church. The Trinity Lane gate will be permanently opened which will allow for limited parking spaces on the south side of the church. Please park on the major streets around the church if your mobility allows this! Access to the church and office will be through the church via the Vestry, which has a lockbox attached to the Vestry door knob. The code for the lockbox is the same as the Church ramp door. (Please return the key to the lockbox once you leave the church.) Please be patient with us as this final piece of work to get our hall open, is completed!

Afternoon AAW Group - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 June at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. We look forward to hearing from our Curate, Jeff Odhiambo, as he tells us about his life's journey from Kenya to Nelson. Anyone interested in hearing Jeff's story are most welcome to attend. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Please enter via Trinity Lane and park in the southern carpark outside the vestry. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

2019/20 Parish Directory - Get your copy from the back of the church.

Evening AAW - The Evening AAW Group meet at 7.30pm Thursday 27 June in the Church. The speaker is Molly Fulton. All women are welcome to join us. Contact Ivy Price Ph. 544 5405



WARNING Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

Prayers for the Week

The World - We continue to pray for political stability, peace, real freedom and justice in Venezuela, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Syria and also in the Persian Gulf region where armed conflict is increasing. Raise up leaders we pray who are wise, and seek the welfare of all their peoples, not just one class, grouping or tribe.

We continue to pray for those suffering persecution in the Sahel region of West Africa, especially in northern Burkina Faso where jihadists have closed schools, health centres and churches, and perpetrated indiscriminate killing. We also pray for the Christians in Egypt who regularly suffer persecution, with one family recently subjected to mob attack when their Facebook page was hacked and material insulting Islam was inserted. Help Christians to know how to respond in a godly way to such persecution. Turn the hearts of their persecutors to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We pray for the UK as it seeks to clarify its position on Brexit and as the Conservative Party elects a new leader who will become the new Prime Minister. We pray that you will overrule in these affairs of state and that the UK may get strong, godly and wise leadership.

Missions - We pray for the Mike Hawke and Graham O'Brien as they travel to Malaita in the Solomon Islands and minister to a local diocesan conference in Auki. Bless their ministry both in Auki and later at Honiara and help them to see what skills and gifting's would be needed within the larger missions group due to go next year from this Diocese. We thank you that both Bishop Sam and Bishop elect Steve are keen to foster the relationships between our two dioceses.

Diocese - We pray for the ministry of the Parish of Tahunanui with Brad and Claudia Wood as they transition from Nathaniel's leadership to Brad's. Give Brad your wisdom and a fresh anointing of your Spirit as he takes on the mantle of leadership. Help all those who have recently taken on fresh responsibilities within the church and help them to find the right people to take on other vacant positions. May these new and the existing leaders be empowered by the Spirit to share the Gospel and may they have the support that they need in their ministry.

Local Church - We thank you for the ministry of Grace Church with Peter and Francelle Summerfield and the leadership team. We thank you for their growing youth ministry both in numbers and desire to examine the Word and present the gospel to their friends/family. Bless and encourage those young people who are coming from homes that are hostile to the gospel message, may they remain firm in their convictions and be a light in their families. We also pray for the leadership team as they teach the upcoming 'Hot Topics' sermon series. May God work powerfully through these messages and transform hearts and lives as a result.

Parish - We thank you for all the Staff Team and pray that you will continue to equip them for their service, and encourage unity and fruitful interaction among them. Help them to see where your spirit is working within and outside the church walls and to see how we can, as a church, join in your mission.

Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for the recent progress on the new building and the car park. Guide the Vestry as it considers expenditure for the Hall fit out and how the new Hall can be used to foster community both within this church and in the town at large.

Those in need - For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones and for those recovering from falls or sickness, which when you are older, can take longer to recover from. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

This Week...

Monday 24 June

9.00am Church open for prayer

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

Tuesday 25 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 26 June

10.00am Holy Communion

12.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday Group (J South)

1.30pm AAW Afternoon Group

Thursday 27 June

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

10.30am Café Connection (Wooden Spoon Café)

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

7.30pm AAW Evening Group (I Price)

Sunday 30 June

9.00am Combined Holy Communion

Coming up...

Tuesday 2 July

11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)

*For more information about services or groups
contact the office Ph. 544 8844.*

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 23 June

Morning Worship

Leader - Revd. Ian Smith

10.30am Sunday 14 July

Holy Communion

Leader - Revd. Matt Beech

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is -
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 30 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am Revd. J Odhiambo
Reader: 9.00am N Pritchard J Palmer
Sidesperson: 9.00am E Erskine
Welcomer: 9.00am S Frengley
Chalice: 9.00am G Thomas, I Price, N Pritchard
Tea: F and J Murbach
Flowers: A Green

Crèche TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Conflict: When two kingdoms collide

Readings for Next Sunday: Luke 4:1-13, Luke 9:51-62

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