



Church on the Hill

Sunday 4 June 2017



Theme: Birth of a New Community
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Micah Did-Dell
Readings: John 16:4b-15, Acts 2:1-24

Sentence:

Jesus said 'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard... He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.'

- *John 16:13 - 14*

Prayer for the day:

Holy God, blowing through creation:
No door can keep you out.
Unlock our hearts, breathe on us anew;
that we may speak God's words of life to each
other as well as to your world.,
Wairua Tapu kuhu mai (Holy Spirit welcome)

Nau mai ki konei (You are welcome here)
Wairua Tapu arahia (Guide us Holy Spirit)
Korero mai ano (Speak to us again)
Thank you that you live and reign with God our
Father and Jesus his Son, our Saviour and our
brother, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Christ in our community

I am always banging on about how we exist for those outside our church aren't I? I know . It's because Jesus hung around much more with those outside the religious establishment than he did with the religious lot.

When we genuinely follow Jesus he will always lead us out. Hence our vision statement:

Following Jesus; Building Community

Here are a couple of stories from church folk:

"This term I have been going into music classes (at Waimea College) to help out the staff and students. On one particular occasion a student asked me if I could help her write the music notation of one of her original songs. She played me her song, and as she played I wrote down what she was playing and then went through it with her. This helped her pass one of her assignments where she needed to perform an original piece of music as well as hand in the written sheet music."

Antonio Sardella is currently in his 5th year of youth work at Waimea College. He is in his Third year of teachers college and studying Primary School Education. And somehow he manages to fit in leading our Youth Group, participating in our Young Adults' Study Group and developing with our younger folk in the Youth Band.

"While at Wensley House today Helen told me Sonja is moving in today. Apparently she likes the church connection we have there and this influenced her decision."

Part of Yvonne Smyth's role as our Elder Care

Team Leader is to lead services at Wensley House once a fortnight. Others such as David Day, Jan South and Kay Peterson take Bible Studies there on the weeks in between.

Alison Heslop leads a monthly communion service at Stillwater Gardens. Several folk take Home Communion to those who can't get out and about easily.

Several others are members of groups like Probus, Inner Wheel, Lions etc. These groups hold social events and also offer support to others in various ways.

A few people volunteer in various op-shops. Others have delivered Meals on Wheels. Some have been part of the Community Patrol. Several are on various School boards and committees or help out at Rainbow Ski Field or the annual Kite Day.

This is only scratching the surface but it gives an indication of how active Jesus' followers are out in this community.

In a recent conversation with our Mayor, he complimented me on the success of our Christmas Dinners. He measured this success not just by the numbers of people who came, nor even by the great food and obvious good atmosphere. What really impressed him was the numbers of people who came to help; people from other churches and from the wider community too. He is pleased that this is truly a community event, to be sure co-ordinated by us, but including the whole community.

I'm truly proud of who we are, ambassadors of Christ, in this community.

Learning together in love,

Susan

Scripture ▪ Song ▪ Silence

7.00pm Sunday 11 June ▪ Taizé Service

led by Micah Did-Dell



Prayers for the Week

Loving God,
We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit
to help us pray as we ought.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit
for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression:
for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.
We pray for the Moslem world at this time of Ramadan,; that your love in Christ be revealed to them
and to all persecuted minorities.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit
for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;
for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement;
especially we remember the bombing victims and their families in Kabul and Manchester.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit
for those living in the shadow of war and violence;
Be with those eaten up by guilt and anxiety
and those whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit
for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;
for those tempted to do what is wrong.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit
for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;
for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.
Especially we pray for Fey and Murray Cotter in Albania organising prayer days from the 22nd-25th
June and for more people to help with the children's program. We also ask for help as the team
adjusts to new members, and the newbies adjust to living in Albania. May the elections on 25 June
be peaceful and without scandal.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

Loving God,
We ask for the assurance of your Spirit
to know your presence with us in our daily lives. We pray for Spring Creek parish and Victoria Askin.
Guide their search for a new People's warden. Be with our Bishop and all in our Diocese as we reach
out with your love.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

Holy Spirit, guide us in our relationships;
in our work and service;
in our worship;
in our times of joy and pain.

We pray for your loving presence with Albertha, Gwen, Pam, Chris, Lisa Arrandale, Ellie, Sonja, and
others we know in hospitals and rest homes.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

In Jesus' name we pray:

Amen

This Week...

Monday 5 June (Queen's Birthday)

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 6 June

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

1.00pm Alpha Course

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

Wednesday 7 June

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 8 June

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

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 11 June

9.00am Breakfast

10.00am Combined Holy Communion Service

7.00pm Taizé Service

Coming up...

Tuesday 20 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

1.00pm Alpha Course

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 11 June

Holy Communion

Sunday 25 June

Morning Prayer

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Roster for 11 June - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader: 9.00am TBA
Reader: 9.00am M Gibson, D Day
Sidespeople: 9.00am M Gibson
Welcomer: 9.00am G Thomas
Tea: N/A
Chalice: 9.00am G Thomas, M McRae
Flowers: A Burrough

Crèche: M Martin

Theme for Next Sunday: Trinity Sunday

Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 1:1 – 5, 26 – 2:4, Matthew 28:16 - 20

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