



Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 June 2016



Theme: Eternities embrace
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: 1Kings 17:8-24, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

Sentence:

We have seen the hand of God at work today.

- Luke 7:16b

Prayer for the day:

Lord forgive us if we expect very little from you. Forgive us when we undermine your power by our lack of faith and trust. Help us to recall the mighty things you have done in Scripture and in our own lives. Help us to eagerly look to you to

supply our needs. Give us a sense of expectation in you that we would see your power. Mighty God; show us your strength, as you have done before so that we, and those around us, glorify you. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Dreams

Have you ever been in the middle of a dream and thinking "This is a dream. I know I'll wake up soon." That happens to me quite a bit. Usually it is when I'm dreaming about some impossible-to-get-out-of situation.

Other times my dreams are sheer fantasy and quite fun. Occasionally the Lord speaks to me through my dreams. He probably speaks to you in this way also. I wonder if you recognise this way of God speaking.

Some people say they never dream. Researchers say that most people over the age of 10 dream at least 4 to 6 times per night during a stage of sleep called REM (Rapid Eye Movements) though there is evidence that we dream outside of that period also.

A dream is form of thinking that occurs when (a) there is a level of brain activation, and (b) external stimuli are blocked from the mind, and (c) our conscious mind is shut down. It is something we "experience" - the thinking is very real and makes use of our senses and usually we are the main actor. It's what we remember in the morning, so it is "a memory" of the dreaming experience.

Many people in the Bible have had dreams that have transformed their lives e.g. Joseph, Jacob, Pharaoh, Solomon, Nebuchadnezzar, Joseph

(Jesus' earthly Dad)... Some of the dreams were direct words from God and therefore easy to interpret.

Only once or twice I have had such a clear dream. Usually my dreams are full of images but still, there can be a sense that a particular dream is from God and I had better pay attention. Sometimes the meaning is very clear. At other times I discuss it with my spiritual director or someone else whom I trust.

Remember Peter's sermon at Pentecost when he said:

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams... - Acts 2:17

We are still in this time frame – the last days. Peter is not speaking exclusively ie it is not only old men who will dream.

The really cool thing about dreams is that our conscious mind is switched off so the Lord can bypass all our rational arguments and speak to us in ways that we can grasp if we are paying attention. (It's good to keep a notebook beside the bed so we can jot down important points about a dream before we forget.)

What is the Lord saying to you in your dreams? How might you cultivate him speaking to you in this way? Are you open to it?

Learning in Christ's love,

Susan

Risen - St Stephens have organised a group booking to see the Christian movie *Risen*. At this stage there are 7 seats available at 6:15pm on Wednesday 8 June. If there is enough interest, another session will be arranged. See Yvonne asap if interested in going.

Furniture clear-out - We have a number of pink chairs surplus to our needs and a large L shape office desk (2400mm x 600mm). Available for a small koha. Contact the office if interested.

New Chairs – Thank you so much to the folk who have facilitated the purchase and setting up of our new chairs at the back of church. (They even took away the rubbish!) A small kitchen and toilet facilities are all handy so we now have a lovely area for meetings and gatherings. If wish to use this area don't forget to book it with our administrator.

Taize - The service tonight is cancelled service is cancelled. Sorry for the short notice but our Service Leader is unwell.

= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 5 June - Elijah and the widow and making Elijah bread

Next week Sunday 12 June - Naboth's vineyard and making the right choices

Sunday 19 June - 4.00pm Messy Church - *Celebrating Special People*

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

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Prayers for the Week

God's World: In our weakness we appeal for God's unique help to heal this battered world, a task manifestly beyond human abilities. We pray that the leaders of nations locked in mindless conflict may find insight and patience to resolve their differences by dialogue rather than war, and ask your blessing and guidance for those many refugees forced to flee for safety, often by sea in frail, inadequate boats. May those bewildered families find peace and fresh hope in new homes, some of them among us here in New Zealand.

Mission Partners: We ask your help for the Corin Family as they provide Christian leadership in Central Asia, a particularly challenging part of the world at present. Chris and Catherine are grateful for God's provision of a bountiful potato crop to help feed their local community under an outreach project, but now face flooding from spring rain. They mourn the sudden death of a young friend, Joseph, and ask for strength for his family facing a new reality without their beloved son. Catherine continues to meet a group of local women to share the Gospel. May they encourage and direct new believers and may God reveal Himself to them in powerful ways. May they find the necessary strength through Him and boldness to proclaim their new-found faith, despite any persecution they have to encounter.

Local Community: We express thanks for five years of service in the Nelson Lutheran Church by Pastor Chris Janetzki, who has accepted a call to return soon to his homeland of Australia, with his family, to take up an appointment in Toowoomba. In the meantime guide the organisation of a national youth camp near Taupo that Chris is leading, together with local youth workers Billy and Tessa.

Diocese: We rejoice that St Christopher's, or Blenheim South, is having success in attracting families to its new initiative of a regular Sunday "Church at Four" service, in addition to the traditional 9.00am service. We pray for the vital role of Rev. am Anderson, now established as the new vicar, since arriving in January after Rev. Don Moses transferred to the North Island.

Our Parish: Thank you for sending us such beautiful spring weather, to warm body and spirits out of season in autumn. Our Quiz Night was a happy and successful social occasion that tested memories and provided an opportunity to make new friends. Please guide Susan as she visits Brightwater this week under a "pulpit swap" arrangement, while we welcome Ian Smith from an active retirement in Mapua, whose ministry included St Christopher's Avonhead in Christchurch, among others.

Those in need within our own church family: Please bestow your blessings on Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Norma, Sonja and others we know. Give them the strength they need, together with rest home residents and staff within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 6 June

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 7 June

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)

Wednesday 8 June

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

Thursday 9 June

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

Friday 10 June

6.45pm Youth -The Sauce (A. Sardella)

Sunday 12 June

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the hill

Coming up...

Sunday 19 June

4.00pm Messy Church

Tuesday 21 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 June

Holy Communion

Sunday 26 June

Morning Prayer

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Roster for 12 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am P Bean	10.30am J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am M Gibson, D Day	10.30am TBC
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 B Payne, E Erskine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	M Evans	Creche: M Martin

Theme for Next Sunday: Being free people – Culture of honour series

Readings for Next Sunday: Galatians 5:13 - 25, Mark 2:23 - 3:6

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