



Church on the Hill

Sunday 7 June 2015



Theme: Renewing God
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Gen 8:13 – 22, Luke 4:16 – 22a

Sentence:

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. *- Isaiah 43:19*

Prayer for the day:

God of all grace and inspiration we give thanks that you are constantly renewing all of your creation. Thank you for Aotearoa, New Zealand, for our history, our beautiful land, our diverse peoples,

and our three tikanga church. May we co-operate with you in renewal of our church, our nation and your world
Creator Redeemer and Giver of life.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Living Stones

Buildings are on our minds a lot just now aren't they? Especially we are working towards Making it Happen in 2016 – we hope and pray we have enough resources to begin building the Lantern next year.

I love Jacob's initiative with the stones. It is fabulous to be able to place stones, with loved ones names on, in the foundation for the new building. It's like a memorial to those who have gone before us in the faith and hopefully prophetic regarding the faith-walk of those who come after us. I am sure, like me, you pray frequently that your children and grandchildren will come to follow Jesus and to be disciple-makers in turn.

Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith and – amazingly – we are called 'living stones'.

As you come to him, the living Stone— rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones,

are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- 1 Peter 2:4 & 5

Reading this I was struck with three questions:

1. What does it mean to be living stones?
2. How are we a holy priesthood?
3. What spiritual offerings to we make to God?

Part of the answers to these questions lies in our relationships with and responsibilities to our church family. It seems to me the answers also lie in how we relate to and care for the human family in which God has placed us.

Perhaps, like mine, your family is in need of restoration and renewal. Praise God that he is in the business of just that! Today we will be thinking about our Renewing God; Father, Son and Spirit always at work bringing new life. If our stones are not all alive spiritually, there is hope in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone.

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.

Shared Lunch: Next Sunday, 14 June, come and enjoy lovely winter soups and great company from 11.30am in the lounge. We will be serving the world famous in Elmsdale Close leek and potato soup (really souper!) and bacon, leek and corn chowder. Free, Koha welcome, any funds raised to the Building Fund. Hope to see you there, Jacob and Shiona.

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for our personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

Youth Band leads the music at the 10:30 Service this coming Sunday 14 June.

Open Evening At BTC - Thursday 11th June 6.00 – 8.00pm. Thinking of studying in Semester 2 or 2016? Just like to have a look round and see what we do? Call in and have a chat.

Enquires: office@bishopdale.ac.nz Ph: 03 548 8785



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 the places in our own country impacted by recent weather events and earthquake. We also lift up Nepal and Vanuatu as they continue their recovery efforts. 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. Please bring an end to persecution; for Christians and for other minority religions who do not enjoy the freedom to worship that we enjoy in the West. We ask for your shalom to be realised in your hurting world.

Mission partners: Thank you for Murray and Féy Cotter in Tirana, Albania. Thank you for the nine people recently baptised. Be with Murray as he continues to build relationships and disciple the local men. Encourage Féy in her administrative roles supporting European Christian Mission and other missionaries.

Diocese: We ask that you be with the Tapawera folk and Natasha Glenderran as her role there ceases. Provide employment for her and wisdom for Allan Wasley and our Diocese in the way forward. Please also bless Hayden Stevenson and the Youth ministry along with Wendy Milson and Mainly Music team. Allan also requests more consistent attendance at their 10.30am service.

Local Church: Thank you for Peter and Francelle Somervell at Grace Church. Please give them wisdom for leadership as they settle in to that church. We ask that the children also settle well into their respective schools.

Our parish: We thank you for the funding efforts of Shiona Frengley and Jacob Klootwyk towards the Lantern. We ask you to grant a favourable outcome from our expression of interest to the Canterbury Community Trust. Thank you also for the generosity of our church members. Please provide additional and miraculous financial help from outside our church community. We continue to ask you to supply the right person to teach our children. Please nudge them if they are not listening.

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 8 June

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

Tuesday 9 June

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 10 June

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

Thursday 11 June

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

Friday 12 June

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 14 June

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*
Shared Lunch after 10.30am Service

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 14 June

10:30am Youth Band leads music

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

Thursday 13 August

10.00 - 2.30pm Retreat at Gardens of the World

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 14 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am A Sardella
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 G Thomas, M McRae,	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	R Armstrong	Brass: A Hodges

Readings for Next Sunday: John 13:12-17, Luke 10: 25-29

Theme for Next Sunday: Being a Servant

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