



Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 June 2014



Theme: Trinity Sunday
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a, Matthew 28:16 – 20

Sentence: Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. ...I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- Matthew 28:19, 20

Prayer for the day:

Father, we praise you, for you created all things through your Word and Holy Spirit. You reveal your plan to save all of creation through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. You bless us with your life

and love through your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your vision that we may serve and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Our vision statement of Following Jesus; Building Community comprises of three important components:

- Up* Deepening Trinitarian worship, touching God's heart in prayer
- In* Developing strong relationships in Christ's body
- Out* Transforming communities in the Spirit's power

Today I want to focus a bit on the "In".

A while back we moved the fellowship time after our 9.00am service into the hall to allow greater time for chat and to make it easier for people, especially newcomers, to come into the 10:30am service. There have been pluses and minuses in doing this.

I promised I'd ask for your feedback. Please let me know how this is working for you on the survey form in this week's Pewsnews and return it by 29 June in the box at the back of church.

Today we celebrate an amazing thing – God is a community. Three persons; one God; loving Father, self-giving Son, ever-present Spirit in relationship together. God takes community seriously. God is community. God created community. Today is Trinity Sunday – our Patronal Festival.

Jesus told us that people would know we are his disciples if we love one another. Love is not simply an emotion. Genuine love is an attitude; a choice; consistent positive action. Love involves making and taking opportunities to show that love.

Here are some ideas to help us put love into action:

- ♥ Pray each day for one or two people/families in the book
- ♥ Occasionally send a card/email to someone to let them know you have prayed
- ♥ Greet someone you don't know every Sunday
- ♥ Attend Lunch on the Hill every so often to get to know church/community folk
- ♥ Take some garden produce/baking to someone who lives alone
- ♥ Phone someone you haven't seen for a while to see how they are
- ♥ Take someone out for a cup of coffee or tea

Probably you can think of more and better ideas. Plan to use one of them at least weekly. Let's growingly participate in the community our Tri-une God is building.

Love you all,

Susan

Church open for prayer 9.00am - 2.00pm Monday - Join us in prayer each Monday in the Church. Contact John Palmer 544 4275.

Friday Fun - 3.00pm Friday 20 June (this Friday) in the Hall. Dorreen Eyles will be speaking to the children on her life when she was young and the children will make cards or write a letter to their grandparents.

Messy Church - 4.00pm Sunday 22 June (next Sunday) Messy Church in the Hall. Exploring the theme *Out of this world - God and the Galaxies*.

St Albans Day - Sunday 22 June. 10.30 am Communion Service at St Alban's as they celebrate their Patronal day with Allen Michel preaching.

Messy Church Conference - with Lucy Moore (UK founder of Messy Church) Tuesday Evening 5 August and Wednesday 6 August at St Barnabas, Stoke. Lucy

will be focusing on going deeper in Messy Church, exploring discipleship and looking at Messy Church as an expression of church in the 21st century. For more information contact Ingrid Blackbeard Ph 544 4917

Explore your Gifting - Learning how we are gifted is one of the best ways we can work out God's will in daily life as well as at church. It also helps us say "no" to things that we might otherwise feel we have to do. Our gifts change over time so it is worth revisiting even if you've done the course before. It's ok to just turn up or let Susan or Owen know you'd like to come. Thursday 12, 19 & 26 June at 10.00am and 7.00pm.



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

Our World: We continue to pray for the safe return of the over 200 schoolgirls abducted by the Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram in Nigeria, we will not give up praying for peace and justice to be established in Syria, Ukraine, northern Nigeria, and the Central African Republic; we continue to pray for Meriam Yehya Ibrahim sentenced to death in Sudan for apostasy and Asia Bibi sentenced to death in Pakistan for blasphemy; we also pray for Northern Iraq, where Islamic militants have taken over the second largest city in Iraq, Mosul, and many Christian families have fled.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Allan and Christine in Asia, we give thanks for their ministry opportunities and pray Your wisdom and enabling as they respond to the many calls on their time; continue to provide for their financial needs and prepare them for their period of leave in NZ later this year.

Our Diocese: We pray for Tahunanui Parish and Nathaniel and Simone Petterson and their team, bless the work with the children and the ministry of the fruit and vege stall.

Our Local Area: We pray for the Roman Catholic Church in Richmond, bless David Gruschow, and encourage the church as they renew their gifting programme.

Our Church: We thank You for all You are doing among us and pray that You will make us sensitive to the leading of Your Spirit; continue to unite us in the bonds of love and peace; may all who participate in our church feel welcomed and valued; we pray for Lunch on the Hill on Tuesday, may it provide food and spiritual nourishment to those who come.

Those in Special Need: We remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 16 June

9.30am Friends 'n Fun (C.Sardella)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 17 June

10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly group
7.30pm Prayers for Church and World (Office)

Wednesday 18 June

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

Thursday 19 June

9.30am Friends 'n Fun (C.Sardella)
10.00am Explore Your Gifting (O.Haring)
12 noon Weekly lunch time study group
(W Wilkinson)
7.00pm Explore Your Gifting (O. Haring)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 20 June

3.00pm Friday Fun
7.00pm Youth

Sunday 22 June (St Alban's Day)

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Family Service*
4.00pm Messy Church

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Saturday 12 July

9.00am Book Fair

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 8 June Holy Communion
Sunday 22 June Morning Service

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Roster for 22 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Service Leader:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am A Sardella
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am A Webb	10.30am S Milligan
Tea:	A Webb & Volunteer	
Chalice:	9.00am S Fengley, S Paine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	M Evans	Brass: C Frater

Readings for next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9b – 13, 18, Mark 5:21 – 43

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