



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 7 July 2019



Theme: Wolves, demons and leprosy encountered; all in a days work in the Lord's harvest
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Jean Palmer
Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sentence:

He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
- Luke 10:2 (NRSV)

Collect: today

God of nations, your boundless compassion for all is like a mother's care for her children: make us heralds of your reign of peace and justice so that we bring your transforming power to all

you have created in your love; through Jesus, the Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest in Charge:

A very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity today! Yvonne and I are taking a few days break to visit our kid's in Christchurch but I will be back on deck on Tuesday.

This morning Revd Jean Palmer will be taking you through some very interesting biblical terrain, which encounters wolves, demons and the scourge, leprosy! I've used the theme 'All in a days work' which references the annual harvest because each of us have met with severe difficulties along our Christian journey and are meeting others encountering equally difficult 'life-problems' in theirs. But too often we just pass them by or pass these 'difficult' ones on to others

hoping they will have the time to deal with their issues.

Being from farming families allows me to at least know the extraordinary patience one needs if the seed collected at harvest is going to last the journey from the paddock to the loaf of bread! Too early and it will become the victim of mildew and too late and it starts germinating and will also eventually rot! Encountered difficulties will almost always take our mind off the developmental work God is doing amongst us but when we see these as opportunities to bring ones into the embrace of God's love, then we know the work of harvest has already begun!

Remember, Pentecost is the feast of harvest!

Every Blessing

Ian

Christianity in Europe – dead, dying or reviving? - We will be hosting Chris Wigram who is International Director for ECM International on Thursday 18 July at 7.00pm in the church. Chris is well placed to give us an excellent overview of Christianity in Europe at present. ECM International is the missions organisation that Féy Cotter is associated with. We don't have many specific overseas missions evenings and this promises to be a very informative meeting, so we would love to see you there. John Palmer Ph. 544 4275 on behalf of the Missions Action Group.

Carpark - While the carpark construction continues there is restricted access into the church grounds from Dorset St. The Trinity Lane entrance is open for limited ted parking spaces on the south side of the church. Access to the church and office is 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. You need to use the same code to lock the box as you do to open it.) Please be patient with us while this final stage is in progress.

Senior's Fashion Show - 1.00pm Wednesday 24 July St John's Wakefield. A fun afternoon of fashion presented by Fashion Central, Richmond. Spot prizes & entertainment. Afternoon tea. For info: Nicola Berthelsen 021 277 8061 *A Ticking the Boxes Event*

Preserves - There are some jars of lemon curd for sale, just egg yolks, lemons butter and sugar ... lovely. Please keep in the fridge. Also some plum jam. The money from these goes to missions.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Christmas Box Appeal



What a privilege it is for our Church family to demonstrate God's love together in a tangible way to needy children around the world and in particular to us in the Pacific Area. This is our AAW yearly outreach project and groups all over New Zealand and the world put in a big effort, volunteering their time, and expertise to serve our Lord in this mission ministry through filling the children's Christmas Boxes with beautiful gifts, prayers and letters. The 96 boxes sent in 2018 were greatly appreciated. Our box order for this year should be here soon from Auckland. Jonathon Wallis (Field Operation Support for New Zealand) will be in Richmond soon. He has to find a storage place for boxes filled in the Nelson region until October. Our boxes last year went to the Philippines. The total from Australia and New Zealand was 293,582 boxes, and went to the Philippines, Fiji, Cambodia, and Papua New Guinea. Any enquiries please phone Dawn Martin 0211773312.



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 not only all their peoples but the world at large.

We think of the violence in Hong Kong this week and pray that you will bring stability back to that bustling city. We join with St John's Cathedral in its prayer for the city that you will grant mercy on the city and comfort and healing to those who have been hurt or traumatised by the recent distressing episodes.

We pray for the nation of Eritrea on the Horn of Africa where religious freedom is under attack following the arbitrary arrest of Christians and the closure of multiple Catholic-run hospitals. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Eritrea and pray that you will grant them peace, strength and godly wisdom. We thank you for international condemnation these actions have provoked.

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 Lyn Ashby who has just gone from Cyprus to Thessaloniki for a few days before returning to Cyprus on July 12 and then travelling back to NZ on July 14. We thank you that Lyn has now regained full health and energy and for the welcome, warmth and friendliness of the Christian people she has met in Larnarca. Help Lyn to see how you are leading her into any future work in Cyprus. We pray for Dominik, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, who Lyn is due to see in Thessaloniki, that you will overrule and provide him with new, suitable accommodation.

Diocese - We pray for the ministry of the Waimea Parish. We give thanks for all those assisting the parish, particularly preachers from around the Diocese, and for the unity and encouragement amongst their parishioners as they work closer together at this time. We pray especially that you will help the church to be open to the voice of Your Spirit as they seek God's wisdom and discernment as they begin the process of getting a new Vicar.

Local Church - We thank you for the ministry of the local Church of Christ Church in Richmond with Steve and Lynn Rollo. We thank you for their passion to spread the gospel and pray that as you bring new believers to faith that the church will welcome them and disciple them so they too can become disciples who make disciples.

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, but we are frustrated by the recent setbacks. Guide the Vestry as it considers how to grapple with the budget shortfall but keep them looking to your provision. Lord this is your project and we pray that you will supply our needs so that this facility can be used to foster community 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, sickness or operations. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 8 July

9.00am Church open for prayer

Tuesday 9 July

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)

10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Fregley)

Wednesday 10 July

10.00am Holy Communion

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

Thursday 11 July

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

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 7 July

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

7.00pm Taizé Service

Coming up...

Tuesday 16 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 14 July

Holy Communion

Leader - Revd. Jean Palmer

10.30am Sunday 28 July

Morning worship

Leader - Revd. Matthew 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 14 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.30am	J Odhiambo
Reader:	9.00am	A Hodges, U Brown	10.30am	V McNaughton
Sidesperson:	9.00am	M Gibson	10.30am	M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	N Pritchard
Chalice:	9.00am	G Thomas, S Paine, TBA	10.30am	V McNaughton, N Pritchard, T Summerfield
Tea:		K Kruse, E Epoi		
Flowers:		M Brosnahan	Creche:	M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Finding my neighbour; the work of mission

Readings for Next Sunday: Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Parish Contacts

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