



Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 July 2018



Theme: Share Stories
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: John Palmer
Readings: Genesis 12:1 - 7, Luke 9: 18 - 27

Sentence:

Jesus said "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

- Luke 9:24

Prayer for the day:

Living God,
Abraham went where you directed,
the prophets spoke your truth
and Peter called you Messiah ;
grant us courage to follow their example,
and witness to your truth,

that we might live lives worthy of your calling.
Through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Listening to a sermon

While I was on Sabbatical I attended a day seminar entitled "How to critique your pastor's sermons and stay friends." I found it very useful indeed.

Suggestions made included not trying to make the preacher into a 'mini-me' but to respect the differences each speaker brings. There were some specific ideas designed to help everyone who listens to sermons. The first was to ask the Lord to speak before listening and to pray for the speaker also.

Then there were some things to note about myself as the listener:

- What things distract me?
- What concerns and questions do I bring?
- What do I want from God?

Then some questions for the actual listening process:

- What was the main point of the sermon?
- How did God speak to me through the whole sermon?
- How do I respond? (eg prayer, confession, praise, discussing with others)

And for afterwards:

- What do I need to think and pray about some more?
- What one sentence sums up what God said to me?
- Who can I share that sentence with? (eg the

preacher, others in church, my family, someone who doesn't go to church)
What does God want me to do about what was said?

We are blessed here to have a wide range of preaching styles in our parish – both at St Alban's and at Holy Trinity Church. On Sunday at 9.00am at Holy Trinity we still preach very traditionally and that sermon is almost always available to read or listen to on our website.

On Sunday at 10:30am at Holy Trinity we tend to focus on what we believe the Lord wants to say and to try and figure out creative ways of transmitting that. Sometimes a sermon is not recognisable as such. If you want more depth than you are currently getting at 10:30am service, I do encourage you to listen or read the sermon in full.

At St Alban's also the preachers' aim is to hear from God and to communicate that to the congregation.

A lot of work goes into a sermon. That work is not an end in itself. Sermons are meant to be transformative. Communication is effective if the hearer or participant does some work too.

May the Lord bless our speaking and our listening, our understanding and our resultant actions. May we keep on being transformed as individuals and as the body of Christ.

Learning together in love,

Susan

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/1kg \$13.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

St Albans 150 Years Celebration - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

Special Meeting Today Sunday 15 July after the combined service at 10.00am there will be a meeting with Rev'd David Hollingsworth, Bishop's Chaplain, and the Parish Nominators, to discuss the future leadership of this church. All welcome. Come and have your say.

Safety Notice - Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

Preserves - Thank you for your continued support for our missions partners through buying the preserves. Thanks to some generous donations of fruit there is lemon and lemon and ginger marmalade at the back of the church. If you have any feedback, or special requests do have a word with me. I am happy to make up packs of preserves for gifts! Shiona Frenley

Celebration - 175th Celebration of German Settlement and the Lutheran Church of New Zealand. 20 & 21 October (Labour Weekend 2018) Registrations now open. For info: (03) 54 32 839 or tinyurl.com/UMO175 or email: germansarau175@gmail.com

Afternoon AAW Group - 2.00pm Wednesday 25 July at The Alchemy Café & McMillans, Bateup Road. We are having Afternoon Tea with the Evening AAW Group. Cost is \$10.00 to be paid at cafe. Gwen and Margery will phone members to confirm numbers going. (Please note Bateup Road is one way only due to road works. Entry is from roundabout at Gladstone Road. No right turn into Bateup Road from Wensley Road).

Evening AAW Group - Joining with in our afternoon group at Alchemy on Wednesday 25 July at 1.30pm for afternoon tea. Please advise Sue Paine by 22 July if you will be attending. Payment will be accepted on the day. Our evening meeting will be in the church at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 July. Our speaker is Karen Heslop and she will be speaking about her mission work overseas. All are welcome. Contact Alison Ph. 544 5067

Prayers for the Week

God's World – Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for the election of Prime Minister Abiy in Eritrea, and for his bringing peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia. For the first time in 20 years families divided by war can talk and meet. We thank you that the state of emergency is ended, that political prisoners have been freed and that economic reforms are underway. We pray that this might turn the tide of refugees fleeing from Eritrea and that they might come home to help restore the land.

We praise you for the rescue of the football team and coach in Thailand. Bless all those involved.

Mission – Lord Jesus, bless Dawn Daunauda's time in Talua, Vanuatu. We praise you for the blessings that the visitors from New Zealand have brought. We ask that you bless the community of Talua and Hokua, and that you open doors so that the Hokua church can be restored.

Our Diocese – We pray for Bishop Richard and Hilary awaiting surgery which has been postponed due to the nurses strike. We thank you God for the good news that the surgeon will operate next week, so he and Hilary will remain in Christchurch. We ask that the surgery is a success and that he recovers quickly.

Thank you Lord for Alan and Joy Wasley's sabbatical. Guide them in using all their experience in building your kingdom in the from Wakefield & Districts parish. We ask that you bless all those involved in the messy church in Tapawera and the Sunday school and Effective Opportunity shop in Murchison. Bless and guide all those involved in children's ministry in Wakefield and the home group leaders, that they might show your love in their community.

Our Community – We thank you Lord Jesus that your churches in this place are seeking ways to come together. Inspire them to show your love of peace, unity and harmony to the wider community and guide Ross Ferguson as he chairs this group.

Our Parish – We thank you Lord for the generous support of those who pay for the publication of the Lantern page in the Waimea Weekly, for the opportunity it provides. Bless all those involved in drawing together the pages and preparing them for publication. We thank you Lord for Doug's time as part of the team and be with his family and friends Lord as they adjust to life without him. Father look into our church family and may your love, peace and joy fill each member and those they love and care for. Heal those suffering, known to us or only to you Lord. Help us to serve each other in your name.

Those in need - We pray for those who are who are in special need at this time. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle and Debbie and Dave. Continue to bring them your strength and comfort. We also remember, Ethan, recovering from surgery, and others known to us. Please comfort the family and friends of Albie Matthews and Gwen Wright at this time of their loss. Please be with the staff and residents in our parish rest homes too.

This Week...

Monday 16 July

9.00am Church open for Prayer
1.00pm Weekly group (K Peterson)

Tuesday 17 July

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the ill - Salvation Army Hall
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 18 July

10.00am Wednesday Service
12.00pm Ticking the Boxes seminar - Church of Christ, Richmond

Thursday 26 July

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

Sunday 22 July

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Wednesday 25 July

2.00pm Afternoon & Evening AAW. Alchemy
Café & McMillans, Bateup Road

Thursday 26 July

7.30pm Evening AAW in the Church

Sunday 29 July

7.00pm Night Praise

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 22 July

Morning Prayer

Sunday 13 August

Holy Communion

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 22 July - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	I Price	10.30am	J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	S Frengley, Phil Jordan	10.30am	L Milligan, P Power
Sidesperson	9.00am	J Lines	10.30am	P Power
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.30am	S Milligan
Chalice:	9.00am	M McCrae, P Jordan	10.30am	N/A
Tea:	V McNaughton, D Martin			
Flowers:	A Matthews		Crèche:	S Milligan

Theme for Next Sunday:

Share Food

Readings for Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42 - 47, John 21:1 - 17

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10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm