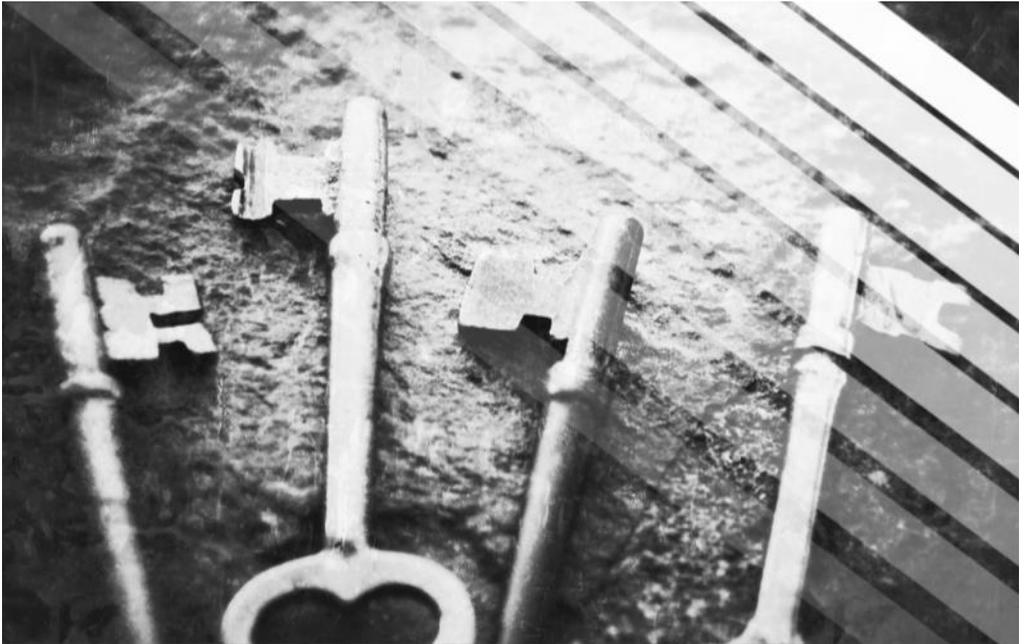




Church on the Hill

Sunday 19 June 2016



Theme: Honest honour
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Job 40:1 – 10, Matthew 16:13 – 17, 21 - 23

Sentence:

Blind Pharisees! First cleanse the inside of the cup, and then the whole cup will be clean.

- Matthew 23:26

Prayer for the day:

Father God, you know our innermost thoughts and feelings. You know us inside-out. And still you love us. Holy Spirit, please help us to be honest with you and with ourselves about where we are at. Help us respect each other with

honest talk about ourselves and others also. May those conversations always be conducted in love. We pray this through the One who loves endlessly, our Saviour and Friend, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Elder Abuse

You may be aware that last Wednesday was Elder Abuse Awareness Day. You may well ask, "What is elder abuse and neglect?" Elder abuse and neglect is a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person. We need to be aware that sadly there are cases of elder abuse, and to keep a watchful eye on elderly neighbours and family members, noting any changes in behaviour which could indicate some form of abuse. With a growing population of retired citizens in the district, Age Concern has appointed Mal Drummond to the role of an Elder Abuse and Neglect Advisor. Mal can be contacted at the office to provide advice and support to individuals and their families, Ph. 544 7624.

Caring for vulnerable others

Jesus welcomed children to come to him. In that context he told the adults around him that they would be better off dead than causing any of the 'little ones' to stumble. (Mark 9:36 – 42). Sometimes that story has been only applied to the spiritual life of the children or little ones but I believe it applies to their lives as a whole. The mature ones are to be life-giving role models in every way.

I'm reminded of that story as Elder Abuse Week progresses. There is a Biblical mandate for Christians to care for anyone who is vulnerable; children, the elderly, people with disabilities etc. (Today is Disability Sunday by the way.)

To enable us to protect all such people our Diocese has adopted a programme called *Safe Here*. To be perfectly honest the programme causes us quite a bit of work, but it is essential in order to protect the vulnerable. This means that any volunteers who work with people who may be vulnerable will have to undergo a Police Clearance. They will also undertake appropriate training and accept supervision from a Team Leader.

This is not something we are used to; in fact it can seem intrusive. But it isn't negotiable. The best way for folk to know we care is to act at least as carefully as the world does; if not more caringly. This means we put our own convenience aside and work with the laws of the land and with our Diocesan Synod who has mandated that we all follow *Safe Here*.

David is working away at various policies to enable this to happen smoothly. If anyone has some understanding of Safety and Health or of people-type industry we'd love a hand with it all. Please contact David or myself for more info.

Learning in Christ's love,

Susan

Where do I fit? - We will be running a short and sharp course covering several aspects of how God has gifted us. Alex Johnston will facilitate the sessions and look at spiritual gifts, people/task preferences, passion etc. The aim is for you to know where you are now and what God is calling you to be involved in. The course will run over two Sunday mornings on 7th and 14th August. It will be held in the hall during one service so you can still go to the other service. Please contact the office asap with your name and preference for the course to be held at 9.00am or 10:30am. church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or phone: 544 8844

Devonshire Tea - Come and join us for scones, jam and cream! Tuesday 28 June, arrive 9:45am scones served at 10:00am, finish by 11:30. Holy Trinity Church lounge, 27 Dorset St, Richmond \$3:00 to cover costs. A speaker from Age Concern will speak briefly on Keeping Ourselves Safe. There is a sign up sheet at back of church for people to put names on if going.

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

= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

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

Next Sunday 26 June - Elijah? Puppet show, Naboth's vineyard and repentance, the chariot ride!

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

The Lantern



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Building Fundraiser Honey is now available

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Prayers for the Week

God's World: Lord God, we seek your infinite support and guidance as we search for constructive ways to build anew in our communities and our nations. We reach out spiritually as well as in practical ways to places that have been devastated by natural disasters, where political systems fall short of fair governance, where human greed overwhelms individual benevolence, and where stricken refugees try desperately to re-establish family life from a wilderness of danger and despair. And we pray for all those involved in the dreadful Orlando shooting, as victims or grieving families and friends. May we find a path out of this morass of senseless aggression and random human destruction that has been imposed on our bewildered world.

Diocese: As All Saints in Nelson city prepares for essential foundation strengthening work starting next month, we ask your support for regular members of the congregation who will need to cope with temporary premises and unavoidable changes. Please ensure the safety of workers on the site during the project. We ask also for your blessing for the trial of a holiday programme for intermediate age children, instead of younger groups as involved previously.

Mission Partners: We acknowledge with gratitude the continuing accomplishments of Féy and Murray Cotter as they form relationships with missionaries and team leaders in Croatia, Austria and Romania. May they be successful in finding new group leaders to reinforce the 28 people now studying the Bible regularly in small groups to 'make disciples', and to extend that programme eventually beyond the church. We rejoice at Féy being invited to join the international leadership team of the European Christian Mission and her attendance this month at a meeting of that organisation in the United Kingdom.

Local Church: Please nurture and encourage the Methodist Church, that conducts its Sunday morning services in Richmond and Stoke, together with Sunday School for children at Stoke. An uplifting combined service in Nelson City on Good Friday brought worshippers together to share the traditional Christian message. Bless the work of Martin Oh, after two years here since moving from Central Otago, and his good support team.

Our Parish: Thank you for the unsparing work of Susan and our other leaders as they continually seek ways to affirm and extend Parish Life. Teach us constantly that no matter how threatening our anxieties we can never be alone in Your world, with Jesus as our ever-understanding friend and inspiration. Please bless our efforts to build a new hall that will benefit the Tasman region for many decades to come, just as we look to also build valuable relationships within this church and the local community.

Those in need within our own church family: Please comfort Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Ingrid Blackbeard, John Burrough Norma, Sonja and others known to us, and those receiving special care in rest homes and hospitals in the parish, who will benefit from our prayers in their particular time of need.

This Week...

Monday 20 June

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 21 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 22 June

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

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 23 June

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

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 24 June

6.45pm 'The Sauce' - Youth (A. Sardella)

Sunday 26 June

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Tuesday 28 June

9.45am Devonshire Morning Tea

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 June

Holy Communion

Sunday 26 June

Morning Prayer

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

Roster for 26 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Palmer	10.30am M Did-Dell
Reader:	9.00am S Fregley, M Reynolds	10.30am TBC
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am A Webb	10.30am S Milligan
Tea:	G Bevernage, TBC	
Chalice:	9.00am S Fregley, S Paine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	A Heslop	Creche: G Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: Transformation

Readings for Next Sunday: Romans 12:1- 2, Luke 8:26 - 39

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