



Church on the Hill

Sunday 21 June 2015



Theme: Arrogance Leads to Confusion
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Tom Gower
Readings: Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-12

Sentence:

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

- *Ephesians 4:3*

Prayer for the day:

Father of love, you have called us into the fellowship of your Son. By the grace of your Spirit, enable us to love one another and to dwell together in unity.

You have appointed us to bear fruit in our witness to the gospel. Spread the good news of your kingdom through us.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Communicating...

Communicating with people how hard can it be? Haven't spoken to a good friend from afar for a long time or just spoken the other day and need a chat. Ring a friend for help on a problem and get solid information. Or just for a chat. Whatever the reason, we need people and friends.

Where can we find this friend? At work, school or out for coffee. Sometimes we search and search for just someone to talk to. Someone to listen to us. Someone who we can listen to.

For me it is as simple as spending time with my very best friend. My friend who listens to me, talks to me and tells me of things that I never thought that I could do. My friend who knows before I do of what is good for me and ways for me to help others. My friend who is there for me at all times day or night during the good and the bad times. Through scary times and moments of joy. When I have big decisions to make and helping with sorting these out.

God is my friend and through prayer is always available for me and you. I'm not greedy and

nor is he. He is there for all. Sit down with a cuppa and read his word, talk to him and take time for him to let you know just what it is that he has for you.

You don't have to make an appointment just speak to him in prayer.

Just imagine how lonely you would be if no one spent time to talk to you. That is what God is feeling when we forget to talk to him. How joyful he is when we call out to him or just sit and say "got time for a cuppa God?" So take time now and have a chat, communicate and spend time in prayer.

Now that you have the hang of this ask someone to join you in prayer and share what God is telling each of you. You will probably find that he is confirming things for both of you. A prayer partner is so good to be able to pray together and share in what God is asking of us.

Now it is time to talk to some of your other friends and share in what you do. Ring them up and ask them do they want to join you in having a cuppa with God. Everyone will be wanting to get into this.

Blessings

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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.

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.

Messy Church - Today 21 June at 4.00pm in the hall. The theme is *Mission Impossible*.. Come along and enjoy informal family fun,, craft, story and prayer activities followed by a shared meal. Bring something to share for the meal.

AAW Evening Group - Thursday 25 June at 7.30pm We will be discussing NCW Remits.. Open to all Women. Sales Table. For information Phone 544 7992 Anne Webb.

Microphones to Vanuatu - We recently replaced our wireless microphones to meet new radio frequency regulations. Vestry have donated the old equipment to the church in Vanuatu.

Afternoon AAW group - Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June at 2.00pm in the Lounge. Our speaker will be Janet Evans, a specialist nurse in rheumatology who will talk about "Successful self-management". Afternoon tea to follow and Sales Table. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Remembering St Alban – Patronal Service at 10.30am on 28 June at St Albans



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

The World: In the world we pray for our brothers and sisters of the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston as they mourn the loss of their pastor and the others killed by the gunman. We pray that the community will come together and that You will give them the peace and strength they need now. We pray for those countries ravaged by war. We pray for the Coptic Christians and Shia Muslims being persecuted by ISIS. We pray for the world's refugees, especially the Syrian and Rohingya Muslim refugees who are often taken advantage of by people smugglers. Please protect them and show them that You love them. We also pray for the Christian missionaries in Muslim-majority countries as Muslims seek to grow closer to God during the holy month of Ramadan. Give them opportunities to dialogue with the Muslim population and show them the love of Christ.

Mission Partners: We pray for Murray and Fey Cotter as they work in Tirana, Albania. Give them encouragement as they work on church plants and send Your Spirit on the city. Give them and the other local Christians chances to dialogue and transform the city.

Local Churches: We thank you for the ministry of the Richmond Church of Christ. We pray for Pastor Steve Rollo as he leads his congregation and serves You. Bless their community and strengthen them as they expand Your kingdom.

Diocese: In our diocese we pray for Greymouth and Kumara. We pray for Holy Trinity, Greymouth for Marge Teft's continued ministry. We pray that the Alpha course they're running will be an excellent way to reach the community and teach them about our faith. We also pray for their efforts to fundraise money to strengthen their buildings in case of a major earthquake. We also pray for those facing employment redundancies in the community. May the community gather around them and support them.

Our Parish: We thank You for the youth ministry happening in our parish and the relationships being formed. We thank You for all the people who volunteer in this church and we pray for continued energy for these people.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with George and Bev, Daphne, Pam, 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 22 June

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 23 June

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 24 June

7.30am Prayer

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

10.00am Wednesday Service

2.00pm AAW afternoon Group (J McConachie)

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

Thursday 25 June

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm AAW Evening Group (A. Webb)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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Friday 26 June

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 28 June

9.00am Holy Communion*

10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 14 June Holy Communion

Sunday 28 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 28 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Burrough

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Lines

Welcomer: 9.00am A Webb

Tea: A Burrough, J Burrough

Chalice: 9.00am S Frengley, S Paine

Flowers: M Evans

10.30am M Did-Dell

10.30am M Martin

10.30am S Milligan

10.30am N/A

Brass: M Gibson

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 12:1 – 9, Acts 9:10– 19a

Theme for Next Sunday: Leaving our comfort zones

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1.00pm - 5.30pm