



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 26 June 2016



**Theme:** Transformation  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Romans 12:1 – 2, Luke 8:26-39

**Sentence:**

Go back to your family and tell them what a wonderful thing God has done for you.  
*- Luke 8:39*

**Prayer for the day:**

Thank you, Loving God that your Holy Spirit is in the business of transforming us and your whole world. Let us be open to that; however you choose to do it. Give us expectant hearts; always looking to see what you are doing. Lord

Jesus you have taken away our guilt and shame through your death on the cross; the least we can do in return is to co-operate with you, in renewing our lives to the glory of your name. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Parish Consultation**

Our Bishop asked Vestry recently whether we think there is a sense of anticipation when we come to worship. We couldn't answer that with the resounding 'yes' that we would have liked to.

We have begun the process of finding out what is helpful for our joint worship at Church on the Hill. Soon we'll be asking you all to let us know what you think.

Last Sunday, and this week too, we are meeting with different groups of people who are helping to compile some questions around what works, what we need to change, and how. We are considering the bigger picture eg what is inspiring, our sense of anticipation, how we help each other in worship. We are also discussing practicalities eg times for our services, music etc.

Mid-July we imagine we'll have a survey ready for you to complete. We want every church member to have their say. We will try a variety of ways of circulating the info. There will be hard copies and versions you can type into over the internet.

As soon as we have all the info back, we'll analyze it and make some changes - if that is what you believe needs to happen. I imagine there might be some surprises for us all.

Please do pray for this process. Our desired outcome is that God is glorified – that is what worship is about after all. And we also pray that the worship of our church as a whole will be deepened and that everyone feels they can participate.

We welcome feedback at any stage of the process.

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.

**Book Fair** - Our Book Fair will be on Saturday 16 July this year, so please start collecting books, jigsaws, children's games and the like – all things paper. All those wonderful people who make this possible, could you please note in your diary that we will be working in the hall to sort out the books on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Even an hour or 2 would be appreciated before the Fair. This is a great outreach and we do have a lot of laughs. Hope to see you there. - Shiona Frengley

**Waimea Weekly page** - We are considering changing the frequency of the Lantern (our monthly page in the Waimea Weekly). We may reduce our postings to every second month. There are two reasons we might do this (1) the cost – approximately \$550 per month is a lot of money (2) To reduce time pressure so more intentional and thought provoking content can be produced.. A couple of people have sponsored a page already this year so a big thank you to them. But we don't want to ask anyone else for this because we are hopeful of beginning building the Lantern (community centre) this year and we'll be asking for help with that. We'd welcome your feedback to inform our deliberations about this. Please contact Susan or Fiona Summerfield - fiona@thinkdifferent.co.nz 021 075 4917

**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 26 June** - Elijah Puppet show and lanyard making.

**Next Sunday 3 July** - Introduction to New Testament, quiz

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



Together  
we can  
make it  
happen!

### Building Fundraiser Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00

1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00

See Anne Askin  
or Ph. 542 3284



### Prayers for the Week

**God's World** - Heavenly Father, we pray for your help that we may better understand, and deal with, the many conflicting circumstances that confront us in the world today. While we live in a time of unprecedented scientific and medical achievements, yet we see the destitute and homeless huddled on our winter streets. While we have been without war between nations for 70 years, yet political and ethnic groups tear at each other for reasons that defy logic, and blameless refugees that are an inevitable outcome search desperately for some way to restore stability and safety in their family lives. While fires rage beyond control and crops wither from drought in places, yet floods inflict destruction in other countries. As Christians, we know that only You have the power to direct our efforts to cope with these inconsistencies in our modern society and hopefully to find solutions with your indispensable guidance.

**Mission Partners** - As Allan and Christine celebrate their 10th anniversary in Asia, we thank you for the continuing Christian influence of their devoted service. We also offer thanks for their involvement in a successful student conference, which attracted a record attendance of 163. After extension of their ministry through opportunities during a recent visit to Sri Lanka, we now look forward to them coming soon to New Zealand, including Nelson. We pray for their safety as they travel and continue God's work.

**Diocese** - We ask your blessing for the Buller community as it faces more severe job losses when the cement works closes soon, and particularly for members of the Anglican Church as they seek alternative employment or have to move away. May a buyer be found soon for the Stockton coal mine. We give thanks that the traditional strong community spirit there is not flagging despite these setbacks, and we ask for your strength and direction for the future of this important region.

**Local Church** - Bless a training weekend of the New Life Church in Richmond as it seeks to improve lives by salvation throughout the local community, especially among teenagers and children. Help their pastors and other leaders to encourage favourable outcomes through dedication in the Christian faith.

**Our Parish** - We pray for the success of a process that has begun, with two focus groups for early discussion on a procedure for consultation about corporate worship, to be followed by a questionnaire that will involve everyone as widely as possible in the parish. The aim is to consider what is working well in our worship services and anything that might be changed for the better. We share with Susan in prayer for a smooth process in which everyone feels able to be heard and contribute, and for successful implementation of any changes.

**Those in need within our own church family:** Please be with Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganah, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Norma, Sonja, Ingrid Blackbeard, John Burrough and others we know who especially need our prayers in difficult circumstances. Give them the strength needed to cope with challenges they face.

## **This Week...**

### **Monday 27 June**

7.00pm Men (J. Klootwyk)  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### **Tuesday 28 June**

9.45am Devonshire Morning Tea (Y. Smyth)  
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)  
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### **Wednesday 29 June**

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

### **Thursday 30 June**

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

### **Friday 1 July**

7.00pm Youth (A. Sardella)

### **Sunday 3 July**

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
7.00pm Taizé Contemplative Service

## **Coming up...**

### **Saturday 16 July**

9.00am Book Fair

*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 3 July** *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Heslop, V Matthews	<b>10.30am</b> TBC
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Page	<b>10.30am</b> T Mangelsdorf
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> G Thomas	<b>10.30am</b> TBC
<b>Tea:</b>	S Stephens, M Gibson	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Burrough, E Erskine	<b>10.30am</b> S Stephens, C Ward
<b>Flowers:</b>	D Martin	<b>Creche:</b> TBC

## **Theme for Next Sunday:**

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Habakkuk 2:1-4, Psalm 31:1-6, Ephesians 2:19-22, John 20:24-29

## **Parish Contacts**

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Monday, Tuesday,  
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