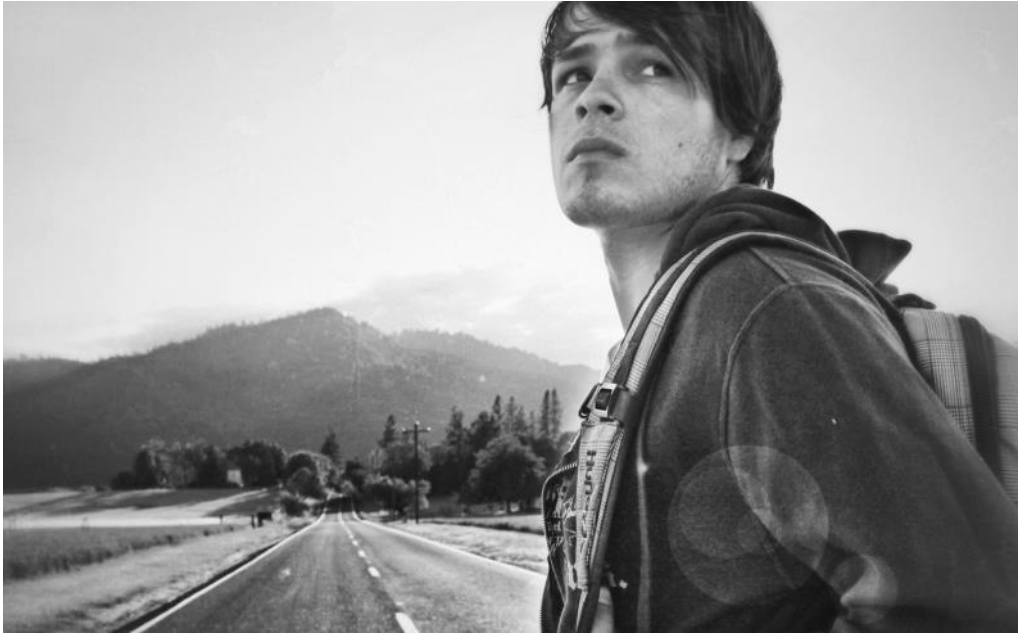




Church on the Hill

Sunday 28 June 2015



Theme: Leaving Our Comfort Zones
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Genesis 12:1 – 9, Acts 9:10 – 19a

Sentence:
“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” - *Matthew 4:19*

Prayer for the day:

In the lonely places,
the wilderness
where we stand forlorn
windswept and alone,
Your voice calls out
“Prepare a way for the Lord.”

In the dark places
the shadows

where we hide our fears
embrace our tears,
Your voice calls out
“Prepare a way for the Lord.”

Lord help us to respond to your call and
to enable others to do the same. We
pray in the name of our Saviour and Lord
Jesus Christ,
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Working together for Democracy

Our nation and our community are blessed to live under the political system of democracy. The system is not perfect and injustice still occurs. One day Christ will return ...

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. - *Isaiah 9:7*

Until then we have great freedom for which we give thanks to God. It is important for Christians to be involved at all levels of our democratic system including prayerful support for the various political parties and for politicians in general.

One way we can be involved politically is by circulating and signing petitions of various types. (There are numerous on-line petitions often addressing issues of justice and earth-care. www.change.org is really good.) Recently we have had some petitions circulated in church.

After discussion with some wise others, the guidelines for bringing petitions are:

- Research the issue thoroughly yourself first. (Recently I sent round an email from our Diocese purporting from the Bishop of Cairo, asking for prayer for a city which ISIS had apparently invaded. It turned out not to be true at all.)

- Check on www.snopes.com and www.hoaxbusters.org as a first point of call.
- Check with me if it is alright to circulate the petition at church at least a week beforehand. Some may be declined if deemed to divisive or unhelpful.
- After my approval, write a very brief note for the newsletter about the petition and send it to David email: church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or drop it into the office before Thursday.
- Ask people at church to sign the petition and have the necessary information to answer questions. (No-one must be pressured in any way.) Stay with the petition at all times. You may not leave it there to be signed in your absence.

Because we believe in democracy, and the freedom of different political views we have decided to allow petitions to be circulated in the meantime. I confess to having some reservations about this because I don't want anyone to think "Oh, the church thinks this is a good idea so I will sign it." I personally do not agree with all of the petitions that have been circulated in the past. Vestry members will not have agreed with them all either.

No-one will be able to speak to any petition from the front of church. We are encouraging freedom on involvement not supporting any particular issue and we expect all parishioners to be responsible in promoting any issue. We'll try it this way for a few months and then review if necessary. Please give me any feedback in the meantime.

Learning together in Jesus' love,

Susan

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.

Men - The monthly forum will commence on Monday 29 June at 7.00pm at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. The topic is "The new silk road". Bring an interesting friend. They do not need to be a member of Holy Trinity. The usual nibbles and refreshments will be on the house. Hope to see you on Monday. Jacob Klootwyk Ph.544 5214

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.

Lunch on the Hill - 11.30am Tuesday 7 July. All Welcome, bring a friend. Koha entry



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

God's World: We pray for all those who are homeless for whatever reason. Some displaced by war and atrocities, others by weather events, yet others by grinding poverty. You have provided enough resources in your world for everyone to live well. Please help us in the West to get our priorities right. Show us the perils of materialism and individualism so that we can share our wealth generously. We continue to pray for terrorist leaders and others who can't see past their own agendas. Show them and us the right way to influence and care for others. Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Mission partners: We pray for Allan and Christine in Asia. We remember the family of the student who drowned in the university lake this week after pulling out 6 other non-swimmers. We pray for the two survivors who are in hospital, especially for the one seriously ill with water on the lungs as the lake is very toxic. Be with Christian and Allan as they offer counselling and support to those affected. Thank you that Allan has recently started a course in the Cancer Hospital for masters' students, doctors and administrative staff after months of waiting for the course to be arranged. Be with them both as they prepare for their UK trip in July and August.

Diocese: We pray for the Parish of Blenheim South as they farewell Don and Linda Moses and begin to think and pray about their next leaders.

Local Church: This morning we remember Richmond Baptist Church. We thank you for the warm welcome that David Jensen and his family have received in that church. We pray for a good settling in period for them all; that good honest and healthy relationships will be quickly formed in order for them to carry on with your Kingdom work.

Our Parish: We continue to ask you to supply the right person to teach our children on Sunday mornings. We give thanks for Tom Gower who has stepped up to lead Messy Church. Thank you for the three new children who came last week. We pray for the team members and for the new people needed to be part of that vital outreach ministry.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with George and Bev, Daphne, Pam, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda, Bill, and others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish. We give thanks that little Ella Grace is making good progress and ask that you enable her to thrive.

This Week...

Monday 29 June

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

Tuesday 30 June

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 1 July

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Thursday 2 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)
7.30pm Spiritual Gifts Course (S.Gill)

Friday 3 July

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 5 July

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*
7.00pm Taize Service

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 7 July

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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 12 July Holy Communion
Sunday 26 July 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 5 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am S Gill
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am G Thomas	10.30am E Kimberley
Tea:	S Stephens, M Gibson	
Chalice:	9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine	10.30am S Stephens, C Ward, M Robinson
Flowers:	A Heslop	Brass: J Lines

Readings for Next Sunday: Proverbs 17:27-18:9, James 3:1-12, Matthew 12:33-37

Theme for Next Sunday: The Power of Speech

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Monday, Tuesday,
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1.00pm - 5.30pm