



Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 July 2018



Theme: Share Values
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Amos 4:1-5, John 19:1-12

Sentence:

When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"
- John 19:5

Prayer for the day:

Generous God shape your values in us. Help us to weave a tapestry of love and grace and generosity; not hate or fear or meagreness, a spirit of tolerance and caring, a dedication to freedom for all and not just some. God help us

to sow seeds of peace and justice in our own hearts and among all we encounter this week. We can only do this through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community



Reflections...

You knew my name

Last week I was participated in a planned intensive as part of Year 1 training to be a Spiritual Director. (This was part of my Sabbatical.) The intensive week was named 'Kohanga Ako' and, as the name suggests, it was truly a safe place to learn new things. I learnt new things about myself and experienced more of the God who delights in drawing near. To be honest I wished I'd learned these things years ago – the practical skills would've added me greatly in my ministry here.

However God's timing is always good. More and more I am discovering that an awareness of ourselves and our relationship with God are so closely related, that they may even be inseparable.

In the church of Jesus Christ, God invites us to be our unique selves before Him, not pretending to be someone on the outside that isn't who we are on the inside. But sometimes we don't know who we are on the inside because we are so busy rushing and doing and achieving. I'm slowly learning that truly knowing ourselves comes when we know that God loves us just as we are and it is always this Loving Gracious One who takes the initiative as Scripture attests. As we experience more of God's embrace we can face ourselves and, also, the false images we build up of God.

Names are really important. In Scripture God has many names – each one describes something of God's character. When a baby was named in the Bible, that name often prophesied the kind of person they baby would grow to be. Names still matter. Apparently the word we all like to hear the most is our own name.

I came across this poem again recently - *You knew my name* by Kristin Jack, from *The Sounds*

of Worlds Colliding:

You knew my name
when it was a mystery to me
you called me by name
the one I had lost
you loved my name
though I had despised it so long
you drew out my name
the one caught in my throat
and taught me the sound
of each melodic chord.

You sang my name
over and over the lies of the night
til I knew it was true.

You cried out my name
til I wept at the beauty
revealed in your pain.
You guard my name
in a sacred place
so buried in love
so deep in grace
it will last forever
never mis-said, never mis-placed.

You promise to know it and say it
til I learn to sing it with you
and our voices merge
into one song (not two),
one voice, one name.
Just one. Just One
Just One

When we know that God knows our name, knows our character, knows who we are, and loves us just the same, we have courage to face true selves and discover even more of this Wonderful Just One who loves us more than words can ever say.

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.

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 Frengley

Blankets Wanted - Nelson Red Cross assist with providing basics for refugee families arriving in Nelson. They have a shortage of blankets at the moment. The next intake of refugees arrives on 20 August, so if anyone can help out please bring blankets into the Anglican Centre or better still, drop off to the Red Cross Centre 59 Parkers Road.

Church Flower Roster - This is an opportunity to join our team of flower arrangers. If you think you would like to put your creativity to practical use now is the time to step out. There are only 3 Sundays when you would do the flowers between now and the end of the year. Talk to Brenda Page if you would like to know more. Ph. 544 5872.

Ticking the Boxes Seminar - I was overwhelmed with your support for the seminar 2 weeks ago. Thankyou to all who came, provided food and supported this event. I was totally blown away by your support, even people who couldn't come provided food. Thankyou one and all, Yvonne.

Prayers for the Week

God's World – Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for the safe rescue of the White Helmets and their families from Syria, and for the international cooperation that made this possible. We lift to you the people of Syria, we cry out with them for this conflict to end. We pray for all those affected by wildfires around the world. Give those working to extinguish the fires Lord, your strength and wisdom, and protect them and those in affected areas.

Mission – We lift up Murray and Fey to you Lord as they come to the end of their time in Albania, bless this time of transition Lord and show them your plans for them.

Our Diocese – We thank you Lord for Simon and Fran Martin and all your family at All Saints. Bless all their community outreaches including the night shelter, Loaves and Fishes and the playgroups. Inspire this church family. We especially thank you for the welcome they have provided for the Chin community and pray that you would continue to bless and grow relationships.

Our Community – We thank you Lord for the Richmond Baptist church. We ask you to bless their community initiatives, especially their after school and holiday programmes where many youngsters come to know you. Sovereign Lord thank you for all you are doing in this church. Guide them to follow you, give them wisdom, unity sensitivity and surrender to your will.

Bless our community Lord Jesus and help your churches to show your love and provide for those in need through this cold winter.

Our Parish – Thank you Lord for all who in so many ways have contributed to our new Hall. Guide the Building team as they see it to completion. Give them you wisdom Lord and smooth the way to completion.

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 be with the staff and residents in our parish rest homes too.

This Week...

Monday 30 July

9.00am Church open for Prayer
1.00pm Weekly group (K Peterson)
7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)

Tuesday 31 July

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 1 August

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 2 August

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

Sunday 5 August

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

Coming up...

Tuesday 7 August

11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 August Holy Communion

Sunday 26 August Morning Prayer

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 5 August - *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	S Gill	10.30am	J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	A Heslop, B Lash	10.30am	V McNaughton, J Green
Sidesperson	9.00am	B Page	10.30am	J Sardella
Welcomer:	9.00am	J Lines	10.30am	M Brosnahan
Chalice:	9.00am	E Erskine, B Lash, I Price	10.30am	V McNaughton, J Sardella, T Summerfield
Tea:	E Erskine, G Thomas			
Flowers:	A Burrough		Crèche:	M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Reckless God

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 51:1 – 12, Mark 3: 7-11 & 20-23

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