



Church on the Hill

Sunday 6 July 2014



Theme: A New Freedom to Celebrate
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Isaiah 29:13 – 16, Mark 7:24 – 30

Sentence:

Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them.

Mark 7:15a

Prayer for the day:

Loving Father, we loosen our grip.
We open our hands.
We are accepting.
In our empty hands we feel the freedom
Christ brings to us.

It nestles there by the power of your
Spirit and warms our lives.
We are accepting.
Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Michael Leunig

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Have you noticed how tricky it can be to communicate effectively? We all have different styles and different preferences. Communication is a challenge in our church as well.

One very important event that we all need to diary is the coming of Kevin and Anne Roberts from ReSource to our Parish for 3 weeks in November – details to follow. Check out their website: www.resource-arm.net

Speaking of websites – ours is www.holytrinityrichmond.org.nz/

It encompasses all 3 aspects of our Strategic Plan; Up, In and Out. We want it to honour God and inform you about what is going on as well as nurture you spiritually with our sermons and other resources. We also want to provide info for people who may be looking for a church while visiting the area and offer spiritual nourishment, perhaps to people anywhere in the world.

How do you think we are doing with this?

John Palmer is our main webmaster and David Cowdrey does quite a bit too. They endeavours to keep the website up to date while presenting the information in an easy to access and eye-pleasing way. Thanks to both of them for what they have done so far. John has asked for your input. He is very open to suggestions and ideas along with constructive criticism.

We have some ideas of our own; we'd love to hear stories of what God is doing in your life, perhaps poems or songs, anything that might build up someone else. Do give John some feedback please. Your responses will help us all to be part of what God is doing through our website.

You can contact John on 544 4275 or ben_palmer@xtra.co.nz and David on 544 8844 church.onhill@xtra.co.nz on Thursdays and Fridays. Look forward to hearing from you.

Love you all,

Susan

Church open for prayer 9.00am - 2.00pm Monday - Join us in prayer each Monday in the Church. Contact John Palmer 544 4275.

Vestry - Key points from the 25 June Meeting Please pray for God to call for a mission motivator for our church. Please pray for God to call someone to take over the property management role. These both reflect our need to pray together for all aspects of our life as a church family, please give this special focus. "Inspiring! Excellent & clear teaching. Lots of anecdotes, very helpful & relevant" Fancy an(d) experience like this? Have a look at the back of the church or at the ReSource website - Kevin and Anne Roberts will be here, at Church on the Hill from 27 October.

Bishop's Visit and Fundraiser - On 27 July Bishop Richard and Hilary will be with us at both morning services. +Richard will preach. After the services we will have a shared lunch in the hall. Immediately following that we will have an update on our new building and +Richard will share with us some of the highlights of his Sabbatical travels. There will be an opportunity for donations to be made for the new building at our time of fellowship over lunch and travel-talk. This event is open to anyone from outside our parish. Contact Susan for further details.

Friday Fun - The next Friday Fun Group is being held on Monday 14 July from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. The theme is *Colourful Threads and Making Sweet Treats*. The 15 August Friday Fun theme is *Fun with Wool*. Is there anybody who can help: teach children to embroider or bake? Teach knitting/ French knitting/crochet/ making pompoms? Please Contact Ingrid Ph.544 4917

Community Christmas Day Dinner - If you are interested in taking part in the planning for this event you are welcome to attend our meeting on Wednesday 16 July at 7:30 pm in the hall lounge. If you have any questions contact Kay.

Book Fair: This Saturday - come and get your reading, jigsaws and projects for these cold dark evenings! Please give the flyers in this Pews News. There are more at the back of the church. Many, many thanks to the more than 25 people who are helping make this happen. Shiona.



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

Our World: We continue to pray for the safe return of the over 200 schoolgirls abducted in Nigeria, we will not give up praying for peace and justice to be established in Syria, Ukraine, the Central African Republic and northern Nigeria, where Boko Haram continues its deadly campaign; we thank You that the charges against Meriam Yehya Ibrahim have been dropped but pray for her safe departure from Sudan; we also pray for Northern Iraq where in Mosul, under ISIS control, those Christians remaining are being asked to pay poll tax for being Christians, while thousands of others have fled to areas that already have many Syrian refugees seeking shelter.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Jo Rogers in Tanzania and thank You for her seven years of service there; we pray for her safety as she travels to Australia and New Zealand this month and for the safe arrival and settling in of the new English teacher Sue Watterson at Msalato.

Our Diocese: We pray for All Saints in Nelson and Simon and Fran Martin and their team; we pray for the upcoming holiday program that is an important outreach to the community, for Miranda Warner and her team of helpers as they seek to introduce Jesus and God's Kingdom to children from the neighbourhood and for Edward Andrews and the work of the Night Shelter.

Our Local Area: We pray for Richmond AOG and Ross and Yvonne Ferguson and their leaders; we pray for wisdom as they seek to restore families and help children and young people coping with difficulties at home and school; for healing miracles for a man with Parkinson's, a young mum with Lupus and for another who is terminally ill with cancer.

Our Church: Our church: we pray that You will deepen our corporate prayer life, for we can do nothing of ultimate value without Your guidance and empowering; we thank You for the Vestry and pray Your guidance upon them as they meet on Wednesday. Please be present in surprising ways at the Book Fair so that the team and those who come encounter Jesus in our midst.

Those In Special Need: We remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Erica (Shirley Jackson's niece), Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 7 July

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

Tuesday 8 July

10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
7.30pm Fortnightly group
7.30pm Prayers for Church and World (Office)

Wednesday 9 July

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

Thursday 10 July

12 noon Weekly lunch time study group
(W Wilkinson)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Saturday 12 July

9.00am Book Fair

Sunday 13 July

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 15 July

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Sunday 27 July

Bishop's Visit and Fundraiser Lunch

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 July Holy Communion

Sunday 27 July Morning Service

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

Roster for 13 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Service Leader:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am A Sardella
Sidespeople:	9.00am W Wilkinson	10.30am J Palmer
Welcomer:	9.00am B Page	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	S Paine, M Mercer	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, W Wilkinson	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	B Page	Brass: A Hodges

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 29:13 – 16, Mark 7:24 – 30

Theme for Next Sunday: Who Do You Say Christ Is?

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