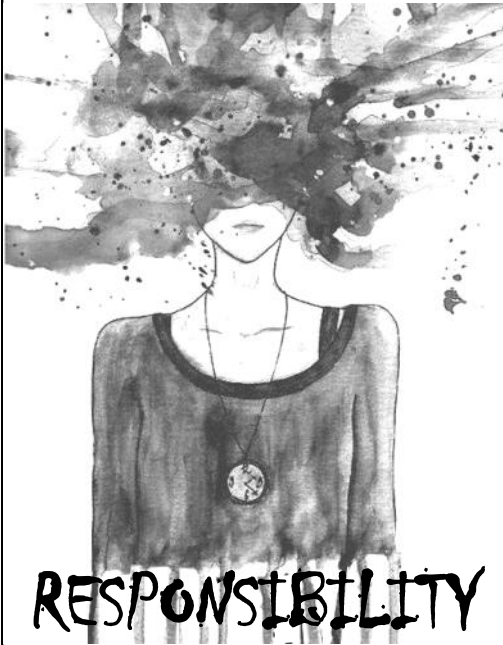


Reflections...



Responsibility – too much or too little?

I am the oldest in my family. I had three younger brothers. And my parents' marriage split up when I was ten. Guess what that did for me? Yep, it made me overly responsible! Occasionally I wake at night with thoughts running around my head at great speed. The other night I caught myself. This is what I imagined I looked like.



The Lord and I had a wee chuckle together. I put the people and things into his hands, one by one, and was able to enjoy a good sleep

from then on. That is not always the case. Sometimes I hold on to things for too long and they weigh me down a bit.

Are you anything like me?

Jesus said "My yoke is good and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:30 We often translate "good" as "easy" but apparently "good" is a better translation. (It makes more sense too. Have you wondered how the Lord's yoke is easy?)

I wonder if experiencing the Lord's yoke as good, and possibly as easy too, has to do with boundaries. You know – what I need to do, what someone else needs to do, what can only be done in the Lord's power, and what doesn't need to be done at all?

Reminds me of other Scripture which are expressed in several places in John's Gospel. Jesus said this too – I only do what I see the Father doing. I only do what he tells me. I don't work on my own but my Father is with me. Perhaps we need a better sense of perspective. Some of us need to do less so we do a few things really well. Some of us need to do more for others and perhaps less for ourselves.

Perhaps some of us need to do more for ourselves especially our relationship with God. Over the last while, I've been endeavouring to listen more to him and less to my over-developed sense of responsibility. I'm keen to pray more and leave more to him who holds all things together.

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.

Story Gran - Would anyone like to read stories to pre-school children at Futures Early Education in Gilbert St? They'd love to have one person do this whenever it suited the person. It wouldn't have to be a regular time but they would like to establish a relationship with one person? This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who wants to show God's love in a practical way. Perhaps your grandchildren live away and you'd like to spend some time with others. Contact Susan for more info.

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Funds at End Of April 2015

Accumulated funds up to end of April 2015	\$ 749,010
Funds promised before 31 December 2015	\$ 76,810
Funding from community trusts applied for:	\$ 450,000
Total available (if trust applications are successful)	\$1,275,820
Percentage of lock-up stage cost:	79..74%
Current shortfall	\$ 324,180

If you hope to contribute to the Lantern building fund before March 2016 or leave a legacy, please fill out a form so we can take this into consideration when budgeting.

- Jacob Klootwyk



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 continue to pray for Christians and other minorities facing persecution, even death, in places where militant Islamists are trying to dominate communities through terrorism. We also pray that the Christian minority in Greece may help bring about harmony as the government and people seek a resolution to their financial crisis.

Mission partners: We ask Lord, for you to support Phil and Becky Sussex and their four children as they return to Cambodia after their holiday in New Zealand, to continue to meet peoples' needs through Phil's dental skills. We thank you that much needed equipment has, at last, been released from Customs.

Diocese: We ask you Lord to support effective Christian outreach and witness within the Buller parish, especially in Westport and the outlying fellowships in Granity and Karamea. Please encourage Steve and Glenda Wockner and their team as they work for spiritual revival and economic development in Buller.

Local Church: We bring before you, Lord, the needs of the Presbyterian congregation now based in the Stoke and Richmond churches, under the leadership of Jon Parkes and the new governance team.

Our Parish: We pray, Lord, that you will bring to us soon a truly exceptional Children's Worker. We also ask that you encourage more people to come into the church on Monday's for prayer and fellowship.

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.

This Week...

Monday 13 July

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 14 July

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 15 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 16 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Saturday 18 July

9.00am Book Fair

Sunday 19 July

9.00am Morning Worship*

10.30am Holy Communion*

4.00pm Messy Church

*Morning Tea between services in the Hall

Coming up...

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 19 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J McConachie

10.30am A Sardella

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am J Green

Welcomer: 9.00am A Burrough

10.30am N Pritchard

Tea: J & K South

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

10.30am M Ross, N Pritchard
E / D Stanger

Flowers: M Reynolds

Brass: J South

Readings for Next Sunday: Luke 9:46-48, Matthew 7:7 -12

Theme for Next Sunday: Dispensing Grace

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