



Church on the Hill

Sunday 13 July 2014



Theme: Who Do You Say Christ Is?
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Micah Did - Dell
Readings: John 1:1 - 18, Mark 8:27-33

Sentence:
Jesus then asked, "And you – what are you saying about me? Who am I?"

Prayer for the day:

Lord Jesus, You are the Lord who walks beside your people. So we pray for people who walk for justice. You are the Lord who raises up those who are bent low. So we pray for those ground down by life and the world's indifference. You are the Lord who feeds the hungry. So we pray for all who long for bread and

the means to provide it. You are the Lord who celebrates the small and the insignificant. So we pray for the children and for those who go unnoticed. You are the Lord who says 'Follow me'. So we pray for courage and faith to take up Your cross and find it leads to life. **Amen**

Adapted from the Christian Aid website

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Uncomfortable Jesus

Gentle Jesus meek and mild – really? Would you invite Jesus to dinner?. You never know what he'd say or do. Jesus is very blunt to those who needed some straight talk; the bullies, the self-righteous, the smart alec know-it-alls. Jesus has no idea what it is to be PC. Jesus thrives on bringing discomfort while being very kind to the vulnerable; to those in trouble.

We've grown up with images of Jesus; many of which simply don't stack up with Scripture. As we look at Jesus again today, I encourage you to take off your cultural, perhaps traditional, glasses. Let's try to look afresh at Jesus through the lens of Scripture as the Holy Spirit empowers us to do so.

Warning: we might be uncomfortable. Jesus made many people uncomfortable. But being uncomfortable can be a good thing. Christians who suffer persecution for their faith understand this. Last week in my sermon I quoted a Christian from China "Surely one day, there will be no more tough persecution in Beijing. But, we are going to miss these days when our God

does great miracles through us."

Comfort can make us too comfortable. Christians from other cultures often find Western Christians very complacent. In August two mission families will spend some time with us. The first week Allan and Christine are coming from Asia. The last week sees the Corins coming from Central Asia. In the middle are a couple of different missionaries at AAW.

They will update us about their work and challenge us about how we live out our own faith in Christ I'm sure. Please pray for them in their travels for safety and the courage to say what is on their hearts whether or not that makes us uncomfortable. Discomfort is normal when there is the potential for growth and development. Let's allow discomfort to be normal in our midst and to prod us to become closer Christ followers.

Visits like this cost quite a bit of money as does mission work generally. We will take up extra offerings for Allan and Christine and the Corins during their visits to help with their additional expenses. This week we will hand out special bags for you to bring your offering back during our time with each family.

Lots of love

Susan

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.

Kids -This Sunday Andy will show the KC kids and junior youth a DVD. Our theme for the next 4 weeks is *Welcome to God's forever family where everyone is accepted.*

Afternoon AAW group - Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 23 July at 2.00pm in the Lounge. This is a chance to look at Remits put forward for the National Council of Women Conference in 2014. Following this we invite you to share something about yourselves if you would like. Afternoon tea to follow and Sales Table. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.



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 Israel, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, the Central African Republic and northern Nigeria; we pray for the safe departure of Meriam Yehya Ibrahim from Sudan; we also pray for Northern Iraq where thousands of Christians have fled to areas that already have many Syrian refugees seeking shelter; we also remember the young country of South Sudan where at least 1.5 million people have been displaced and five million civilians are currently in need of critical humanitarian assistance.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for the Sussex family in Cambodia; we thank You for a good end to the school year and pray that they may have a safe family holiday when they recharge their batteries after a long hot season and a particularly busy period for Phil.

Our Diocese: We pray for the Buller Parish and Steve and Glenda Wockner and their team; guide the interviews for position of Eldercare Visitor at Karamea; give guidance and support to those made redundant from the Stockton Mine and their families; and bless the visit of Mike Hawke this weekend.

Our Local Area: We pray for Hope Lutheran Church for Pastor Chris Janetzki and the congregation as they consider new ministry opportunities. Today is also Sea Sunday, when we remember the Missions to Seamen, the manager, James Nelson, and the 21 volunteers of the mission.

Our Church: We thank You for the Book Fair and all those who volunteered books and help; we believe we are to hold Messy church monthly and are looking to God to supply another team of people with the right gifts and a passion for outreach to children and families; we also ask Your blessing on Lunch on the Hill on Tuesday.

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 14 July

3.00pm Friday Fun (I. Blackbeard)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 15 July

10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill Midwinter Feast
7.30pm Fortnightly group
7.30pm Prayers for Church and World (Office)

Wednesday 16 July

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

Thursday 17 July

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

Sunday 20 July

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

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 27 July

Bishop's Visit and Fundraiser Lunch

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

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 20 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Service Leader: 9.00am J Palmer

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 J&A Green, N Pritchard

Flowers: M Reynolds

Brass: E Erskine

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 13:14-32, John 8:31-39

Theme for Next Sunday: Who Are You?

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