



Church on the Hill

Sunday 9 July 2017



Theme: Music in worship
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: John Palmer
Readings: Exodus 15: 1-11, Colossians 3:12-17

Sentence:

All of Jesus' followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.
- Luke 19:37

Prayer for the day:

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of music and song, especially as part of our worship to you. Thank you for music teachers and choir directors who are willing to take the time to teach the next generation hymns, psalms, and songs that glorify you. Help us to have open minds and hearts, knowing that we are one

church made of many members with many preferences. We are grateful that the music we hear and the hymns we sing in church come back to our hearts and minds throughout the week, reminding us of your great love and mercy and of our worshipping community.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



We'll most likely meet on a Tuesday – Children 6.00pm – 7.00pm and Adults 7:30pm – 9.00pm I'll facilitate our times together. Details are yet to be confirmed.

Steps on a journey

Sometimes the next step in our spiritual journey is very obvious; perhaps not as often as we'd like though. In our Anglican traditional way of being we have had markers for the road. Those markers include baptism, often as an infant, admission to communion and confirmation. Today those markers are not always used and not always in that order. And that is actually fine.

And yet... still the Lord calls us to take steps of obedience. And the old markers are good ones. Baptism occurs in obedience to Scripture, regardless of the age one is baptised. If we are baptised as an adult or young person, one could argue that confirmation is not quite so necessary.

For those of us baptised (or christened) as very young children, it's very important for us to take a public step of acknowledging our faith in Christ and pledging to be a Jesus follower.

So... in term 3 we will be holding some classes – two lots actually. One will be for children 10 – 15ish who may be considering being confirmed. The other will be for adults who may/may not be considering the same thing or perhaps baptism or simply want to take another step in their journey with the Lord.

We'll have six sessions covering things like:

- The big story of the God's story with us
- The big story of the church – formation and Anglican foundations
- Anglican traditions and ways of being
- What it means to be a Jesus follower
- What steps is God calling us to next?

Specific content may depend a bit on who comes and what we already know.

I haven't mentioned Admission to Communion today. That has kind of gone by the wayside as children are welcome at the communion table in our church. All of us, regardless of intellectual understanding, are embraced by our living and loving God. And so we follow that example by having an open Communion table.



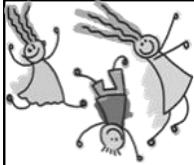
Is the Lord calling you to something and you are not sure what? These planned times together may make the next steps clearer.

Learning together in love,

Susan

Ma's Place Variety Concert - Featuring The Split Apple Rockers, Shane Cammell Guitarist, Bryce Wastney, Mad Beat Dance and many more. Saturday 29 July 7.00pm at Hope Community Church 114 Ranzau Rd, Hope. Tickets \$10 each, \$20 a family. Join us for an awesome evening to support the great work of Ma's Place. (Ma's Place is a ministry that offers a safe space for mothers and young families to connect and be supported by community)

Book Fair - Saturday 15 July 9.00am to 12.00noon. Please tell your friends, family and neighbours! We have lovely morning teas at a brilliant price. Come and browse, lots of bargains. If you have books to drop off could you leave them in the hall on or round the pool table or at the office. The hall will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.00am for us to sort and set up for the Fair, all help will be most gratefully received. We have this year quite a few board games for sale for those who love those!



= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 9 July Activities at back of Church

Next Sunday 16 July Activities at back of Church

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

Prayers for the Week

God's World - We pray for global hunger, where today there are 792 million people in the world who do not have enough food, one in 9 people goes to bed hungry every day and 65 million kids go to school on an empty stomach. Sometimes the situation just seems too large for us to comprehend, but help us to have compassion and help where we can. Bless the efforts of governments and NGOs as they seek to distribute aid to the needy, send rain to drought stricken areas and bring peace to lands where wars aggravate food shortages.

Mission Partners - Today we pray for the Corin family, we thank You for their recent visit to us and their willingness to speak at the house groups. Encourage them in their deputation work and give the children a great time with their grandparents. We pray that You will grow the Seed Project that our fellow Christians in Central Asia will be able to start new businesses and bless their communities.

Diocese - We pray for the Wairau Valley parish, with Joe and Susan Keighley and their team. We pray especially for the people's warden, Dot Scott, who recently had a small stroke that You will bring Your healing to her. Bless the parish as it seeks to connect with and share the gospel with their community. May this coming week be a time of refreshment for the Keighley family as they take some holiday.

Local community - We pray today for Spring Grove Church of Christ, give the church Your wisdom and guidance as they meet for special prayer sessions; help them to see clearly the role You have for them in the Wakefield district, that they might be salt and light in that area. Grant their prayers as they pray for an enlarged church family.

Our Parish - We pray today for prayer ministry within our own parish on Monday morning, thanking You for those who give their time to be available for others in the church. We thank You for all those who have been prayed with, that You will continue to bless them and heal them. May this ministry expand as You bring people into this church.

We ask Your special blessing on Yvonne and Ian as they cope with Yvonne's injury, bring peace and healing to Yvonne at this time. Guide Susan and the team as they ensure that Yvonne's duties are covered while she is off work.

Those in need within our own church family - We remember Yvonne, Albertha, Gwen, Pam, Chris, Lisa, Anne, John Barnes, Ellie and Rachel. May Your peace, healing and comfort surround them, and grant them the abiding sense of Your presence with them. We also pray for Your blessing on the staff and residents of the rest homes and retirement villages in our area.

Amen.

This Week...

Monday 10 July

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 11 July

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

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

Wednesday 12 July

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 13 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W. Wilkinson, J. Lines)

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 16 July

9.00am Morning Worship*

10.45am Holy Communion*

*Morning Tea between services in the Hall

Coming up...

Saturday 15 July

Book Fair

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 9 July

Holy Communion

Sunday 23 July

Morning Prayer

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
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Roster for 16 July - Thank you for serving us all!

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| Leader: | 9.00am | S Gill | 10.45am | A Sardella |
| Reader: | 9.00am | A Burrough, K South | 10.45am | M Did-Dell |
| Sidespeople: | 9.00am | J Burrough | 10.45am | J Green |
| Welcomer: | 9.00am | A Burrough | 10.45am | N Pritchard |
| Tea: | | J South, K South | | |
| Chalice: | 9.00am | N/A | 10.45am | M Ross, J/A Green, L/T Summerfield |
| Flowers: | | M Reynolds | Crèche: | TBA |

Theme for Next Sunday:

Transformed by the Word

Readings for next Sunday:

Nehemiah 8:1-12, 2 Timothy 3:10 – 4:5

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