



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 19 July 2015



**Theme:** Dispensing Grace  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Luke 9:46-48, Matthew 7:7 -12

**Sentence:**  
 "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"  
 - Luke 24:32

**Prayer for the day:**

Heavenly Father, we bow in your Presence.  
 May your Word be our rule Your Spirit our teacher,

And your greater glory our supreme concern,  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

- John Stott

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Bible Month**

I'm sure you all know this is Bible month. I've been wondering whether having absolute freedom to read as often as I want means I take the Bible for granted.

In countries where Christians are persecuted, Bibles are forbidden and confiscated. As a result the Scriptures are treasured. Often Bible passages and whole books even, are memorised, meditated on and therefore are totally transformative.

Most of us have several translations of the Bible in hard copy. Many of us simply use Mr Google for that. But how often do we read God's word with an open mind, and a desire for the Holy Spirit to change us for the better, as we do so?

It is easy for me to read Scripture because I should. But I'd prefer to read the Bible because I want to; because my heart sings when I read; because the Holy Spirit is whispering in my ear as I do so. Sometimes that is true and the

passages leap off the page with vitality and vigour. Sometimes each word seems aimed right at me. Sometimes nothing seems to happen though and the text seems dry.

Occasionally my heart is just not in it. I am lazy, and distracted. Sometimes I don't read the Word even though I know I should. Discipline is required at such times and mostly I make myself even though I seem to get nothing out of it. And yet ....

*"... do not expect always to get an emotional charge or a feeling of quiet peace when you read the Bible. By the grace of God you may expect that to be a frequent experience, but often you will get no emotional response at all. Let the Word break over your heart and mind again and again as the years go by, and imperceptibly there will come great changes in your attitude and outlook and conduct."*

I pray these words from Geoffrey Thomas, author and Baptist Pastor, are true for myself and for all of us.

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** - Thank you and Praise God – this position is filled now. Did you know that Owen and Elizabeth Kimberley filled the role for many years? We honour them for their faithful and genuine service.

**AAW Afternoon Group** - Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22 July at 2.00pm in the Lounge. Our speaker will be Chris Budgen whose topic is "Demystifying Medicines and Prescriptions." Afternoon tea to follow and Sales Table. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

**Battery Tea Lights** – Has anyone borrowed a box of battery tea lights from the Vestry recently? We had two boxes and now there is only one. We need them for our Taizé services. If you have borrowed them, please return them as soon as you can. Thank you.

**AAW Evening Group** - Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 23 July. Our speaker is Heather Thomas from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Come along and find out just what these hard-working people do, and the variety of their work. We will have a sales table as usual. All welcome, you can contact Anne 5447992 for more information.

**Church open for Prayer** - Join us on Monday's 9.00am - 2.00pm to pray for our personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

**Friends ' Fun Disco** - Live Band and Flossie the Balloon Lady. Friday 24 July 5.00pm - 7.00pm in the hall . Bring tea for your family & a plate of dessert to share. Tea & coffee provided. All preschooler's and carers welcome. Ph Carol 544 9237 for for more information.

**Missions Evening**  
**6.00pm -7.00pm**  
**Wednesday 22 July**  
**Hall Lounge**

Shared tea with  
Murray Cotter  
Missionary to Albania



**The Lantern**



**Together  
we can  
make it  
happen!**



### **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 ask for you to protect and encourage your peoples suffering oppression, especially in the Middle East, parts of Africa and Asia. May they remain steadfast in their faith and trust in you. We thank you for the agreement to free the world of the threat of nuclear weapons being developed by Iran, be a lasting reality.

**Mission Partners:** We thank you for your continuing encouragement for Murray and Fay Cotter and their work church planting in Albania. May they be truly refreshed as they spend time at home in New Zealand with family and encouraging support for future work.

**Diocese:** We continue to thank you for the Godly example of Bishop Richard and Hillary to us. We particularly bring before you the needs of the Wairau Valley parish, for the wise and dedicated leadership of Joseph and Susan Keighley and their team as they reach out to the people of Renwick and the surrounding areas. Please support them as they put in place fresh initiatives for children's ministry. May being home to the Drop-in Market and Men's Shed bring seekers to the church.

**Local Church:** We bring before you, Lord, the needs of the Methodist churches in our area, under the wise and godly guidance of Martin Oh and his support team.

**Our Parish:** We continue to pray for Jacob as he encourages us to raise the remaining funds to start building the Lantern centre. We also pray for Girls Brigade and for Glenda's gifted leadership.

**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 20 July

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 21 July

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)  
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 22 July

7.30am Prayer  
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)  
10.00am Wednesday Service  
2.00pm AAW Afternoon Group (J McConachie)  
6.00pm Missions Evening - Shared Tea  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Thursday 23 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)  
7.30pm AAW Evening Group (A Webb)

### Friday 24 July

5.00pm Friends 'n Fun Disco

### Sunday 26 July

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
10.30am Praise on the Hill\*  
*\*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 26 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Leader:** 9.00am J Burrough

**10.30am** M Did-Dell

**Sidespeople:** 9.00am J Lines

**10.30am** M Martin

**Welcomer:** 9.00am S Entwistle

**10.30am** K Thomson,  
G Mangelsdorf

**Tea:** N Thomas, V McNaughton

**Chalice:** 9.00am S Frengley, S Paine

**10.30am** N/A

**Flowers:** B Savage

**Brass:** C Frater

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Psalm 71:1-18, 1 Peter 1:3-9, Luke 17: 20-21

**Theme for Next Sunday:** A People of Hope

### Parish Contacts

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,  
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1.00pm - 5.30pm