



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 20 July 2014



**Theme:** Who Ae You?  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Chris Janetski  
**Readings:** Acts 13:14-32, John 8:31-39

**Sentence:**  
Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples." John 8:31

## Prayer for the day:

Ever present Holy Spirit, you call us to follow our Lord Jesus Christ as disciples. Help us to respond wholeheartedly. Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to proclaim your gospel of hope and salvation. Help us do that in word and in action. Loving Heavenly Father, you have given us every blessing. Show us

how to share our gifts with others. Inspire us to follow your example of generous self-giving. Blessed three in One teach us to give with a joyous and grateful heart that we may provide hope, consolation, and loving care to others and give glory and honour to your holy name. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



Our living, loving Lord continues to call our church to prayer. What does this look like for us? A few of us have been pondering on how we might provide more opportunity for this. Our responses include:

- Monday 9.00am – 1.00pm Church on the Hill is open to come and pray, sit quietly alone or be prayed for.
- Prayer time Tuesdays 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the church office.
- Wednesday mornings from 7:30am – 8:30am a few meet informally for a Bible reading and prayer in the church.
- Beginning 5 August we will have a Morning Prayer service at 9.00am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings in the church. (This services lasts 15 – 20 minutes.)
- A monthly prayer card will be issued for use at home, work, play
- The prayer station in church will be changed monthly
- We will provide monthly opportunities to pray in groups in church

Everyone is welcome to any of these opportunities. Of course we don't expect everyone to participate in everything. Prayerfully consider how you might contribute to our Father's call to prayer. Perhaps you might like to set up a prayer station or write a prayer for distribution. (We will be changing that next week and our theme will be thankfulness). Let's pray wherever and however we can. Any other ideas welcome.

Remember Jesus words: Matthew 6:5 – 14 especially verse 7 *"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words."* What Jesus is saying is that we don't have to be eloquent – simple prayers will do. (By the way, v6 doesn't mean we don't pray together. It just means we don't pray publicly to be seen as super-spiritual.)

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.

**Kids** -This Sunday Mariann, Carol and Kay will be in charge of KC. Our theme for the next four 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. New members are welcome to attend. Enquiries: Jean McConachie 544 6921.

**Great news** - Jean Palmer is to be ordained as a Priest Synod 2014 at the 7:00 pm Synod service at Nelson Cathedral on Thursday 9 October, followed by supper at 8.15pm. Victoria Askin will be ordained as a Deacon and Jonathan Wasley as a Priest also. (We will probably be invited to contribute towards supper.) Please put this date aside in your diaries now. Susan

**New Songs Practice** - No new songs practice in July.

**Building Fundraiser Honey** - 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, 2kgs \$25.00. If you want to order Honey ring Anne Askin 544 9059 or see her between the Sunday services.

**Pastoral Care** - There are some older people who may appreciate help with practical tasks around the house such as getting firewood in, etc. If you are able to help with this or if you are an older person who would appreciate this sort of help, please contact Kay in the office on Wednesday and Thursday Ph. 544 8844



### 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 both the safety and the 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 five million civilians are currently in need of critical humanitarian assistance; may God help us as we hear of all the suffering in the world to think clearly, feel deeply and act justly.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Allan and Christine as they carry out deputation work in July and August in NZ, grant them smooth travel and good health and grant listening ears to those who hear their message.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for the Parish of Wairau Valley as they prepare to find a new vicar; bless Steve and Sheila Allcutt in their part time role as Interim Priest in Charge; we thank You that Menz Shed is developing a ministry to non-parishioners in the community; we pray for Robyn Shaw and her team as they develop the monthly Monday lunch club; may Your Spirit continue to move in this parish in this transitional time.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for St David's Presbyterian Church for Jon and Vivienne Parkes and their team, bless the four Presbyterian churches in the area as they move together to be one church; grant them a spirit of unity as they work through all the issues and help them to be more effective in their witness. We thank You for the unity among the leaders of the local ministers Association and for the pulpit swap, may this lead to a deeper appreciation of each other's mission and ministries within the churches of this area.

**Our Church:** We thank You for the Book Fair and all those who volunteered books and help and for the Mid Winter Feast at Lunch on the Hill; 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; prepare us for the visit of Bishop Richard next week.

**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 rest homes and hospitals.

## This Week...

### Monday 21 July

9.00am Church Open for Prayer  
 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)  
 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 22 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 23 July

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)  
 10.00am Wednesday Service  
 2.00pm AAW Meeting (J. McConachie)

### Thursday 24 July

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

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### Sunday 27 July

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
 10.30am Praise on the Hill\*  
 Shared Lunch in Hall after Service followed by  
 Building update and Bishop Richard sharing  
 about his Sabbatical.

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

October - Re-Source at Church on the Hill  
*See Noticeboard for details*

*For more information about services or groups*

**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 27 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Service Leader:** 9.00am J Burrough

**10.30am** S Gill

**Welcomer:** 9.00am S Entwistle

**10.30am** K Thomson

**Tea:** N Thomas, V Mc Naughton

G Mangelsdorf

**Chalice:** 9.00am S Frengley, C Pitman

**10.30am** N/A

**Flowers:** B Savage

**Brass:** J Inwood

**Readings for Next Sunday:** *To be confirmed*

**Theme for Next Sunday:** *To be confirmed*

### Parish Contacts

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