



Church on the Hill

Sunday 19 August 2018



Theme: Share Resources
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: 1 Peter 4:7 – 11, Luke 8:1 – 3

Sentence:

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.
- 1 Peter 4:7 - 8

Prayer for the day:

Generous God,
We have heard your call to share in building up the Kingdom of God. Fill us with the desire to change ourselves and to change the world. Help us to share the resources we have, not to cling to them selfishly lest we may need them one day. Deepen our concern for our fellow human beings here and overseas who endure the burdens of

poverty, war, exploitation and persecution. May we always act in the Spirit of justice. May we envisage, pray about and create a different sort of world in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care. Enlivened by the love of Christ, may we go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Sharing the love

So today we are talking about sharing resources in our 'sermon' slot. How amazingly generous is our God! The greatest gift ever is found in the person of Jesus who gave everything that we might have life and that life abundantly.

And God just keeps on giving – mostly through Te whanau o Ihu – the family of Jesus. I have experienced your great generosity personally. You've given of yourselves unstintingly – time, money, talents, love, love, love ... It's in your DNA.

There is a danger in this busy, busy world that you give too much. Please ensure that you give to yourselves as well. Jesus said we are to love our neighbour as ourselves. So take care of yourselves. Give enough time for your own spiritual, emotional and physical refreshment.

The Church is one expression of the Kingdom of God; an important expression to be sure. It's not the only expression though. God's Kingdom is made visible by small acts of individual kindness and by sharing the love through community agencies and social groups. God's Kingdom is also made visible by simply being true to who the Lord has made you to be.

Be the best 'John', the best 'Alice', the best 'Shirley', the best human being you can be.

(I'd list every single church person if I had space to do so.) In doing so you are part of sharing the resources God has given you, hopefully in a natural and stress-free way.

Some clarification about the requests made today during our service in case I am muddled during the actual service... We are making two requests:

1 *Faith and Light Community*

You are invited to give share your financial resources by giving to this community. There is a basket at the back of church for that purpose. If it doesn't suit you to give today or you'd like to help in other ways please contact Sara Clover. Email: gscllover@xtra.co.nz or Ph. 544 9903

2 *Spiritual Gifts Survey*

You are invited to share of your time and expertise by completing the surveys. It is a little bit of work but will help Alex and I immensely with this resource which we want to make available free of charge to help other churches. For more information please contact Alex Johnston. Email: alex.lynn@ts.co.nz or Ph.544 1218

And finally I hope to see as many of you as possible next week. It's gonna be an awesome service. Please pray for strength for us all as we say our very fond farewells. (And Canterbury is not very far away – come and visit.)

Learning together in love,

Susan

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

St Albans 150 Years Celebration - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

Preserves - Thank you for your continued support for our missions partners through buying the preserves. Thanks to some generous donations of fruit there is lemon and lemon and ginger marmalade at the back of the church. If you have any feedback, or special requests do have a word with me. I am happy to make up packs of preserves for gifts! Shiona Frengley

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be held in the Church on Wednesday, 22 August at 1.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Colin Bright from The Menz Shed. This will be followed by Afternoon Tea. There will be a Sales Table and the box for any items for the Holy Trinity Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph. 544 6921.

Evening AAW - Meeting on Thursday 23 August at 6.00pm at the back of the church. This will be our BYO tea and film evening. Our film is "War Room" - maybe a little different from what the title suggests. A compelling drama with humour and heart. We plan to start the film at 7.00pm. Anyone who would like to see this film, please join us. Contact Anne Ph 544 7992

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Opportunity - Richmond Primary School needs a new chaplain. I'm delighted to report that Jean McConachie is very keen and would like to work with someone else. Jean has teaching experience, great empathy with children and adults and is marvellous to work with. Is God calling you to this amazing ministry? With two people sharing the role, the fun would be expanded and the work load shared. Please contact Susan for more information.

Containers Wanted - Lunch on the Hill could do with some more containers to use to give people left over food. Any donations please leave at back of church for Yvonne, thankyou.

Café Connection - Thursday 23 August, Wooden Spoon Café, 10:30, all most welcome.

Lunch on the Hill - 11.30am Tuesday 21 August at the Salvation Army Hall, 57 Oxford St. Numbers have been a bit lower lately, why not invite a neighbour and come along, a great menu is on offer!! All welcome. Gold coin donation.



WARNING Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

Prayers for the Week

Creator God, we thank you for the this beautiful part of the world we live in. We thank you in particular for those who look after our environment and who keep us focussed on how to use it for the benefit of all your creation. We ask that you guide and inspire people everywhere with ways to repair the damage we have done to your waterways and oceans.

Lord, the people of Yemen are hurting. We pray that you will help them find a solution to their divisions. We pray that you will guide those who have power to use it wisely so that all may live in peace. We pray too, for all refugees seeking refuge from war or violence or from famine or natural disasters, and we ask for help for the countries to which they flee. Please give them the resources and the will to resettle those who arrive on their shores. Lord, many parts of the world need rain to break droughts or quench fires. Please redirect rain from the places that are flooded to the places where it is needed.

We thank you for all who have answered your call to spread the good news of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. We thank you for the work the Cotters have done in Albania and we ask for your guidance for their future back here, in particular we pray for Fey, that she may be led to the work you have prepared her for. We pray, too, for Miriam Tillman and her work in pharmacology in Togo. We ask for relief from malaria, for the chaplains there, and for accurate translations for Hope Radio so the truth can be heard in local languages.

In this diocese, we pray for Blenheim Nativity Church that they may have listening ears and that they make right decisions to help all ages come closer to God as they restructure their worship and children's ministry.

In this parish we pray for all those engaged in children's ministry. May they find joy and blessing for themselves and the children they serve. We ask that you will guide and support those who hold responsibilities in our parish as we transition from Susan's leadership. Give them vision and wisdom and we pray too, for Susan. Give her all the support she needs so that the challenges of preparing to leave this busy life are not too burdensome. We pray too for those coping with ill health or the ravages of time. In particular we pray for Margaret Silke, Debbie and Dave, Murray and Bev. May each one be aware of your love and care for them. We also pray for the staff and residents of the rest homes in this community.

Lord, we thank you that when we feel helpless we can bring our concerns to you, knowing that you will respond. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen**

This Week...

Monday 20 August

9.00am Church open for Prayer
1.00pm Weekly group (K Peterson)

Tuesday 21 August

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am *Lunch on the Hill* - Salvation Army Hall
7.00pm Walking the Camino de Santiago
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 22 August

10.00am Wednesday Service
1.30pm Afternoon AAW (J McConachie)

Thursday 23 August

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
6.00pm Evening AAW (A Webb)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 26 August

10.00am Combined Worship - Susan's Farewell
& Shared Lunch

Coming up...

Saturday 1 September

7.00pm Spring Variety Show

Sunday 2 September

7.00pm Taizé Service

Wednesday 12 September

12.00pm *Ticking the Boxes* - Fashion Show at
Wakefield Church.

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 26 August Combined @ Holy Trinity
Sunday 9 September Holy Communion

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 26 August - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	10.00am	J McConachie
Reader:	10.00am	S Frengley, M Reynolds
Sidesperson	10.00am	J Lines
Welcomer:	10.00am	S Milligan
Chalice:	10.00am	J McConachie, S Frengley, J Sardella, E/D Stanger
Tea:		M Mercer, S Paine
Flowers:		C Strang
		Crêche S Milligan

Theme for Next Sunday: Maintain hope

Readings for Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 10, Matthew 25:34 - 40

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