



Church on the Hill

Sunday 24 July 2016



Theme: Lonely or Alone?
Vicar: Revd. Susan Gill
Preacher: Revd. Susan Gill
Readings: Psalm 77:1 – 10, Hebrews 13:5b – 9

Sentence:

And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

- *Matthew 28:20*

Prayer for the day:

Gracious and Loving God, may those who feel empty be comforted by your love and peace. May those who miss a human touch be aware of your constant companionship. May those who feel alone have the strength to reach out to others who also need friendship. May we

come alongside the lonely, assuring them of our care as well as yours. Holy Spirit, please show us how to be a genuine community, offering meaningful support to each other and honest compassion to others in the wider world.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Giving and receiving affirmation

What makes you feel loved? How do you give affirmation to someone else? It's worth thinking and praying about this because sometimes we don't feel loved but actually are. How many children have you heard say "I know my parents loved me but it didn't feel like it?"

That happens because the parents haven't figured out the child's love language.

Chances are that whatever your main 'love language' is (that is what makes you feel loved); you will use that same language (method) to give love and affirmation to others.

Author Gary Chapman lists five main love languages:

- Words of affirmation
- Acts of service
- Receiving gifts
- Quality time
- Physical touch

There are no wrong languages. Each language is valid when used appropriately. As we become more mature in Christ, and feel loved by Him, it is easier for us to understand ourselves and others. It becomes easier for us to understand someone else's love language. It also becomes easier for us to receive love in another language apart from our primary love language.

Still, it will always be easier for us to give and receive love and affirmation in our own primary

language. This is especially true when we are tired or stressed or hurting in some way. If you know someone who is struggling, it is really helpful to know what actually helps them rather than what we think might help.

A question I have heard used is "What one thing can I do for you that will help you right now?" That question works very well because it doesn't impose anything. As long as both people are genuinely listening to each other; that question enables genuine help to be given.

Jesus instinctively knew what people needed at any given time. Check out some of the various methods he used in healing. He often used physical touch perhaps because sick people were ostracized in those days. I especially love the story of Jesus healing the leper in Luke chapter 5. Imagine what it would have been like to have been a total outcast and then along comes Jesus. Without any thought of what others would think or the apparent risk of contamination; Jesus touched him with love. And the man was healed physically. He was also healed emotionally and spiritually.

So I encourage you to think about your own language for giving and receiving. And to think about those around you as well. How can you best affirm them?

Shameless self-promotion: My love languages are words of affirmation and acts of service!

For more information check out:
www.5lovelanguages.com

Learning together in love,

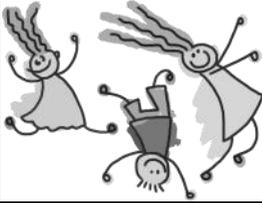
Susan

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

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be held in the Lounge at 2.00pm on Wednesday 27 July. Our guest speaker will be Anne-Marie Fowkes who will talk about Stroke Prevention. 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 Jean McConachie Ph.544 6921.

Spring Fair - I have had the privilege of coordinating the Spring Fair, however this year it will be held much later than usual. There are a number of possibilities, and you may have some great ideas about what could happen. Please, if you have been involved, speak with me either after the 9.00 am service, phone me or e mail me your ideas. Thanks. Shiona Frengley Ph. 544 4155 frengles@vodafone.co.nz.

Evening AAW Group - Meet at 7.30pm Thursday 28 July in the Hall Lounge. Our guest will be Adrienne Matthews on flower arranging. Sales Table. All Welcome For more information contact Alison Heslop Ph. 544 5067



= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 24 July - School Holidays - No Kidz Church

Next Sunday 31 July - Kidschurch led by Susan Gill

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 - Heavenly Father we pray for peace in your world and especially pray that you will comfort those affected by the attack which changed a day of celebration in Nice last week into a war zone. Lord we ask that you give the French government and police and other countries also, wisdom and insight that they may they be alert in ways to stop further attacks happening on innocent people. We pray for the Muslim countries in the middle east and ask that the fighting in this area will soon come to an end. We ask Lord Jesus that you will reveal yourself to the ISIS leaders and fighters just as you did to Saul of Tarsus to bring peace to these areas and also to the groups acting out in Europe. We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters persecuted in these areas and ask Lord that you will give them comfort and provide for them. Thank you for all the aid agencies working in the areas effected, to provide the relief needed. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem so we will soon rejoice in the return of Jesus to bring about his everlasting peace to this whole world.

Mission Partners - We pray today for Allan and Christine on their return to New Zealand and for their preparations of a busy visit as they travel around speaking in various areas. We give thanks for them visiting and to be a blessing to us on Friday. May you Lord strengthen them as they travel and speak, and also refresh them in times of relaxation. We give thanks for their students that they have mentored over the past years and who have graduated from university and now returning to their own countries or continuing in study. We pray Lord for your protection over these students as they return to their homes and start new lives there.

Diocese - We pray for Rev Martin Harrison and leaders of the Waimea parish as they examine their vision and mission – that they might capture the big vision that God has for them and ask and pray that the Holy Spirit will fall afresh on them. We pray also Lord that you will watch over and bless the weekly children's outreach, music and rhythm, Buzz club and play group and pray also for the family of the child being baptised today.

Local Community - Bless and watch over the Church of Christ and Pastor Steve Rollo as he ministers in the church. We pray and give thanks for the Thursday night church services reaching out to those in our community who normally not attend a church on Sunday and ask Lord that you will minister to those attending and draw them closer to you.

Our Parish - Lord we give you praise and thank you for all that you are doing in this parish and thank you for Susan and her leadership and ask you to protect her and to give her wisdom and also to our vestry members for decisions for our future. We give thanks for all who minister in this place each Sunday morning and throughout the week and for all those who serve you faithfully. We ask and pray also for your protection over us all, in preparation of Graeme Howarth's talk series next month, Christianity & Islam, and ask Lord that you will prepare peoples hearts to come, hear, learn and understand more about this topic. We give thanks also for the book fair last Saturday and the funds raised.

Those in need within our own church family - Heavenly Father, we ask that you bring you healing, comfort and strength to Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Norma, Sonja, Ingrid Blackbeard, John Burrough and David Hollingsworth. We pray also for the residents and staff in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish that they will know your love and peace.

This Week...

Monday 25 July

7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 26 July

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frenley)

Wednesday 27 July

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.00am Wednesday Service
2.00pm AAW meeting (J McConachie)

Thursday 28 July

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

Friday 29 July

10.00am Missions with Allan & Christine
6.45pm Youth (A. Sardella)

Sunday 31 July

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Coming up...

Sunday 7 August

7.00pm Taizé Service *Light & Dark*

Thursday 18 August

7.30pm Christianity & Islam

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 10 July

Holy Communion

Sunday 24 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 31 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am Pritchard Home Group
Reader:	9.00am S Entwistle, J Payne	10.30am J Sardella
Sidespeople:	9.00am E Erskine	10.30am J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am S Entwistle	10.30am M Ross
Tea:	TBA	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	M Brosnahan	Creche: S Milligan, J Vercoe

Theme for Next Sunday: Empowering people to impact history

Readings for Next Sunday: Hebrews 13:7 - 25, Psalm 145:1 - 7

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