



Church on the Hill

Sunday 26 July 2015



Theme: A People of Hope
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Jean Palmer
Readings: Luke 9:46-48, Matthew 7:7 -12

Sentence:

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

- 1 Peter 3:15

Prayer for the day:

Almighty Father, whose Son, Jesus Christ, proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life, have compassion on the suffering of the world, we pray. Help us to live as people

of hope in the power of the Spirit, bringing your love, joy and peace to those around us. Through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, our coming King. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Reading and Reflecting on the Bible

So this is the last Sunday of Bible month. I hope focusing in this way on God's written Word, has given us a reminder of how essential it is for our daily lives because this amazing collection of books contains the on-going story of who we are as well as who our forerunners were. The Bible tells us where we have come from, it reveals where we are now and it points very clearly to where we are going.

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

- 2 Tim 3:16 *The Message*

There are many different ways to read Scripture. Here is something I have found helpful, from Anthony de Mello a Jesuit priest:

1. Read the passage once. Then move onto the next passage.
- *This will give you entertainment.*
2. Read the passage twice. Reflect on it.
Ask "So what?" Apply it to your life.
- *That will give you a taste of theology and application.*
3. Read the passage again. Create a silence within you and let the Holy Spirit reveal to you the inner depth and meaning of the passage: something beyond

words and reflections.

- *This will begin to give you a feel for the mystical mysterious nature of God.*

4. Or carry the passage around with you and allow its fragrance; its melody to haunt you. let it speak to your heart and not just your brain.

- *This too could lead you to a greater experience of the living God.*

It's always good to try new ways of reading (especially if you have a short attention span like me). Another way to try that you may find helpful is to imagine yourself into story, especially a Gospel story – you might be one of the characters or perhaps a bystander. What can you hear, smell, perhaps even taste? How are the other characters acting and responding? What is Jesus saying or doing? How do you respond to that?

However we read the Bible, the key it needs to be an interactive process. The Spirit of God wants to speak to us today as much, if not more, than he ever did. Interacting with the Bible is one of the easiest ways to hear the Spirit speak. This is why the reader always says "hear what the Spirit says to the church" after the first reading at 9.00am. And our response "Thanks be to God" is a great heart attitude to have.

Thanks be to God for continuing to speak to us through his living word.

Learning together in Jesus' love,

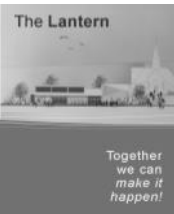
Susan

Community Christmas Dinner - It is time to start planning this year's meal, so if you are going to be on your own this year, feeling like a change, or would just love to get involved in a short term community project, we would love to get together with you 7:30pm Thursday 30 July in the church. We are looking for team leaders for hall set up, hall decorating, kitchen hands, kitchen manager, hall manager, serving teams, security, welcomers, clean up, pack away, musicians and general helpers. For info. contact Kay 544 8844 wk, 547 6777 hm or email seniors.onhill@xtra.co.nz

Men - The forum will meet to debate the question "are women taking over the world". This is expected to be a lively debate and if any church member feels a need to express an opinion on this subject but is unable to attend our forum. Please email me and I will make sure your opinion

will be aired. The forum meets on 7.00 – 9.00 pm Monday 27 July at 20 Emsdale Close. Contact Jacob Klootwyk email: apollonius@clear.net.nz or Phone 544 5269

Commissioning - Franz Murbach will be commissioned as Chaplain to the Nelson Mission to Seafarers at 3.00pm on Thursday 30 July at the Mission, Low St, Port Nelson. All Welcome



You have heard me many times speaking about money for our new Community Centre. Anne webb got to the core of the subject last Sunday when she said "Our Christian journey continues, only now it is our turn to pass on the stories and the values" If we are to optimise our opportunities to evangelise we need our new building now. Please give generously to make it happen in 2016
- Jacob Klootwyk

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: Father, you created this world of ours and appointed human kind to care for it. Help us all, especially our leaders, to work to maintain its delicate balance, despite population growth and greed.

Mission Partners: We ask you to encourage Allan & Christine, especially after Allan's illness, in their ministry to students and others in the large Asian city you have placed them. We continue to pray for Murray and Fey cotter as they prepare to return to Albania. May you guide them to where they can next draw others into your kingdom.

Diocese: We bring before you Lord, Ian and Karen Thatcher and the churches they look after in Takaka and Collingwood. We thank you that finances are now in better shape and for growing attendance at their Thursday Community lunches. We also ask that tomorrow's Men's Dinner at Collingwood will be a great success.

Local Church: We ask for your continuing blessing to be on Richmond's New Life Church and for Pastor Jono and his support team, especially those involved in the encouragement and tutoring of young Christians.

Our Parish: We Thank you for Susan's tireless efforts encouraging so many facets of Parish Life. We ask you, even at this late stage to encourage people to attend the Alpha Course. We also pray that you will provide for our ongoing financial needs, so that we can cover our expenses without further eroding Trust income. Please guide the Finance team as they seek solutions to these important matters.

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 27 July

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

Tuesday 28 July

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 29 July

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Thursday 30 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 2 August

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*
7.00pm Taizé Service
**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 4 August

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Sunday Thursday 13 August

10.00 - 2.30pm Retreat at Gardens of the World

Thursday 15 October

Help, you're losing us

*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 2 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am S Gill	10.30am J Palmer
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am L Blackmore
Tea:	E Erskine, S Raj Devi	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne, E Erskine	10.30am V McNaughton, C Robinson, H Thomson
Flowers:	N Thomas	Brass: E Moore

Readings for Next Sunday: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, Luke 9: 28b-36

Theme for Next Sunday: The Turning Point

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