



Church on the Hill

Sunday 2 August 2015



Theme: The Turning Point
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Micah Did-Dell
Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Luke 9:28b-36

Sentence:

A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."
- Luke 9:35

Prayer for the day:

Thank you heavenly Father, for Jesus' transfiguration which we celebrate today. We know it is a strategic moment – and a strategic story - in which heaven breaks through to earth in the here and now! Holy Spirit, help us to glimpse Jesus

also. Help us to understand the fullness of who Jesus is and what He came to do. Help us to walk in the freedom and power this brings and to be changed into his likeness. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Messiah. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Letting go

In this week of leading two funerals, I've been pondering (in the brief moments I've had) what it means to let go – to let go of someone we love, of places we thought we'd be forever, of dreams and hopes that may not be fulfilled, of our plans and preconceived ideas. What does it mean to say we trust God if we hold on to people or things that don't belong to us?

Held

by Valerie Evans

Dry leaves falling
Blown by the wind
Can't choose where to land

Naked branches
Last leaf dangling
Struggles to hold on

Final surrender
Fragile connection broken
Destined for transformation

I cling onto thin threads
Fearing loss of control
Anticipating engulfing emptiness

The moist earth
Holds autumn's gifts
Regeneration begins

Unclasped hands
Open heart
Changed mind

I too will be held
In the unknowing
That follows letting go

“There is nothing in death or life, in the world as it is, or the world as it shall be, nothing in all creation, that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- Romans 8:38,39

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.

Building Fundraiser - Honey is now available. Honey 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, and 2kgs \$25. See Anne Askin between the services or Ph. 544 9059.

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

Nelson Safe Haven Workshop for Senior Citizens – Monday 31 August from 10.00am to 11.30am. Nick Smith's Rooms, 544 Waimea Rd. Please contact me if you would like to attend this so we can register and arrange transport. Further details on Church noticeboard. Kay Peterson Ph.544 8844

24-7 Youth Work - Waimea College: The Richmond Waimea Youth Trust is holding it's AGM on Thursday 6 August at 6:30pm in the staffroom at Hope Community Church. If anyone wishes to join us you are most welcome. Nick Ippolito Team Leader Ph. 027 826 0021

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal - Its time to begin to think about filling boxes again - lots of suitable bargains in the shops. As previously, our main 'box filling' will be in conjunction with the AAW Evening meeting on Thursday 24 September. You can find leaflets telling you what to include in the rack at the back of the Church. Thank you. Brenda Page.

BTC School of Theology - Aims to feed God's people with some deep talk about being God's people in this world. it's serious without being heavy ... challenging, visionary, & hope-filled all sessions at St Barnabas, Stoke. Wednesday 12 August 7.30pm Public Talk: *A bridge to (no) where? Vision, Courage and the reign of God.* Thursday 13 August 9.30am - 4.30pm
Register and see the programme at: www.bishopdale.ac.nz/events
Enquires: office@bishopdale.ac.nz Ph. 548 8785

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 thank you, Lord, for the success of the amazing mission to the planet Pluto that demonstrates the infinite extent of our Universe and reinforces our belief in your understanding and control of all the complexities it presents.

The World: Protect us please from the recurring menace of random shooting attacks on defenceless people and comfort those bewildered families who grieve as a result. As with so many aspects of life that are beyond our ability to deal with, we rely on Your unique insight and love for solutions to seemingly insoluble problems that confront us. May nations unite to find permanent remedies for the financial difficulties of Greece, where New Zealand soldiers served in years past to help resist an unchristian tyranny seeking to impose its evil culture on world order.

Mission Partners: We ask your blessing for the Corin Family as they work diligently in a remote part of Central Asia, and particularly for Chris's efforts in a six-month discipleship training programme and business leadership instruction for local believers.

Diocese: Heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your support for the increased emphasis on youth involvement in the Atawhai-Hira Diocese, including contacts with Girl Guides and their families, and children's musical concerts to build relationships with the church.

Local Church: We rejoice, Lord, with the Hope Community Church in positive results achieved from its recent Hopefest outreach programme in the community, including a new member having been baptised.

Our Parish: We give thanks for Micah, Antonio, Jared and Paniah who lead the youth group on Friday nights. We pray for them all especially Micah as he copes with this busy final semester in his studies. Bless them and the young people richly as they have fun together and grow in You.

Those in need within our own church family: Please bestow Your blessings in their testing times on George and Bev, Daphne, Pam, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda, Bill and others known to us, and those receiving care in rest homes and hospitals within our parish. Please also be with the Tyree and Leadley families and all who mourn.

This Week...

Monday 3 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 4 August

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 5 August

7.30am Prayer

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

10.00am Wednesday Service

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Thursday 6 August

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 9 August

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

Sunday 16 August

4.00pm Messy Church

Thursday 15 October

Help, you're losing us

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 9 August Holy Communion

Sunday 23 August 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 9 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am P Bean

Sidespeople: 9.00am M Gibson

Welcomer: 9.00am J McConachie

Tea: M Watson, M Evans

Chalice: 9.00am G Thomas, M McRae

Flowers: B Page

10.30am N Pritchard Team

10.30am M Tilley

10.30am S Lyon

10.30am N/A

Brass: A Hodges

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 103, Luke 17:11-16

Theme for Next Sunday: Give Thanks

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