



Church on the Hill

Sunday 30 July 2017



Theme: Communion
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Karl Summerfield and Micah Did-Dell
Readings: Hebrews 7: 23-28, Luke 19:1-9

Sentence: Jesus said "I must be a guest in your house today."

- Luke 19:5

Prayer for the day:

What a joy and a privilege it is to fellowship with you Lord. Thank you that we commune with you no matter where we are or who we are with. We know that you are with us – indwelling us. Whether we are in a rushing noisy crowd or sitting in solitary stillness, communion with you is wonderful. We thank you that being together with Christian friends is very special. We are all so different yet you chose us before the foundation of the world. As we gather around

your table together, we want to express our appreciation for you, our Lord and our God, and for each other. We thank you too that everyone is welcome here. Help us to be supportive and affirming towards all people and to share Communion with them too; whether that be around the Communion table in church or around the table of fellowship wherever we are. We pray this in the name of the one who makes fellowship possible, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Unexpected Blessings

How life can change in an instant! I found this out on July 4th. I had a busy day ahead. I had been in my office since 8am. I had made a few phone calls, emailed folk about the Case for Christ movie, and sorted out a payment method for this and left details in the office. Next I went down to the hall to get out stuff for Lunch on the Hill and put the sign out. It was to be a busy day with Alpha after the lunch. Next I trotted off to get some supplies for Lunch on the Hill, I had a list with me. I only got as far as the kerb by the edge of the road by the Community Church and suddenly I was down on the ground. I went to pick myself up and then I saw my right foot sticking out on a crazy angle and swelling in the ankle area. I knew I wasn't going far!!

Suddenly two women appeared and took control of the situation. One called the ambulance and helped me get into a comfortable position and put something under me. They asked me who they could ring and generally took control of the situation. When they found out I worked for the church one of the women prayed for me! They were my angels but I needed another angel as I was still worried about my shopping list and how Colin was going to get in the hall to set up for the lunch!

The third angel appeared in the form of Ellen I called her over, didn't need to explain much as it was obvious I was on my way to hospital. I gave her the list and asked her to let the office know what had happened. Thanks Ellen.

By the time I got to hospital my husband wasn't far away. I was sedated and the dislocation was relocated. I had nearly a week to wait until the

swelling went down so I could have three plates put in. Susan came into see me with a card that spoke of unexpected blessings there would be for me in the midst of these present trials. I was already seeing these!

1. The three angels.
2. The outpouring of love and good wishes from all of you at Holy Trinity. Thank you for your cards, visits, and the love you have shown.
3. God sent me a roommate I knew, I know her even better now and she knows me too! We made a pact, what happens in room 11a and 11b stays in that room!!! We had lots of fun.
4. I have had more time to read my Bible and marvel how each day's reading speaks to my situation! God is so good and his word is amazing!
5. When I came home my daughter was here and my daughter in law to be. Even though my two grandsons were not very well, we had quality time together.
6. My husband has been very patient with me! Hope he can keep this up for the duration!!!
7. Friends and neighbours have been very generous with food and other offers of help. When we came to Nelson two years ago, I had one friend here. Now we both feel part of this community and have made many friends.
8. Evelin has been able to step in to keep things going while I am out of action. Thanks Evelin.

These are just a few of the unexpected blessings that have come my way. It's not all plain sailing; it is hard hopping around, and losing my fitness. I will never ever take walking for granted! And I will have more empathy with any of you who have a fall. Try not to!!!!

Love and blessings to you all,

Yvonne

Scripture ▪ Song ▪ Silence

7.00pm Sunday 6 August ▪ Taizé Service

led by Micah Did-Dell





SHOE BOX APPEAL

It's time to start thinking of items to fill the boxes we send to children in the Pacific Islands. Your gifts and messages that go with love are greatly appreciated - especially the illustrated booklet of the Good News of Jesus Christ. A plastic box is at the back of the church for your donations and leaflets are in the rack to give you ideas of what to buy. (K-Mart and \$2 shops are great places to start) A4 size shoeboxes are great fun to decorate with children. If you have family, friends or others who would like boxes contact me. The cost to send a box is now \$10 and any donations towards this are welcome. The main "box fill" will be done in conjunction with the Evening AAW group meeting on Thursday 12 October. Time to be advised. You are most welcome to participate in this project. **For info: Dawn Martin Ph. 547 3434**

= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 30 July

Activities at back of Church

Next Sunday 6 August

Being Thankful

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 - We pray for Sudan, where the Archbishop of Canterbury will inaugurate the 39th province of the worldwide Anglican Communion at a service in Khartoum, on Sunday. We pray for the Bishop of the Diocese of Khartoum, Ezekiel Kondo, that You will give him wisdom, vision and strength as he seeks to lead the diocese in a country where Islamic law is the foundation of Sudan's legal system, so that leaving Islam is punishable by death; and Christians are afraid even to talk about their faith in case this is construed as an act that encourages apostasy. We also continue to pray for peace and help for South Sudan, especially for all the refugees, particularly the many children, who have fled to neighbouring Uganda.

Mission Partners - Today we pray for Murray and Féy Cotter, at this time when many go on summer holidays in Albania and the heat can be oppressive. We ask Your support for them and the church in its ministry. Help them to complete some concentrated language study this month.

Diocese - We pray for the work of All Saints Parish, Nelson, and Simon and Fran Martin and their team. We give thanks to God for the amazing outreach ministry to children that Miranda Warner has concluded and pray for Miranda that her time of rest will be deeply refreshing. We pray for the church as they explore a fresh vision of what it means to be Family on Mission, they may discern the will of God for the parish. We also pray that as the youth invite friends to Alpha, the Youth Community would grow in faith and evangelism.

Local community - We pray today for Richmond Baptist Church, with David Jensen and his team. We give thanks for God's hand at work in the church and we pray for wisdom for the leadership as they think about important steps to be taken. We also pray for protection against the evil one - that they would continue in unity and love and be effective in their witness to the world around them.

Our Parish - We pray today the Building Team, we thank You for how much they have achieved over this last year and pray that You will encourage them, especially when they wait on others to provide plans and information. Maintain their unity and clear the way for this project to go ahead with Your blessing.

This Week...

Monday 31 July

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

Tuesday 1 August

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)

Wednesday 2 August

10.00am Wednesday Service
10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 3 August

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W. Wilkinson, J. Lines)
7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 6 August

9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Holy Communion
7.00 pm Taizé Service

** Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Thursday 31 August

6.00pm Shared Meal
7.00pm *The True Cost* Documentary Movie

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 August
Sunday 27 August

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer

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Roster for 6 August - *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J McConachie	10.45am	S Gill
Reader:	9.00am	A Heslop, V Matthews	10.45am	M Martin
Sidespeople:	9.00am	B Page	10.45am	TBA
Welcomer:	9.00am	J Lines	10.45am	TBA
Tea:		E Erskine, G Thomas		
Chalice:	9.00am	B Payne, E Erskine	10.45am	V McNaughton, H Thomson E/D Stanger
Flowers:		A Burrough	Crèche:	M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Christ Sustains

Readings for next Sunday: Micah 6:6-8, 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Hebrews 12: 2-4 (*all NIV*)

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