



Church on the Hill

Sunday 31 July 2016



Theme: Empowering people to impact history
Vicar: Revd. Susan Gill
Preacher: Allan and Christine
Readings: Hebrews 13:7 - 25, Psalm 145:1 - 7

Sentence:

Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. - *Psalm 145:6*

Prayer for the day:

Loving and All-powerful God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing. You set the captives free and bring justice to those who have been wronged. You bring strength to the

weak and fire to the apathetic. And you choose us, as your co-workers, in all these witness to the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Praying for each other

Recently I have seen people praying for each other after the Sunday services. This is absolutely wonderful!

For some years we've been trying to get rosters going to get enough people so that there are always two people available to pray for others after the services. I think all the people who have been on rosters in the past have undertaken some kind of training in prayer ministry. All well and good.

However we are all commanded to pray for each other:

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

- James 5:16 (New Living Translation)

One person, who offered prayer, told me it is unusual for them to be asked to pray for someone but they were pleased to do so – even though they felt a little nervous. Praying for others is not really a specialized ministry for the elite, even though it is true that the Lord seems to bless some people in this way.

So rather than trying to fill rosters, make programmes, or formalise everything, I suggest that if you need prayer for yourself or others, simply ask someone you trust to pray for you. It could be one of the leaders, including myself, or it could be the person next to you in the pew.

And what if someone asks you to pray for them?

Here are a couple of simple suggestions:

- Ask the person what they would like prayer for (if they haven't already told you)
- Ask them if it's ok for you to put your hand on their shoulder or arm if you feel comfortable with that
- Thank God for his goodness and for the person requesting prayer
- Ask the Lord silently how you should pray
- Wait a moment for the answer
- Then pray *simply* and *briefly* for whatever the Lord tells you to pray
- And ask the person how they feel now. Is there anything else they need.

Some don'ts:

- Don't use lots of Christianese
- Don't feel like it all depends on you: the Holy Spirit at work. We pray and leave the results up to Him.
- Don't tell anyone else what was discussed unless you have the person's permission to do so. If you are concerned for the person's safety, tell them you need to speak to someone else and talk to myself or a Warden.

So folks, I have confidence in you. Minister to each other in Jesus name and together we'll watch with joy, what the Lord does through you.

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

-1 Peter 2:5

Any questions, give me a buzz.

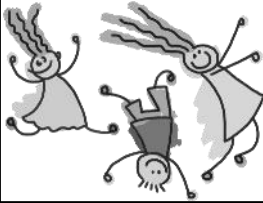
Learning together in love,

Susan

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 email me your ideas. Thanks. Shiona Frengley Ph. 544 4155 frengles@vodafone.co.nz.

Where do I fit? - We will be running a short and sharp course covering several aspects of how God has gifted us. Alex Johnston will facilitate the sessions and look at spiritual gifts, people/task preferences, passion etc. The aim is for you to know where you are now and what God is calling you to be involved in. The course will run over two Sunday mornings on 7th and 14th August. It will be held in the hall during one service so you can still go to the other service. Please contact the office asap with your name and preference for the course to be held at 9.00am or 10:30am. church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or phone: 544 8844

Vicar's days off - Susan's is trialling Saturday and Monday as her days off instead of Monday and Tuesday. Please note that Susan is away on retreat this week and will back for Sunday's services.



= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 31 July - Kidz Church led by Susan Gill

Next Sunday 7 August - Kidz Church led by Sue Fellow

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 your world and all the turmoil that is happening on a daily occurrence at this time. We ask Lord that you will bring Your shalom to this hurting world and to those suffering and those who have lost loved one due to violence by terrorists, natural disasters and other forms of disruption to their lives. We pray also the safety and protection of athletes and officials at the Rio Olympic Games over the next few weeks and may the security personal be on full alert against any persons looking to cause disruption and harm to those attending.

Mission Partners – We pray for the Corin family in Central Asia and ask Lord that you will watch over them and their work in the community in which they live. Thank you for the work Chris is doing in helping with church planting and agricultural projects to better the lives of others. Pray for the new believers in the community, that the Lord will reveal Himself in a powerful way so that they will find strength in Him to proclaim their new found faith despite the persecution they may face. Thank you also for Catherine and her involvement with the local women so that close relationships will develop and their hearts will be receptive to receive the good news of Jesus also.

Diocese - We pray for the companion Anglican Diocese of Singapore, consisting of 26 parishes in Singapore and 6 deaneries throughout the Asia region, situated in Cambodia Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam. We pray for the Right Reverend Rennis Ponniah, Bishop of St Andrew's Cathedral and the clergy in the diocese, for their work and witness to the people of these nations. We give thanks for the church and its established history of church-planting and rapid growth, as well as providing educational, medical and social services in Singapore and the neighbouring region.

Local Community - We pray today for the Richmond Community Church and for Pastor Ross Ferguson and his team. We ask Lord that you will bless their work with the youth and children in their church and also other ministries that they have in reaching out to our community.

Our Parish – We thank you Lord for what you are doing among us and we continue to pray for your provision in all areas of this parishes work. We continue to ask and pray for your protection over this place in preparation of Graeme Howarth's talks next month on Christianity & Islam. We pray also Lord for Susan, and ask for your protection to be over and around her and also help her to spend time resting in you and that you Lord will give her your wisdom and guidance as she leads this parish. We give thanks for the newly established building team and ask Lord that you will guide them also in their decision making in looking at what facility would be best for our needs. Thank you also for the meeting with Christine and Allan on Friday and the opportunity to hear about their work in Asia.

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

This Week...

Monday 1 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 2 August

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

Wednesday 3 August

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 4 August

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 5 August

7.00pm Youth (A. Sardella)

Sunday 7 August

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

7.00pm Taizé Service *Light & Dark*

Coming up...

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 14 August

Holy Communion

Sunday 28 August

Morning Prayer

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Roster for 7 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am Susan Gill

Reader: 9.00am A Heslop, V Matthews

Sidespeople: 9.00am B Page

Welcomer: 9.00am J Lines

Tea: E Erskine, S Raj Dev

Chalice: 9.00am B Payne, E Erskine

Flowers: R Armstrong

10.30am Susan Gill

10.30am M Martin

10.30am T Mangelsdorf

10.30am L Blackmore

10.30am V McNaughton, H Thomson
E/D Stanger

Creche: M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Raising the Standard

Readings for Next Sunday: Exodus 20:1-2 and 12-17, Matthew 5:21 – 30

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