



Church on the Hill

Sunday 6 August 2017



Theme: Mission to Refugees
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Lyn Ashby
Readings: Micah 6:6-8, 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Hebrews 12: 2-4 (*all NIV*)

Sentence:

... what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
- Micah 6:8

Prayer for the day:

Lord we give thanks for those who live and work with refugees everywhere, especially overseas. Bring them encouragement and strength when they feel alone or discouraged. Thank you for your provision for them; please nudge others to assist financially. We pray that nations which can help by offering refuge or provisions will do so. We

ask for a strong sense of your presence with the workers and those they work with. Please protect them physically, emotionally and spiritually that they may partner with you in your work wherever they are. We pray these things through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and friend.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Carpark Safety

Health and Safety has become almost an overwhelming reality for anyone in the workplace today. Our vestry and myself have been confronted with this reality over the last couple of weeks and have reluctantly decided to close the church carpark between the hours of 8:30am – 9:15am and 2.00pm – 3:30pm on school days. We will be getting a chain or barrier of some kind to enforce the closure. Closure takes effect from Monday 7 August.

We have been forced into this decision. Our Diocesan Health and Safety worker visited us and saw two children nearly hit by a vehicle. Our current carpark has just kind of evolved. There are few clear parking spaces now, far more vehicles, and parents park wherever they want so it is just chaos before and after school.

Most likely the car park would be closed quite soon anyway because of the new building process. We plan to have a new carpark designed – one that will be as safe as it can be will be installed after the building is complete. Then we will re-open the car park before and after school.

This decision will cause difficulties for us all and I am sorry for that. It means we will all need to plan appointments and meetings so that we don't need to get in or out of the carpark during the times above.

I have to say this process is very stressful for me and has resulted in me getting unnecessarily grumpy with some people. If you are one of those and I didn't notice at the time – sorry about that! The last week and a bit has been awful. I have sincerely appreciated the prayers of those who have had no clue as to what is going on but have prayed anyway.

Tim Brenton, Richmond Primary School Principal, and the Board of Trustees have been brilliant. We have consulted them before making the decision and they have supported us 100%. Tim has helped by circulating info in the school newsletter and publishing leaflets to put on vehicles this week.

Closing the carpark goes against every value I personally hold and it's probably the same for most of you. Our vision is - Following Jesus,

Building Community and yet this feels anything but building community. I am concerned about the impact it will have on the school and wider community in this already congested corner of Richmond. However safety is paramount.

Keeping people safe requires making difficult decisions at times but those decisions always come with a cost. Please pray with me that most in our community will understand the reasons behind our decision. Please pray that this will not adversely affect our witness in the wider community.

Learning together in love,

Susan

Here is what has gone into the School newsletter this week:

'CHURCH ON THE HILL' CAR PARK CLOSED FROM MONDAY 7th AUGUST 2017

For many years Richmond School parents/whānau/staff have been very fortunate the Trinity 'Church on the Hill' allowed us to use their carpark before school and after school. People can appreciate this is private property.

The church has made the decision, in consultation with the Richmond School Board of Trustees, that this is no longer a viable option due to the large numbers of cars in the carpark area along with the foot traffic at busy times (before school and after school). Recently there have been a number of 'close calls' involving children. Pedestrian safety in this area is paramount.

From Monday 7 August 2017 onwards the Richmond School parents/whānau/staff will *NOT* be able to use the carpark before school and at the end of the school day. Please respect the church's decision (one the Richmond School Board supports).

The church has plans drawn up to build a new hall (and there will be a professional designed new carpark area). This is due to begin later in the year. A priority for the church is designing a safe car park for pedestrians and vehicles. They hope to be able to open it again to the Richmond School parents/whānau/staff once this is complete.

In the meantime: Please park on nearby streets – my suggestion is to park along Waverley Street and walk along the short walkway (called 'Trinity Lane') next to the Play Centre or walk across the

field from the gate next to the Waverley Street kindergarten.

The Board will be investigating the possibility of installing a path across the field line by the adventure playground to this gate. Please do not park in the staff carpark off Oxford Street. Please remember the P2 signs (means you can only park for 2 minutes) outside the main office between 8:30am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Please remember it is illegal to stop/park on the Yellow lines along Church Street, on the corner by the

main office and on Cambridge Street by the RTLB building. The P2 signs are there to aid traffic flow at peak times. The yellow lines are to make sure people do not park where it becomes a potential visibility hazard. At the end of the day our students' safety is PARAMOUNT.

Huge thanks to all those who model good driving and parking practices. Please respect the desires of the 'Church on the Hill' to protect our children. Many thanks.
Tim Brenton

= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 6 August

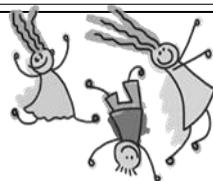
Being Thankful

Next Sunday 13 August

TBC

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 - Creator God, some of us have just finished the international Plastic Free July. We pray for wisdom and determination to use far less and contaminate as little of this planet as we can. We pray for governments and scientists who can implement plans and policies to genuinely make a difference and even help rejuvenate this earth. We pray for governments struggling now – in the Middle East, Africa, South America and the U.S. Please show them how to govern justly and peaceably.

Mission Partners - Thank you for the Corin family and their recent time in NZ. Please be with them as they wind up their deputation work and settle back in at home. We pray that you will grow the Seed Project so that our fellow Christians in Central Asia will be able to start new businesses and bless their wider communities.

Diocese - We pray for the work of the Atawhai - Hira Parish and Jeff Cotton and his wife Jo as she leads the Sunday School team. We remember their parish nurse Jane Wulff and the youth leaders along with everyone who ministers in that place.

Local community - We remember the Lutheran Church in Upper Moutere as they continue to search for a new pastor. Bless the elders and enable the church folk in their interim leadership and ministry. May this time draw them closer together and enable them to welcome and support a new pastor.

Our Parish - We give thanks for the Senior Clergy in our Parish, praying for good health times of great blessing in their lives and their ministries. We pray for Jean and John as they head to the UK, for Peter and Noeline Bean, Barry and Ivy Price, Jim and Bev Payne and Franz and Julia Murbach in Switzerland.

We ask for special blessings for Yvonne, Albertha, Gwen, Pam, Chris, Lisa, Anne, Ellie, John Barnes and Rachel. May your peace, healing and comfort surround them, and grant them the abiding sense of your presence with them. We also pray for your blessing on the staff and residents of the rest homes and retirement villages in our area, especially those in Wensley House adapting to new management. We ask Your special blessing on Yvonne and Ian as they cope with Yvonne's injury, bring peace and healing to Yvonne at this time. Guide Susan, Evelin and others who are covering for Yvonne's duties while she is off work.

Those in need within our own church family - We remember Yvonne, Albertha, Gwen, Pam, Chris, Lisa, Anne, Ellie, John Barnes and Rachel. May Your peace, healing and comfort surround them, and grant them the abiding sense of Your presence with them. We also pray for Your blessing on the staff and residents of the rest homes and retirement villages in our area.

This Week...

Monday 7 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 8 August

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

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

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

Wednesday 9 August

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 10 August

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

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 13 August

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Praise on the Hill

** Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 15 August

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Thursday 31 August

6.00pm Shared Meal

7.00pm *The True Cost* Documentary Movie

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 August

Morning Prayer

Sunday 27 August

Holy Communion

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
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Roster for 13 August - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.45am	S Jackson, L Ashby
Reader:	9.00am	M Gibson, D Day	10.45am	M Tilley
Sidespeople:	9.00am	M Gibson	10.45am	M Tilley
Welcomer:	9.00am	J McConachie	10.45am	S Lyon
Tea:		M Watson, M Evans		
Chalice:	9.00am	G Thomas, M McRae	10.45am	N/A
Flowers:		M Evans	Crèche:	M Martin

Theme for Next Sunday: When the Church Hurts People

Readings for next Sunday: Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 5: 46-48

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