



Church on the Hill

Sunday 9 August 2015



Theme: Give Thanks
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Steve Rollo
Readings: Psalm 103, Luke 17:11-16

Sentence:

All of God's creation, and all that he rules, come and praise your Lord! With all my heart I praise the Lord!
- Psalm 103:22

Prayer for the day:

Generous and compassionate God, sometimes we forget to say 'thank you' for your many good gifts. Sometimes our lives are complicated and difficult and we don't lift our eyes above our immediate circumstances. And yet, you have given us so much to be grateful for. You have chosen us to follow you. You have sent Jesus who brings us forgiveness and abundant life. You pour out your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. We live in a

beautiful land where your provision is abundant. We are able to worship you together as a church family. We have people who care about us and people we care for. Thank you loving heavenly Father for these good gifts and so many more. Help us to remember this week to praise you in all circumstances and to pray for others who have much less. In Jesus' name we pray these things,
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Working together for the Kingdom

This Sunday is Pulpit Swap. Steve Rollo from Church of Christ is with us. I am at the Lutheran Church at Moutere and Chris Janetski is at Steve's Church. We are doing a three-way swap. Some of the other churches are taking part also – I think four more in the Waimea area.

I know you'll give Steve a very warm welcome – he has a great message for you and he is the loveliest person. Steve is a great pastor and he and his wife Lynne exercise fabulous hospitality to many on the fringes of society.

On Thursday we had our monthly Minister's Association. It was a pleasure to welcome David Jensen into our midst as the new Baptist pastor and to pray for him. We also prayed for Peter Somervell (Grace Pastor), his wife Francelle who are supporting their son Mark who is seriously injured in hospital in LA. It's a privilege to be able to encourage, pray for and support each other.

Our discussion time was somewhat disconcerting – as it often is. Our churches are in various stages – some growing, others holding their own (that's us) and some declining. Rural churches are finding it very difficult as the rural population in general seems to be shrinking. But the real concern is that even the healthy

churches are mostly attracting transfer growth. There are some exceptions but most of our newcomers are from Christchurch or have come here from elsewhere to retire. There are not very many newcomers who are new to finding faith in Jesus.

What can we do about that – as individuals and as a church? If we believe the most important aspect of life is that of knowing Jesus, we aren't hold back on sharing about our own relationship with him. We must invite our friends and contacts to events that introduce them to other Christians and to the Christian Gospel when that is appropriate. We could even invite them to church – if a regular service is too freaky, then to Messy Church which is on Sunday 16th at 4.00pm. Lunch on the Hill is warm and safe attended by a good mix of church folk and wider community folk. Girls Brigade is great for primary school-aged girls. Friends n Fun is fantastic for pre-schoolers and their parents or caregivers. Home groups are also provide a safe environment. Our monthly Taizé service is for the spiritually minded who don't want to be preached at.

Also we can and must always speak highly of other Christians and churches. It doesn't matter where seekers end up – denominations are the least important factor in the light of God's Kingdom. Please pray for people you know to discover Jesus and enter his Kingdom.

Learning together in Jesus' love,

Susan

Shared Lunch: Today, Sunday 9 August, come and enjoy lovely winter soups, rolls and great company from 11.30am in the lounge. We are serving two kinds of soup. Free. Koha welcome, any funds raised to the Building Fund. Hope to see you there, Jacob and Shiona.

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

Messy Church - Next Sunday 16 August at 4.00pm in the hall. The theme is *Who's Ya Daddy?* Come along and enjoy informal family fun, craft, story and prayer activities. A meal is provided.

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: Heavenly Father, we ask for your direction for those seeking evidence on sea and land to understand the causes of destruction of two airliners that tragically ended the journeys of hundreds of peaceful passengers last year. Bring comfort to the minds of all who grieve as a result of those disastrous events. We pray for all those affected by increasing danger in many countries from wildfires that destroy animals and bird life, and we ask You to protect those dedicated and brave people who work to control such outbreaks. Please inspire those medical researchers whose studies offer promise for some means to at least delay the onset of Alzheimer's disease that afflicts so many.

Mission Partners: We ask for your support of the Sussex family as they resume their ministry in Cambodia. We thank you for the time of refreshing while they visited home and the opportunity for Phil to work as a locum in the dentistry department of Nelson Hospital and for Becky in her primary school teaching. Thank you that Phil is able to maintain his role on the Hope School board by "attending" meetings via skype.

Diocese: We express our thanks that you have brought to fruition plans for a new vicarage at Brightwater. Please guide the many groups in the Waimea Parish that each week involve parents and their young children in church-organised activities.

Local Church: We are grateful that an outreach initiative by Grace Church, to offer eight week cooking courses for retired folk, is being well supported. We pray for Mark, eldest son of the new pastor Peter Somervell, who has had a serious accident overseas. Please be with Peter, a recent arrival in Richmond, and his wife Francelle as they go to support their son's recovery in America.

Our Parish:

Thank you for Kay and the Lunch on the Hill teams and for the new people who have joined the regular attendees. We ask for your wisdom as we think and pray about how to share Christ more intentionally with those who are open to hearing and experiencing your love.

Those in need within our own church family: We ask your blessings for 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.

This Week...

Monday 10 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 11 August

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 12 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 13 August

10.00am Retreat at Gardens of the World (S Gill)

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 16 August

9.00am Morning Worship*

10.30am Holy Communion*

4.00pm Messy Church

*Morning Tea between services in the Hall

Coming up...

Tuesday 18 August

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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 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 16 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J South

10.30am F Summerfield

Sidespeople: 9.00am K South

10.30am J Green

Welcomer: 9.00am B Page

10.30am J South

Tea: A Burrough, V Matthews

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

10.30am J/A Green, N Pritchard
L/T Summerfield

Flowers: R Armstrong

Brass: J Inwood

Readings for Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 32:1 – 9, John 10:27 – 38

Theme for Next Sunday: What is faith based on?

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