



Church on the Hill

Sunday 16 August 2015



Theme: What is faith based on?
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Deuteronomy 32:1 – 9, John 10:27 – 38

Sentence:
Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? - *Job 11:7*

Prayer for the day:

Almighty, true and incomparable God, you are present in all things, yet in no way limited by them. You are beyond all corruption, above all change, constant by nature. You live in unapproachable light and are invisible, yet you

are known to all those who seek You with hope and love. You are the God of Israel, and of all who hope in Christ. We praise you and bless your Holy name, through Christ your only Son,
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Belief in God

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

Today we begin our consideration of the Apostles' Creed and what it means for us today. Belief in anything concrete is not the norm; at least it is not what people say is the norm. Today anything goes. What you believe is your business and what I believe is mine. And we mustn't try to impose our beliefs on anyone else. In other words there is no such thing as 'Absolute Truth' or is there?

Anecdotal evidence suggests to me that most people do believe in some kind of god. Most people do want some grand overarching purpose for their lives. We all want to count for something bigger than ourselves. Perhaps our problem as Christians is not that we expect too much but rather that we expect too little – of God, of ourselves, of each other and of potential new Christians.

The early disciples gave up everything for Jesus – and Jesus expected nothing less. When some enquired about following him Jesus was totally realistic in his response; “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.” - Luke 9:58

We (I) get so excited when someone wants to join us and we welcome them with open arms. That is the way it should be. However following Jesus and being part of the Christian community is not easy. And so we need anchors, foundations, places to return to when it all gets hard and confusing.

Obviously Scripture is the first point of call. The Apostles' Creed is totally scriptural. At our 9.00am service we always say a Creed or faith statement of some kind. We don't very often at our 10:30 service – for no reason other than habit as far as I can tell.

In our restless, wavering world, it is good to have something that reminds us of who and what we base our Christian faith on. It is wonderful to have something that recounts for us the nature of God – Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. It is also a positive thing to have something that reveals our place in the scheme of things.

Praise God for those who over the years argued, thought, prayed and wrestled over what was essential in the Creed. May it provide for all of us a place of safety and a place of challenge.

If we believe it, what will we do about it?

Learning together in Jesus' love, Susan

Susan

Messy Church - Today 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.



Afternoon AAW group. The ladies from the Evening AAW Group will entertain us and serve afternoon tea at our next meeting in the Hall on Wednesday 26 August at 2.00pm. There will be a display of goods, Christmas cards, calendars and many more items from Save the Children Shop in Nelson available for purchase. No Sales Table so all money spent can go towards Save the Children funds. Any ladies are most welcome to attend. Enquiries Jean McConachie 544 6921.

An Evening of Entertainment & Vision - 7.30pm Friday 4 September. All Saints. Come along to hear about BTC and the Foundation and how you can be part of our vision. Featuring “Songs from the Shows” by Bishop Richard, Hilary Ellena and others. Wine and Nibbles. BTC Friends' are free, bring a friend for \$10 a ticket. RSVP to: office@bishopdale.ac.nz Ph. 548 8785 extn. 5

AAW Evening Group - Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 August. Our annual BYO tea and film evening with an earlier 6.00pm start. Contributions to the Hospice will be collected at this meeting. For more information phone Anne 544 7992.

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.

Lunch on the Hill - This Tuesday 18 August from 11.30am in the hall. Why not invite a neighbour to come with you and enjoy a delicious meal and meet new people?

 <p>The Lantern</p>	<p>Together we can make it happen!</p>	<p>Building Fundraiser Honey is now available 500gms \$7.00 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284</p>	
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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 entreat your infinite wisdom to guide representatives on the United Nations organisation who grapple with daunting complex problems in their quest for international peace. May New Zealand's current term on the Security Council contribute to achieving elusive goals of fair treatment for all the world community.

New Zealand: May you comfort those workers in agricultural industries who are experiencing stresses from adverse trading conditions for their products overseas.

Mission Partners: We pray for your support and direction for Murray and Fey Cotter as they set up a new partnership to help strengthen churches in Albania. Please comfort them in the passing of Féy's Dad and keep them safe as they travel around Albania and Kosovo.

Diocese: We ask your blessing for all the diverse activities undertaken within our Companion Diocese of Singapore.

Local Church: Please direct the continuing efforts of Richmond's Catholic Church in their plans to amalgamate with Motueka and Golden Bay parishes.

Our Church: Help us to protect and nurture the young, and to respect and care for the elderly wherever needed. Teach us patience and understanding in everything we do within the Anglican faith.

Those in need within our own church family: We ask your blessings for George and Bev, Daphne, 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 17 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 18 August

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 19 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 20 August

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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Sunday 23 August

9.00am Holy Communion*

10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Wednesday 26 August

2.00pm Combined AAW Afternoon Tea

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 23 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Burrough

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Lines

Welcomer: 9.00am A Webb

Tea: G Bevernage, A Kuipers

Chalice: 9.00am S Frengley, S Paine

Flowers: M Evans

10.30am M Did-Dell

10.30am M Martin

10.30am S Milligan

10.30am N/A

Brass: M Evans

Readings for Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Matthew 21:33-42

Theme for Next Sunday: The Boss

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Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

1.00pm - 5.30pm