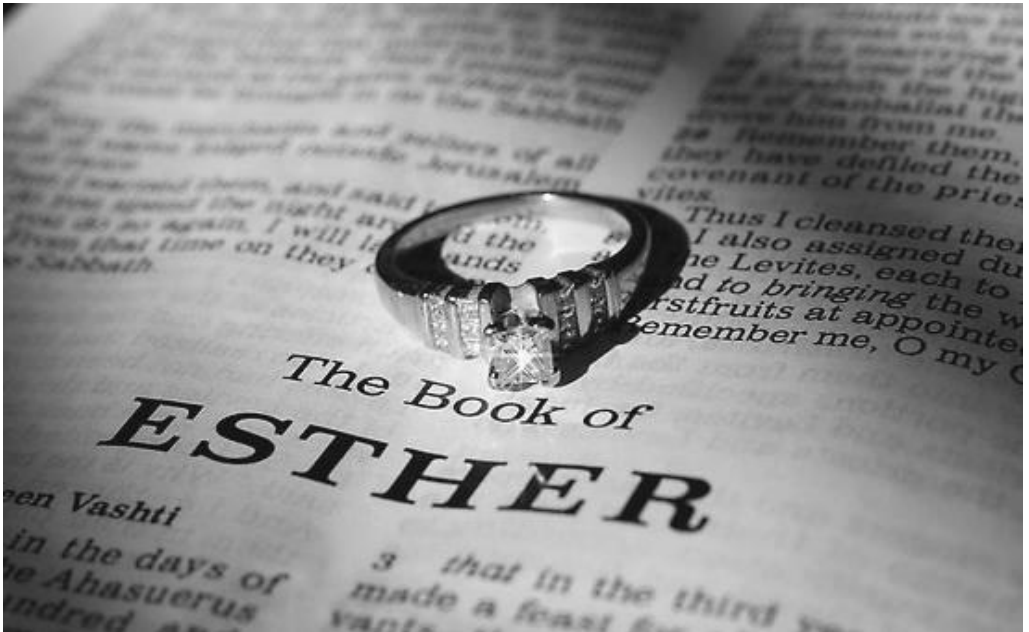




# Church on the Hill

Sunday 17 August 2014



**Theme:** The Story of Esther  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Owen Haring  
**Readings:** Esther 4:13-17, Matthew 10:16-26

**Sentence:**  
Jesus said, "God will give you the right words at the right time."

- Matthew 10:19

## Prayer for the day:

Lord God, we sometimes find ourselves in difficult troubling places. Help us to have the courage to look to you and to act faithfully. Help us remember that nothing can ever separate us from your love.

Help us realise that perhaps we are where we are because you want us to serve you regardless of the circumstances. Help us know our strength lies ultimately in you. **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### *Change and Continuity.*

Church on the Hill has been here for over 140 years! That is a very significant length of time. Here, Jesus Christ's Good News of has been preached, people have prayed, fellowshiped, fought, compromised, learned from God and each other. Much has been achieved; many lives touched by the Lord and changed for good.

What does the next 140 years look like? That's too hard to contemplate. Even the next 40 years is almost unimaginable. But the next ten?

Much of the same perhaps – Jesus will still be number one! We'll still be reaching out in his name; the Message stays the same. How we deliver it will be different – no question about that.

The new building will no longer be new. There will be community based programs held there; practical things like budgeting, parenting, gardening, relationship building. There will be courses on spirituality and the Christian faith. Community groups will use the facility and have a sense of ownership and buy-in to

the up-keep.

Our existing church will continue to host significant life events; weddings, funerals, baptisms, as well as regular worship services. We will be more involved in commemorating national events too. (We plan to host a Parihaka service in November.)

Our wider community will be different too; more multicultural, more diverse in terms of backgrounds and social understandings.

Much will change. But we will continue to hold to the Gospel values handed down from our spiritual forbears – those fathers and mothers who have invested so much in this place.

I wonder what you think those values are. For me, they include things like generosity, humour, honesty, the truth of God's word, safety to take risks and make mistakes, valuing all ages and stages, recognising and using our gifts, a sense of family pursuing the Kingdom of God together and reaching out in love, without judgement.

What values do you hold dear – especially those ones that shape our corporate life together? Dialogue welcome!

Much love

*Susan*

**Food Bank** - With winter heating costs up some people are needing food bank support. Supplies in our church banks are very low, so donations of non-perishable food would be welcome. Suitable gifts could include tea, coffee, sugar, rice, breakfast cereals, milk powder, tinned food, jam, honey, spreads etc and supermarket vouchers. Donations can be left in the basket at the front door. Thank-you. Alice Burrough.

**Parenting Toolbox Course** - Wednesday 3 September 7.00-9.00pm (0-6 years). \$75 each course.. Contact Elim Church Ph. 547 2533 or Denise Ph. 544 4091 to register or for more info.

**Building Fundraiser Honey** - 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, 2kgs \$25.00. If you want to order Honey ring Anne Askin 544 9059 or see her between the Sunday services.

**Afternoon AAW group** - The ladies from the Evening AAW Group will entertain us and serve afternoon tea at our next meeting to be held in the Hall on Wednesday 27 August at 2.00m. 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 to Jean McConachie 544 6921 after 20 August



Family fun, Food and Friendship  
Sunday 24 August 4.00pm - 6.00 pm



### 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

**Our World:** We pray for the jihadist siege of Iraq's Mount Sinjar, where thousands of civilians are trapped and for the governments around the world working to bring relief and rescue. We also pray for the ongoing Ukraine conflict, asking for a peaceful resolution.

**Our Nation:** We pray for the work of the government to help those who are victims of loan sharks - especially the financially vulnerable. We give thanks for the new initiatives taking place in South Auckland. We also uphold all those working to give budget advice.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Phil & Becky Sussex and their four children and Phil's work in dentistry training and Becky with primary education at Hope International School.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for our companion Diocese of Singapore; The Right Revd Rennis Ponniah, leading the 27 parishes in Singapore and 6 deaneries throughout the Asia region. We pray for their goals to build strong parishes reaching the lost; harness their education, medical and community services; and mainstream deaneries to reach more people.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for Hope Community Church, Donald Irvine, and preparations to celebrate their 100 year anniversary. We give thanks for their work and dedication to serving God. We pray also for the local schools and the dedication of teachers and staff; the many children being taught and the world that they are being prepared for.

**Our Church:** We pray for our youth at youth group and in our church family, give them guidance through their days in school and at home, we pray that they come to a deeper relationship with You. We give thanks for our youth leaders that give up their time to come and help with youth group, give them peace and strength in their study and work. We pray for the 24/7 youth workers as they go back into Waimea College again this term, give them strength and courage to fellowship with the students. And we thank you for the addition of Timothy Stewart as the new lead guitarist of City of Light. May their journey together be as wonderful and as fruitful as ever. We continue to pray for Owen Haring and his family as he explores ministry options for next year.

**Those In Special Need:** We remember Luke, Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Erica (Shirley Jackson's niece), Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

## This Week...

### Monday 18 August

9.00am Church Open for Prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 19 August

9.00am Prayer  
10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill  
7.30pm Fortnightly group

### Wednesday 20 August

7.30am Prayer  
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)  
10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 21 August

9.00am Prayer

9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
12 noon Weekly lunch time study group  
(W Wilkinson)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Friday 22 August

9.00am Prayer

### Sunday 24 August

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
10.30am Family Service\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

October - Re-Source at Church on the Hill  
*See Noticeboard for details*

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 10 August** Holy Communion  
**Sunday 24 August** Morning Service

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## Roster for 24 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Gill	<b>10.30am</b> F Summerfield
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Lines	<b>10.30am</b> M Martin
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Webb	<b>10.30am</b> S Milligan
<b>Tea:</b>	G Bevernage & Volunteer	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Frengley, S Paine	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	M. Evans	<b>Brass:</b> M. Evans

**Readings for Next Sunday:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2, Luke 4:16-30

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Saved for a Purpose

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