



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 20 August 2017



**Theme:** Go forth into the world  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Karl Summerfield  
**Readings:** James 2:1-13, John 8:1-10

## Sentence:

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin...  
*- James 2:8-9*

## Prayer for the day:

God of compassion, you love every person without exception. Turn our hearts so that we may love our neighbour. Remove from us everything we use to exclude our sisters and brothers. Guide our thoughts and our speech so

that what we say may be worthy of our calling as your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### We don't have because we don't ask?

Do you wonder at the faith and passion of those in other cultures? Do you wonder why we don't seem to have the same fervour; the same fire? I wonder. There's no point feeling guilty about it – that doesn't help. But I do wonder why we don't seem to need God in quite the same way. Here is a story from NZCMS (the church missionary society) – it comes from a partner working in Asia:

One night, God showed Aaiza in a dream the darkness that is all around her in her neighbourhood. "You will be a light in this place," a voice says out of the blackness. Aaiza, who I wrote about last week, continues to grow in faith and share with others. "You have seen the way Jesus has begun to heal your husband, so why do you not believe in him?" demands Aaiza to another lady. But many here are afraid to believe because of the potential repercussions within the community, even those who have seen healings or had dreams from God. Please pray for breakthrough in this area.

God also gave Hanna a dream. She walked into a room full of Muslim women from the neighbourhood, all sitting crossed legged on the floor, praying. One lady stood up and came over to Hanna. "Pray for us in the name of Jesus," she requested.

"I don't know how," said Hanna.

"Please pray for us," the lady begged again. Hanna opened her mouth and suddenly the words came out. When she woke up, the pain in her leg was gone. Her husband noticed she was better, and when Hanna told him about her dream, he was amazed and intrigued. He hasn't been supportive of Hanna's faith so far.

He still limits how much she's able to participate, but thankfully he is happy for us to visit her, and for her to lead a group of women. We have been asking if he would like our male team mate to meet him, but he wasn't interested. Then he met the teammate on the street and liked him, so now they are spending time together.

The apostle James said "You do not have because you do not ask God."

I wonder if even the desire for more of God doesn't originate with us but with the God who draws us to himself.

I'd love to see more miracles in our church life, in our community, in my own life. Even more than that though, I'd simply love us to know and experience more of Godself.

There is so much I don't understand about how God operates; about why some seem to experience more miracles than others; about why some seem to have more suffering than others.

**Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.**

**- MOTHER TERESA**



So I'm asking and placing us in God's hands: please Loving God, show me/us more of who you are, that we may share your love with other thirsty people.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

### Year to Date Financial Results July 2017

July Results	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Variance
Income	\$16,858	\$16,460	\$398	\$94,727*	\$115,222	(\$9,504)
Expenditure	\$18,489	\$20,244	\$1,755	\$119,918*	\$124,531	(\$4,613)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,630)	(\$3,783)	\$2,153	(\$25,191)	(\$9,309)	(\$15,883)

\* Excludes \$30,000 specific donations income and expenditure (transacted in same month)

**Café Connection** – 10:30am Thursday, 31 August 2017. Venue: The Wooden Spoon Café, Queen Street, Richmond. Come a long for a friendly chat. Pay your own coffee/tea.

**Richmond Churches Combined Service** - Run by Richmond Minister's Association 7.00pm Sunday 10 September at Grace Church. A great opportunity to show our Christian unity in this region.

**Afternoon AAW Group** - Our next meeting will be held in the Lounge this Wednesday, 23 August at 1.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Barb Lash who will give us an insight into her life history. This will be followed by Afternoon Tea. There will be a Sales Table and the box for any items for the Holy Trinity Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

**24/7 Youth Work Newsletter** - The latest 24/7 Youth Work Newsletter is on the Noticeboard at the back of the church.

**Evening AAW Group** - Meet in the church hall lounge at 7.30pm this Thursday 24 August. Our speaker will be Karen Howieson from The Ark. She will be bringing a student, and one of The Ark's dogs, and will also have a Powerpoint presentation of the work done at The Ark. It should be a most interesting evening, one you may not wish to miss. There will be a sales table, and all are welcome to join us. For information contact Val Ph.544 5007 and Anne 544 7992

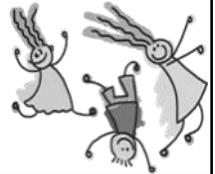
### = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 20 August**      The Early Church

**Next Sunday 27 August**      The Early Church

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** - We thank you that you have made all people in your image Creator God. Everyone is loved by you so we pray for racial tolerance especially in the United States. We pray that Government leaders all around the world will foster unity and justice for everyone, regardless of race, ability or social status, and speak out where there is injustice. And we pray for Sierra Leone and India, Nepal and Bangladesh also affected by serious flooding.

**Mission Partners** - Thank you for Allan and Christine's tremendous ministry for so many years in Asia teaching English and caring for young people from all over the world. We remember Christine as she settles back into life in New Zealand without Allan and endeavours to create a life for herself. We pray for her to be conscious of your strength and comfort with her always.

**Diocese** - We pray for Nativity Church giving thanks for Bob and Libby Barnes and their clergy team of the Howarths, Wasleys, Neals and Taylors. We also pray for the rest of their staff team and their parish as a whole. May they be a shining light for you in Blenheim town and wider afield.

**Local Community** - We pray for Martin Oh and all in the Methodist Church, remembering especially their elderly. We pray that Martin will know your discernment in his daily ministry; working with your priorities and in your grace and mercy.

Lord God, we thank you for the progress being made in the Queen St upgrade, asking you for safety for all the workers. We also ask you to bless the businesses affected. Help us all to shop locally whenever we can, especially in the smaller family-run shops.

**Our Parish** - We pray for Catherine, Hamish, Jonathan and all the helpers and crèche workers who work with our children on Sunday mornings. We pray for all our children and young people who are such an important part of our church right now.

We ask for your healing power and grace for Yvonne, Albertha, Gwen, Pam, Chris, Lisa, Anne, Ellie, John Barnes, John Green and Rachel. May they know your strength for the moment and your mercy always. We also pray for your blessing on the staff and residents of the rest homes and retirement villages in our area.

## This Week...

### Monday 21 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 22 August

10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

### Wednesday 23 August

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

1.30pm Afternoon AAW (J McConachie)

### Thursday 24 August

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

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

7.30pm Evening AAW (A Webb)

### Sunday 27 August

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Praise on the Hill

\* *Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Thursday 31 August

10:30am Café Connection

6.00pm Shared Meal

7.00pm *The True Cost* Documentary Movie

### Sunday 10 September

7.00pm Minister's Assn combined service at Grace Church. A great opportunity to show our Christian unity in this region.

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 13 August**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 27 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 27 August - Thank you for serving us all!

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Sardella	<b>10.45am</b>	Youth Band
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	S Frengley, M Reynolds	<b>10.45am</b>	TBA
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J Lines	<b>10.45am</b>	M Martin
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Webb	<b>10.45am</b>	S Milligan
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	S Frengley, S Paine	<b>10.45am</b>	N/A
<b>Tea:</b>		G Bevernage, E Epoi		
<b>Flowers:</b>		D Martin	<b>Crèche:</b>	G Thomson

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Life is hard; Kia kaha

**Readings for next Sunday:** 1 Corinthians 4:9 – 13, Matthew 16:18 – 23

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm