



Church on the Hill

Sunday 21 August 2016



Theme: When God doesn't heal
Vicar: Revd. Susan Gill
Preacher: Revd. Susan Gill
Readings: Psalm 71:9 - 16, John 5:2 - 9

Sentence:

I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign Lord. I will tell everyone that you alone are just.

- *Psalm 71:16*

Prayer for the day:

Father in heaven, it's tough for us when you don't heal as we expect. Experiencing pain is not easy and it's even more difficult to watch others suffer. Yet your Word and our experience remind us that you are sovereign and your character is love. So we choose to believe that you know what you are doing and that you work for our good. Give us strength to continue to trust you in all things.

Overflow us with your love so that we can comfort others with the comfort with which you have comforted us. Give us true wisdom so that we never promise others what is not ours to guarantee. We pray these things in the name of the one who learned obedience through his sufferings, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Continuing Generosity

Hospitality and generosity are two closely aligned Christian virtues; ones I often see demonstrated in and through our parish.

First of all, a huge thank you to the 92 people who completed worship surveys! While the data is still being analysed, we are so encouraged by the thoughtful comments made. Our plan is to present the feedback to you in summary form – we are still hoping this will be Sunday 28 August even having so much data to process. We hope to improve our services in the light of your suggestions. We will also use the feedback in encouraging and developing the various groups who minister in Sunday services. And if anyone wants a full report, you will be able to request that and we will gladly supply it to you.

I've been greatly encouraged by the positive way so many of you have embraced the need for a simplified new plan to replace our church hall. I've appreciated the delighted with how the Lord is guiding our new team in their work. That team

consists of Kai Kruse, (Chairman,) Sandy Milligan, Dave Trigg, Joe Sardella, Chris Ward, Dave Pritchard, (Secretary) and meets weekly on a Thursday afternoon. Thank you to the many people who have made positive suggestions about what a new building might look like. The team will be presenting a recommendation to Vestry at our September meeting. There is a report from the Building Action Group in this Pewsnews

As I visited Pam Cotton's daughters on Thursday, two people from church dropped off baking and lunch for them. Pam's home group has been so supportive over the months of her illness as have many others. I am delighted to belong to such a caring and helpful parish.

"By this will all people know that you are my disciples; that you have love one for another."

Jesus was quoted saying this in John 13:35.

Let's keep our eyes on him folks, as we live out the gifts of his Spirit together.

Learning together in love,

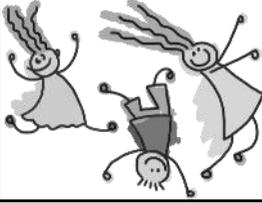
Susan

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. Pop in for hot soup and prayer .. All welcome Feel free to come and go.

New Initiative - Last Sunday I mentioned the new initiative we are setting up with Age Concern. We are starting a weekly tea and talk, drop in centre, on a Wednesday morning operating out of the Richmond Seniors rooms, adjacent to the Age Concern Offices, Oxford Street. The start time is 10.00am and finish time 11.30am. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 August and will be a Spring theme! The cost will be \$3.00 to cover morning tea. Please come and invite any senior neighbours you may have. It would be great to have many of our people there as we start this exciting new venture! Thank you to the AAW ladies who have offered tablecloths, we will also need some camellias and other spring flowers for the tables, and ideally we need about 8 volunteers, so we have enough people to help us. If we had 8 people, you would only be there once every two months. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. Please see Shiona or Yvonne if you can help.

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 24 August at 2.00pm. Any ladies are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Can you help? An elderly gentleman is in need of a set of drawers to put his clothes in. Is there anyone who can give him some drawers? Please contact Yvonne if you can help. Much appreciated.



= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 21 August - Kidz Church led by Sue Fellow

Books of the New Testament - only 2 more weeks left to learn them!

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 - Let us pray for the nations of the earth, for the well being of all people, and for those in authority. Guide with your wisdom, heavenly Father, those who govern the nations of the earth that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. We pray especially for wisdom, for the voters in America as they select a new president. We pray for the Rio Olympic Games, for the athletes, spectators, and all those involved, that the spirit of peace be kept alive throughout the entire event. We pray for peace in the Middle East and Europe, for an end to the war in Syria, and we lift up to you, the continuing refugee situation and the threat of terrorism. We also pray for strength and courage for Christians undergoing persecution, that their faith will not fail, but their suffering will draw them closer to Him and increase their faith.

Mission Partners - We pray today for Allan and Christine, thanking you for their recent visit here. Be with them in West Hamilton this morning, and may their time at the Manifest Presence conference in Auckland be a powerful time of spiritual refreshment for them both. Protect and bless them as they return to serve you in education, on the mission field of East Asia.

Diocese - We pray for our three tikanga church, especially today the Maori and Polynesian tikanga. We pray for The Most Reverend W Brown Turei as he leads the Tikanga Maori and the five Hui Amorangi in New Zealand. We pray too for The Most Reverend Winston Halapua as he leads the Diocese of Polynesia. We give thanks for the witness of the Fijian Sevens Team as they received their Gold Medals, we ask your blessing on all our Pacific neighbours and thank you for the strong faith held by so many in these islands.

Local Community - We pray today for the Whakatu Presbyterian Church, for unity as three congregations become one church, and get to know and understand each other as they become a new church. We pray that they learn to do things in God's new way for them, at all times keeping Christ as the centre of all they do.

Our Parish - We thank you Lord for what you continue to do among us here at Holy Trinity. We pray for Susan as she leads this Church and for the Vestry who provide governance, praying especially for the new building committee. We continue to pray for your protection over this place as Graeme Howarth talks this month on Christianity and Islam. May his talks continue to give us a deeper understanding of both faiths.

Those in need within our own church family - Let us pray for Alex Cotton, her sister Susan and her family, and others who are grieving for Pam Cotton. We thank you Lord, for the life and witness of Pam and what she meant to so many in our church family and wider community. Heavenly Father, we ask that you bring healing, comfort and strength to Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganneh, Sonja, Ingrid Blackbeard, David Hollingsworth, Val Jordan, Cheryl Dalgarno, and others known to us. We pray also for the residents and staff in rest homes and hospitals in this Parish, that they know your peace and love.

This Week...

Monday 22 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 23 August

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

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

Wednesday 24 August

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

10.00am Wednesday Service

2.00pm Afternoon AAW

6.00pm Evening AAW

Thursday 25 August

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

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

7.30pm Christianity & Islam

Sunday 28 August

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Tuesday 6 September

- Lunch on the Hill

Saturday 17 September

- Love in Action Day
- Barn Dance Evening

For more information about services or groups contact the office Ph. 544 8844

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 28 August

Morning Prayer

Sunday 11 September

Holy Communion

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 28 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Sardella	10.30am Youth Band
Reader:	9.00am S. Frengley M. Reynolds	10.30am TBA
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am A Webb	10.30am S Milligan
Tea:	G. Bevernage, TBA	
Chalice:	9.00am S Frengley S Paine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	D Martin	Creche: G Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: Stillness

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 107:23 - 32, Mark 1:35 - 39

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Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm