



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 24 August 2014



**Theme:** Saved for a Purpose  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Chris & Catherine Corin  
**Readings:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2, Luke 4:16-30

**Sentence:** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.  
- 2 Cor 5:19

**Prayer for the day:**

Ever living God, we thank for your presence and action in the world. In the midst of conflict and division, it is you who turns our thoughts to peace. Holy Spirit, change our hearts so enemies speak with one another, the divided join hands in friendship, and

nations seek your way of peace. May the love of Christ control us, so that understanding puts an end to strife, hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. May your ministry of reconciliation infuse all that we do and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### *Loving well*

Some people guard their hearts. They just get on with life, not letting anyone or anything get under their skin. That's how they cope. And it works. It can get people through the hard stuff.

Have you ever wished you could be like that? You know, not feel so much pain or sadness or grief when stuff happens to those you love? It's tempting to shut off emotionally isn't it? Loving people hurts ... they let us down, they get sick, they move town. Eventually, if we and they stick around long enough, they die.

In the balcony scene of *Romeo and Juliet*, they bid each other goodnight. Juliet's "Parting is such sweet sorrow" might be a bit sappy for some but it contains much truth. The parting that occurs when someone dies is like that for Christians.

We know it's not final. We believe Jesus when he said "I am the one who raises the dead and

gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again." John 11:25

But oh, how we miss them. And for us, as a church, some of us are getting to the age where death is not all that far away.

We must not guard our hearts against love; tempting though it is. We must not. We must love each other – honestly, deeply, wholeheartedly. We must care for each other; practically, emotionally, spiritually, in every way we can, whenever we can. It will cost us. We will cry and grieve and mourn when loss comes. Loss will come.

Our heavenly Father grieved deeply as his beloved Son died too. But he kept on loving. We will enrich others with our love. And we will be the richer for having loved well and having been loved in return. Don't guard your hearts; it leads to poverty. I promise not to guard mine either.

Much love

*Susan*

**Morning Prayer in Church** - Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am - 9:15am. Based on NZ Prayer Book. Come to one, any or all. *A great way to start the day.*

**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 2.00pm. 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 to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

**Understanding the Bible better with Owen Haring** - Find some of the Old Testament hard to read? Hardly bothered reading the Minor Prophets? Does Bible poetry not really flow or inspire? Is Paul too complex at times? This is a short three week course helping people improve the way they read by Bible with some simple easy to learn methods. It will open the Bible in new and exciting ways regardless of how much people know the Bible. For people of all levels. It is interactive and hands on learning. 7:30pm Tuesday 2, 9, 16 September.



Family fun, Food and Friendship  
Today 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 ongoing tension and violence throughout the Middle East, that the incredible gift of peace will be found soon. The violence is abhorrent and the crusade of those to bring domination and oppression is detestable. We also pray for those dealing with the Ebola outbreak - victims, health workers and those living in its midst. We pray for containment, safety and a good outcome.

**Our Nation:** We continue to pray for the election and the way politicians and others behave. May honesty and integrity rise and may those who are more concerned for themselves be denied success.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Corin Family and their ministry overseas. Especially for the finances to allow ministries to grow in the communities they are involved with. . We also pray for the safety of their family.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Tim and Nicky, Joe and Susan in Cobden-Runanga. For the youth work they are involved with as well as the many other ministries the church is involved in that community.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for Richmond Community Church (AOG), Ross Ferguson and his team. We pray that their location near the main street of Richmond would reach those who don't usually go to church, with the love and care the Christian faith offers.

**Our Church:** We pray for all the ill and frail in our Parish especially those who have recently moved into care or are faced with making such a decision. For thanks as winter turns to spring's warmer weather. For the new system of meetings with the Pastoral Care team, that this will make for ease of sharing on a more personal level. For thanks for warmth and good food, for family and friends, and an ever closer relationship with God. We continue to give thanks for the process with the new building plans, looking forward to the ministry options it will provide in our community.

**Those In Special Need:** We remember Luke, Caroline and her family, 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.

## This Week...

### Monday 25 August

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
- 7.15pm New Songs Practice (S Jackson)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 26 August

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group

### Wednesday 27 August

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

### Thursday 28 August

- 9.00am Prayer

- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 12.00 Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Friday 29 August

- 9.00am Prayer

### Saturday 30 August

- 6.30pm Games Night

### Sunday 31 August

- 9.00am Holy Communion\*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

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

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 10 August Holy Communion**

**Sunday 24 August Morning Service**

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

## Roster for 31 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b> L Milliganeld
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> E Erskine	<b>10.30am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Entwistle	<b>10.30am</b> M Ross
<b>Tea:</b>	F & J Murbach	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Payne	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	M. Evans	<b>Brass:</b> A Heslop

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Jeremiah 5:20-24, 30-31, Mark 11:27-33

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Whose Authority?

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