



Church on the Hill

Sunday 23 September 2018



Theme: No Idol Making
Priest in Charge: Ian Smith
Preacher: Owen Haring
Readings: Exodus 20:4-6 Matthew 6:31-34

Sentence:

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.

- *Matthew 6:33*

Prayer for the day:

Holy God, in your economy the last will be first and the first will be last; help us to step aside, grant us such humility that we may recognise and welcome all your children with open hands,

warm hearts and generous minds, with the hospitality of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the warmth of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Idols

The world is full of idols. Sports Stars, Movie Stars, Music Stars. There are people that are idolized for one reason or another. Of course there are other kinds of idols. The Bible often spoke about idols. It was one of the main problems Israel had when it entered the Promised Land - going after idols. But they did it for good reasons. These idols would help with fertility - important for crop growing. Or with strength - important facing enemies. But they led people away from knowing God correctly.

Today we are looking at the second Commandment - do not make idols. But we will see that there are aspects of this Commandment that perhaps we haven't appreciated. My hope is that what we hold on to that isn't of God we will have the strength and trust to let go and the faith to hold on to who God truly is. Do not be misled.

Although we would love to create a God we understand and control - the reality is quite different. The God of the Bible has aspects that are incomprehensible and way beyond our control.

Owen

St Albans 150 Years Celebration - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

Preserves - Thank you to those who gave feedback on the latest lime preserves. This years first batches have been bitter. Bit of a puzzle as I used the same recipe as last year. I have made some more lime and lemon marmalade, if you tried the first lot could you please take (don't pay) some of the new batch and give me feedback on this. Guinea pigs don't have to pay!! Thank you for your support of this fundraiser for missions.

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Containers Wanted - Lunch on the Hill could do with some more containers to use to give people left over food. Any donations please leave at back of church for Yvonne, thankyou.

Shoe Box Appeal - A big thanks for all the wonderful gifts coming in for the children. A great selection ! We will be packing them up at this months AAW Meeting in the Church starting at 6.00pm on Thursday 27 September. Anyone is welcome to come and help; it's a fun night. The Boxes will be Blessed in a combined service in October. The last day for the boxes to be in is the Labour Weekend Combined Service on Sunday 21 October before they start their journey. Thankyou. Coordinator: Dawn Martin. Cell 021 177 3312 or email: dawngarymartin@gmail.com

Evening AAW - will meet in the church on Thursday 27 September at 6.00pm. This is our "fill the boxes" evening. Join us when you can between 6.00pm and 7.30pm when our normal monthly meeting will commence. All welcome. Sales table. Contact Val 544 5007 or Anne 5447992

Time Capsule - The time draws nearer to putting the floor down for the new building. How exciting is this! Vestry are very interested in putting down a Time Capsule to record events and people of the here and now. Would you like to spear head this? You would need to: Be interested in history and people / Be creative in finding appropriate resources /Be consultative and have the ability to make decisions about what to include and what to leave out. Please see David in the office or any Vestry member if you are interested in this. (Anne Askin, Laurie D'Egganeh, Kai Kruse, Dave Pritchard, Michaela Ross, Karl Summerfield or Dave Trigg)

Afternoon AAW Group - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 September at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Called "Book Chat", we are hoping to have some interesting reviews of books that we have read during the last 12 months. We need volunteers to talk about a book that has stimulated them, maybe shocked them, taught them something or simply can recommend as a good read for others. Please come prepared! Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Anyone is most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph 544 6921.

Invitation - An impartation evening with Daz Chettle, a radical NZ evangelist who God is using around the nations to reach people for Christ. On planes, on the street, in mosques, skate parks and churches Daz freely and boldly shares his journey of a life transformed by Jesus Christ. We would love you to join us as Daz stirs and encourages people with practical keys of how to share Jesus with this generation. 7.00pm - 9.00pm today Sunday 23 September 2018. Bring a friend. Richmond New Life Church.

Save the Date - CWCINZ Women's evening 7.30pm Tuesday 6 November, Headingly Centre. Speaker Vanessa McCarthy will share about her life. A mother of 4 children ages 7 - 18 years, Vanessa will share her journey through heart-break as a young woman, a car accident in early married life and an extended season of secondary infertility. These challenges have shaped her faith and deepened her walk with the Lord. \$10 includes supper. Contact Neila Ph. 544 5420 or 027 350 8825

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Men's Forum - It is this time of the month again. We will meet on Monday evening 24 September 2018 at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. The topic is "Plastic has been receiving bad press lately. Can we live without plastic?" If you know an expert in this field or a greenie with some inside information, bring him along. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

Invitation - Barb Lash has been a novice in the Third Order of the Society of St Francis for the last two years. She is to be fully professed into the Order on 7 October during the 9.00am service at St Stephen's Tahunanui. Barb would like her friends from Church on the Hill to attend, if possible. Barb understands that some of her friends will not be able to attend because they are busy at Church on the Hill that day.



WARNING Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

Prayers for the Week

God's World - We lift up to you Lord Jesus those affected by Typhoon Mangkhut and Hurricane Florence. Bless all those working to relieve the suffering and to restore the broken homes, businesses and services. Sustain and protect all those in need. We give thanks for the agreement to half the offensive on Idlib. We pray that you would protect civilians and enable relief to reach them.

Mission Partners - We thank you for Murray and Féy's time with their family and ask that you would bless their time here in Nelson. Encourage them Lord as they meet with supporters, and open new doors for Fey that she would find the right job during this time.

Diocese - We give you thanks for the work of Philip Lyes and his team in Golden Bay. We pray for Your love and unity to fill this church family, and bless their connections with the community, especially Tea and Talk. May all those involved be salt and light, to all those they meet.

Our Community - We thank you for the Church of Christ Fellowship here in Richmond. We bless Steve Rollo their pastor in the name of Jesus and bless all the works of this church in your name Lord. May they bring your love to Richmond in word and action.

Our Parish - We thank you for the fellowship, fun and friendships that are built and sustained through the AAW. Bless all those involved and the works of their hands.

In our parish we pray for Margaret Silke, Debbie and Dave, Murray and Bev and for those known to us who are struggling with health challenges, may they know your peace and love. Sustain and support all those who are caring for loved ones, give them your wisdom, fill them with your grace and love and may they rest in your strength. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 24 September

9.00am Church open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun
7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)

Tuesday 25 September

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 26 September

10.00am Reflective Service

Thursday 27 September

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
10.30am Café Connection W Spoon Café
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
6.00pm AAW -- Filling the shoe boxes.
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 30 September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
7.00pm *Night Praise* - Praise and Worship

Coming up...

Tuesday 2 October

11.30am *Lunch on the Hill* - (Salvation Army Hall)

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 14 October

Holy Communion

Sunday 28 October

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 30 September - *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.30am	M Quinney
Reader:	9.00am	K South, S Entwistle	10.30am	N Pritchard
Sidesperson	9.00am	E Erskine	10.30am	J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.30am	TBA
Chalice:	9.00am	B Lash, I Price	10.30am	N Pritchard, L & T Summerfield
Tea:		E Erskine, G Thomas		
Flowers:		A Matthews	Crèche	TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Careful how you use God's name
Readings for Next Sunday: Exodus 20:7, Mark 12:28-34

Parish Contacts

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm