



Church on the Hill

Sunday 27 August 2017



Theme: Life is hard; Kia kaha
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:9 – 13, Matthew 16:18 – 23

Sentence:

Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. *- Deuteronomy 31:6*

Prayer for the day:

Please, pay attention and listen to us dear God! Sometimes we ramble or we groan and cry. Sovereign Lord we need your help. Every morning we come to you, laying out the battered pieces of our lives. You don't associate with wickedness but invite us to come to you regardless. Here we are today, in your house, humble before you, waiting for your directions to get us safely through enemy lines. Have your

way with those who fight you and your plans. Welcome us with open arms when we run to you for cover. We want to celebrate with you. Your hospitality and warm embrace are famous. You welcome those who seek you and many who don't. We long to celebrate in you and to introduce others to you. Lead us on through the tough times and the good times we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



- Getting stuck
- Too little time
- God's faithfulness

There'll be lots of great, realistic ideas as we consider what God wants to do with us in hard times.

Btw I came across some hot tips for parenting. I've adapted them to apply to all relationships. Here they are:

1. A calm voice, kind words and regular doses of fun = a great family atmosphere.
2. Positive people generate positive people.
3. Model the behaviour you want to see.
4. Tell people what they have done right more than telling them what they have done wrong.
5. Do more things with each other.
6. Saying 'thank you' shows you appreciate what is done.
7. Don't be afraid to trust yourself, ask for advice and notice when others do a good job.
8. Speak kindly to yourself; it makes you better at encouraging others.
9. Model giving healthy compliments; it builds kindness in everyone.

Thanks to the Parenting Place for those wise proverbs. Check out their brilliant articles on www.theparentingplace.com

kia kaha
forever strong

Life is hard, but kia kaha – the Lord is on our side!

Learning together in love,

Susan

Life is hard; kia kaha

We've finished our sermon series on being church. Thanks so much for the feedback. It seems most people found the topics and reflections helpful.

I love that we are prepared to stretch our thinking and reflect on our relationship with Christ and others.

And I'm so encouraged that everyone seems on the same track – we all want to be more welcoming and inclusive as we grow together and welcome others who may be completely unlike 'us'.

Over the next 3 months (with a couple of interruptions for very good reasons) we'll be looking at ways of coping with life. The overarching theme is that Life is Hard but with the Lord's strength and if we support each other, we can stay strong.

We'll be discussing ways we can Kia Kaha regardless of the difficulties that will come our way as long as we live in this world.

These are the various topics we'll be considering; each one covers an aspect of staying strong in the Lord and with each other.

- Lament
- Losing focus
- Losing altitude
- Daily struggle
- Together
- Rhythm
- Whose perspective?
- A sound mind

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.

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

Men - No it is not about Donald Trump this month! We will be discussing our own upcoming elections. Disregarding parties, which policies would you like to see being implemented over the next few years. Try to think outside the square and come up with some policies that will help the people who need it most. Forum commences 7.00 pm Monday 28 August 2017 at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. Your input will be appreciated. Enquiries Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269.

Hellenic Ministries - Come & hear what God is doing in Greece through Refugee & Muslim ministry, Boat Evangelism & Discipleship, Church Planting & Bible Distribution - with Nico Bougas from Hellenic Ministries. Find out what part you can play in this exciting ministry Saturday 2 September 5.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Richmond. Greek supper to follow. Contact Lyn Ashby for info. 027 448 7488

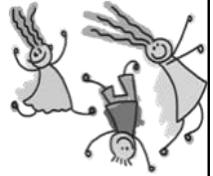
= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 27 August Mission in Action

Next Sunday 3 September Father's Day

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 - Thank you for this beautiful world you have created Lord God. We pray for governments and mega-corporations to legislate and live out environmentally sound policies. We ask for wisdom that provides meaningful work for everyone without harming your creation. We call to mind victims of attacks everywhere; in places like Spain and Yemen, whether those attacks come via terrorism or war. We thank you for the times that attacks are prevented and ask for due diligence without persecution of minority groups.

Mission Partners - We remember our friends Fèy and Murray Cotter in this summer season in Albania where temperatures are usually in the mid-30s. As many of their team members take holidays may they make the best of the extra time they have to enjoy an afternoon siesta and catch up with many over a coffee. We remember their adult children here in NZ: Emily, Rachel, Patrick, Shaun and their families too. And we pray for the church they support as a changed focus leads to greater interaction in their community.

Diocese - We pray for Sam and Paula Anderson as the lead St Christopher's church at Blenheim South and juggle the needs of young children and home schooling. Thank you for the growth they are enjoying as they lead the staff team of Steph and Hamish Toose, Tineke Reldie and Wendy Reynolds. Bless them with wisdom, unity and grace as they preach through the first twelve chapters of Genesis this term.

We pray for Synod too; held next weekend at Mapua, asking for refreshment for Bishop Richard, Hilary and the Bishop's Ministry Team. We pray for a fresh sense of vision and purpose for our Diocese as we enjoy hearing people's stories. Please help us to make wise decisions in respectful ways as we consider local and national issues.

Local Community - We give thanks for Jono and Vanessa Martin leading the New Life Church in Richmond praising you for the way they live out your Gospel in their family life. We join them in praying for wisdom as they make changes to our youth and intermediates areas for next year, healing for some church members, continued encouragement and mobilisation of their church family and that people will make decisions to follow Christ.

Show us dear Lord, where we enjoy privilege because of the colour of our skin or place in society. Help us to face those issues with honesty and integrity and to address them, even in small ways. Shape us as a people who listen to the stories of others with generosity and respect.

Our Parish - We are grateful for the culture and community that has developed at Lunch on the Hill. We appreciate those who help as volunteers – those who set up, bring flowers, provide food and come to befriend others.

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 28 August

7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 29 August

10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 30 August

10.00am Wednesday Service
10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 31 August

10.30am Café Connection
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
6.00pm Shared Meal
7.00pm *The True Cost* Documentary Movie
7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 3 September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Holy Communion
7.00pm Taizé Service

* *Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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 10 September

Holy Communion

Sunday 24 September

Morning Prayer

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
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Roster for 3 September - *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am I Price	10.45am S Gill
Reader:	9.00am A Heslop, V Matthews	10.45am TBA
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.45am TBA
Welcomer:	9.00am G Thomas	10.45am TBA
Chalice:	9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine	10.45am S Stephens, C Ward
Tea:	M Gibson, S Stephens	
Flowers:	B Page	Creche: M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Lament - Kia Kaha

Readings for next Sunday: Psalm 69:1- 4, 30-32, John 11:32-36

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