



Church on the Hill

Sunday 30 August 2015



Theme: Serving Others
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Karla Paotonu
Readings: Psalm 10:12 -18, Luke 16:19 - 21

Sentence:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- *Micah 6:8*

Prayer for the day:

O Lord our heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus who came not to be served but to serve. Encourage all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may care for the suffering, the friendless, and those in

need. Help us to be among those who serve for the love of him who laid down his life for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Belief in a Personal God

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord...

Last Sunday we began to consider belief in Jesus and what that looks like. For me one of the most amazing things about Jesus is that he became one of us. The God we believe in is not some

impersonal force. Nor is God only concerned with supernatural, cosmic events. Our God is found in Jesus Christ – the person who gets alongside us in our daily lives, who infuses ordinary moments with a loving caring presence bringing hope and grace.

At the risk of seeming heretical, the attitude of the old man in this picture reminds me very much of how God relates to us through Jesus. Notice the attentiveness as he leans down to hear and absorb what the child is saying.

This week Karla is speaking to us about some folk who have volunteered abroad. Only when we know how loved we are by God, are we able to serve others and not grow weary. Caring for ourselves and our relationship with God is the healthy step that pushes us out into loving service.

I invite you to use this picture in your own time with God. Perhaps meditate on the greatness of God's love, certainly for the whole world, but especially for you. Allow the Lord to refresh you with his presence. And you might like to be as attentive to him as he is to you.

Learning together in Jesus' love,

Susan

An Evening of Entertainment & Vision - 7.30pm Friday 4 September. All Saints. Come along to hear about BTC and the Foundation and how you can be part of our vision. Featuring "Songs from the Shows" by Bishop Richard, Hilary Ellena and others. Wine and Nibbles. BTC Friends' are free, bring a friend for \$10 a ticket. RSVP to: office@bishopdale.ac.nz Ph. 548 8785 extn. 5

Need a bicycle? We have two to give away. One is a child's bike suitable for a 10 – 12 year old. The other is a woman's bike which would suit someone of shorter stature. Please contact John Green for more information. Ph. 544 7540

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal - Its time to begin to think about filling boxes again - lots of suitable bargains in the shops. As previously, our main 'box filling' will be in conjunction with the AAW Evening meeting on Thursday 24 September. You can find leaflets telling you what to include in the rack at the back of the Church. Thank you. Brenda Page.

Children's Fun - All children and their adults are welcome to join us for a social time at the ASB Aquatic Centre from 1.00pm Sunday 6 September . A chance to get to know one another better and have fun- as long as children over 5 you don't need to swim but there is the lovely spa or sauna if you are keen!

Budget Service - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get in touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin to find out more.

Men - Were you one of the 25,000 people who demonstrated against the TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership) a couple of weeks ago? The forum will discuss the pros and cons of the TPP on Monday 31 August 2015. Forum opens at 7.00pm and will conclude at 9.00pm. 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. If you have a friend who is either for or against the TPP bring him along. A cordial welcome will await all. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Building Fundraiser

Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00

1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00

See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284



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

God's World: We pray for the ability to cope with all the challenges of climate change and especially for those Pacific island nations threatened by the risk of future inundation from surrounding sea. As the world observes numerous anniversaries of First World War battles, such as Chunuk Bair involving New Zealand troops, we ask for Your inspirational guidance for us to avoid repetition of such conflicts, and to strive for peace among nations.

Mission Partners: As we think of the work of the Corin Family in Central Asia, we ask Your blessing for the community agricultural project they are supporting and for a bountiful harvest. We pray also for a spiritual harvest in villages where pastors are active, that the church may draw more people through the faithful witness of these believers.

Diocese: May You direct your guiding light on the present transitional phase of the Maori and Polynesian Tikanga Diocese, under Bishop Te Kiohi Pikaahu, especially in efforts to build up congregations in far-flung rural parishes, stretching from Auckland City to the Far North.

Local Church: We pray for the Richmond Assemblies of God, particularly for younger members of their congregation after attendance at a national youth conference. May they remain strong in their faith and grow into leadership roles.

Our Parish: Thank you for the gift of music which enriches our lives and helps us to worship you. We are blessed by the ministry of our choir and worship groups and their faithful leaders. May we always seek you and your glory, not our own, whether we are participating or leading. May the Holy Spirit cover our weaknesses so that the Lord Jesus is always evident in our efforts and in our worship.

Those in need within our own church family: We ask Your love and protection for all known to us with special needs, especially George and Bev, Daphne, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Margaret, Linda and Bill, and for those receiving care in rest homes and hospitals within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 31 August

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

Tuesday 1 September

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 2 September

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

Thursday 3 September

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 6 September

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*
**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*
7.00pm Taizé Service

Coming up...

Sunday 13 September

12.00noon Soup and Rolls
12.30pm Special General Meeting

Thursday 15 October

Help, you're losing us

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 September Holy Communion

Sunday 27 September 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 6 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am S Gill
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am G Thomas	10.30am E Kimberley
Tea:	S Stephens, M Gibson	
Chalice:	9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine	10.30am S Stephen, C Ward M Robinson
Flowers:	B Page	Brass: J Lines

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 7:10 – 17, Luke 1:26 - 38

Theme for Next Sunday: Beginning with a Miracle

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