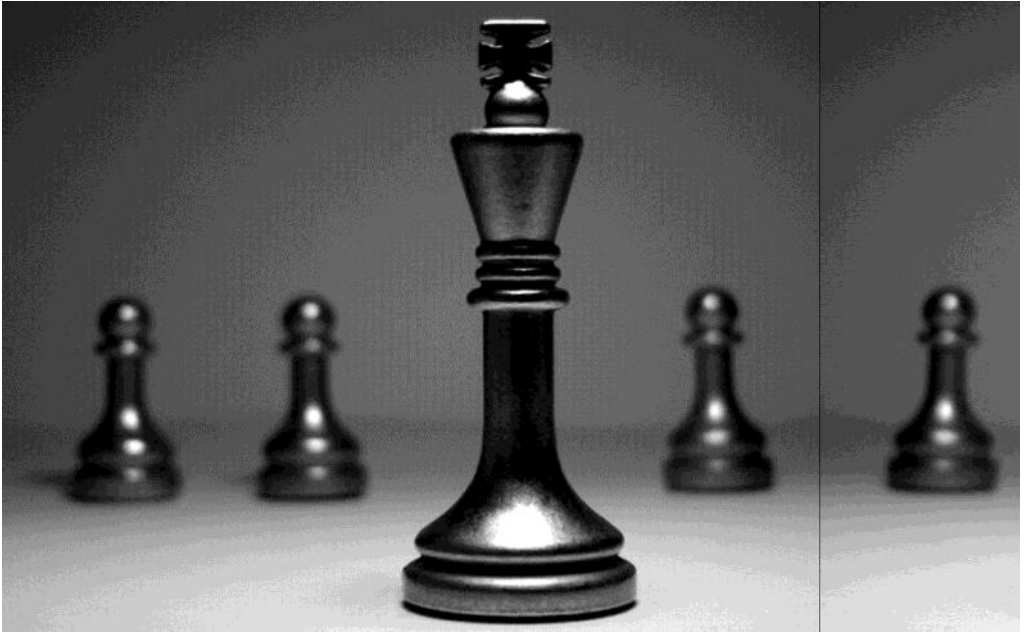




# Church on the Hill

Sunday 31 August 2014



**Theme:** Whose Authority?  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Jeremiah 5:20-24, 30-31, Mark 11:27-33

**Sentence:**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, and in one Lord Jesus Christ and I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer for the day:**

Loving Father, we come to you under Jesus' authority, because of what He has done on our behalf. We come to Your throne of grace, not because of anything we are but because of who Jesus is.

Show us how to align our prayers with Jesus' values and purposes. Empower us with your Holy Spirit to live out Your Kingdom agenda.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



Reading the Bible can sometimes be a hard chore. It's difficult, uninspiring and doesn't really flow like other good books. There are many Christians who haven't read the whole Bible and perhaps for good reason - they can't understand it. This is especially true of the Old Testament.

How much do people know of the Minor Prophets - the last twelve books of the Old Testament? And yet these books hold some of the greatest theological insights to our faith expressed in ways not seen elsewhere in the Bible.

The way we read the Bible is so important to getting the most out of it. It is like seeing a piece of art and not appreciating all the skills and depths behind the art piece. A person could browse at the Mona Lisa and say,

"What's so great about the picture - it's just a girl?"

Over the next three Tuesday evenings from 7:30pm in the hall I will be showing people a few simple methods to help better understand the Bible. It is for people of all levels - from those who think they know everything to those who know little in the Bible.

This is about giving you skills to use at home rather than me simply telling you things. It will be hands on and I hope fun. And yes there is a degree of work involved. But like anything worthwhile, your efforts will be pleasantly rewarded.

The goal is to read deeper into God's Word in such a way that it impacts our lives positively. Again this is open to people of all levels. No one will be put on the spot - no surprise quizzes. Simply a time to come and learn.

Yours in Christ

*Owen*

**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 7.00pm-9.00pm (0-6 years). \$75. 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.

**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.

**Prayers For Healing With Fr John Rea** - 7.00pm Monday and Tuesday 8,9 September, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish, 35 William St, Richmond. All meetings begin with Praise, Worship and testimonies. Father John will preach on aspects of Healing from Scripture then all will have the opportunity for individual prayer. Bring your friends along. An offering will be taken. All Welcome. Ph. 548 3507

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** - First reminder, the time is fast approaching and we need to start thinking of and collecting suitable items. As last year, our main "Box filling" evening will be during the AAW Meeting on Thursday 25 September. More details next week. Thank you. Brenda Page



**Garden Trail** - In aid of our Community Centre Building Fund, Saturday 15 November. Our Caroline has been the inspiration behind all our Garden Trails, with input into this year's planning right up to last week. As a tribute to her Memory lets make this one extra special. We shall be calling on you all later to use your talents to this end. Please reserve the date in your diary and tell all your friends. Thank you. The Garden Trail Team.



### 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 give thanks for the beauty of your creation and this world that gives us life. Help us to act responsibly and especially for businesses and nations as they use the resources of the world. We continue to uphold the places in the world where there is no peace and plea for peace to come.

**Our Nation:** As the elections enter the final month help voters decide who will be best to govern this country. We pray even now for the new government that they will lead New Zealand well.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Murray and Fay Cotter in Albania. We ask that their house church continues to minister to people in their community and that they are encouraged by the work they are doing there.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Maori and Polynesian Tikanga. Our unique relationship of three in one is at times a challenge and a blessing. Help us to hear what each other is saying and have the common goal of continuing Christ's work in the world.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for the Catholic Church. We pray for Father David Gruschow and the church centres he is responsible for. We pray for the many events they are running over the months, that they will minister deeply to those who attend and bring them closer to God.

**Our Church:** We pray for the great support for Lunch on the Hill and all those who give or receive. May it instil in people a sense of the love of God for them. We also pray for the many home groups and other groups that meet throughout the week. May their ministry also be outward looking through their mutual support of each other and discipleship. We pray for the provision of finance for the new building—The Lantern. We also continue to pray for Owen and the plan you have for him next year. May he know that where you want him.

**Those In Special Need:** We remember Luke, Caroline's 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 and hospitals in our parish.

## This Week...

### Monday 1 September

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 2 September

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 11.30am Lunch on the Hill
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group

### Wednesday 3 September

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

### Thursday 4 September

- 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 5 September

- 9.00am Prayer
- 7.00pm Men's Night (J Sardella)

### Sunday 7 September

- 9.00am Holy Communion\*
- 10.30am Holy Communion\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Saturday 13 September

12.30pm – 5.00pm New Building Prayer

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 14 Sept Holy Communion**

**Sunday 28 Sept 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 7 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Palmer	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Page	<b>10.30am</b> T Mangelsdorf
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> G Thomas	<b>10.30am</b> E Kimberley
<b>Tea:</b>	S Stephens M Gibson	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Burrough E Erskine	<b>10.30am</b> S Stephens C Ward M Robinson
<b>Flowers:</b>	T Mangelsdorf	<b>Brass:</b> C Frater

**Readings for Next Sunday:** 1 Samuel 14:1 – 17, 20 – 23, Matthew 28:18 - 20

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Knowing When to Step Out

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### Office Hours

Thursday and Friday  
9.00am - 5.00pm