



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 6 September 2015



**Theme:** Beginning with a Miracle  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Isaiah 7:10 - 17, Luke 1:26 - 38

**Sentence:**

The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you; so the baby born to you will be utterly holy—the Son of God. - *Luke 1:35*

**Prayer for the day:**

Father, we thank you for your grace worked out in your wonderful plan of salvation to save humankind from sin. Thank you for sending your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be born as one of us. Born of a virgin, into the human race he became human so we, and all of

creation, might be reconciled to you. From Jesus unpretentious beginning, to his lifelong submission to you - he humbled himself even to death on a cross. Thank you Father for the birth of our Redeemer!

**Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Generosity**

I was very excited this week to open a letter from the Canterbury Trust, telling us that we have made it past the first hurdle to receive funding for our new building, the Lantern. We serve a generous God who gives us so many blessings in such varied ways.

One day this week I was walking in the rain. As the water soaked through my jacket I found myself praising the Lord for his open-handed amazing generosity. Sometimes the gifts sent our way don't feel like much of a blessing but when we look back we can see what those things have brought about in our lives.

One way I receive from the Lord is through his kind and loving people – that's you friends! I often tell people from outside our church how forgiving and tolerant you are and how there is room to make mistakes and grow in this church. Someone who has been with us for a few months and has now headed overseas, told me how they have found this to be a safe place for them. They commented on the warmth and acceptance they have found here.

I know the folk at Richmond School have greatly appreciated the baking we have done for them in the past. I get so excited on seeing us showing generosity to those inside and outside the church too!

I also know that many of you are involved in volunteering for lots of different community agencies. This also excites me as you are showing the generous love of Jesus in such practical ways out there in God's world.

It seems the needs, both in God's world and in our church community, are never-ending. Perhaps this will always be the case. We don't need to worry about that though. If everyone passes on the Lord's generosity in the ways our Gracious God asks us to, there is enough.

*Lord Jesus, I so appreciate your kindness and generosity. Please help me to give when you say 'give' and to give in the ways you ask of me – whether it be time, or money, or prayer or a simple smile or whatever else you ask from me. If you ask, it must be possible to answer affirmatively.*

**Amen**

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

**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** - Christmas Shoe Boxes, its September - time to think of "fillings". Our big plastic box is out at the back of the Church for your contributions, suggestions are on the "Operation Christmas Child" leaflets in the rack. We still need \$9 per box this year towards their transport to the children. Our Box filling evening is Thursday 24 September and completed boxes in by Mid October. 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 27 September (**Note change of date!**). A chance to get to know one another better and have fun - as long as children are over 5 years old. Adults don't need to swim but there is the lovely spa or sauna if you are keen!

**Baking for Richmond School** - Would two or three people be able to bake something for me to take over to Richmond School for the staff morning tea on the Tuesday 15 September? We have done this one morning each term for the last couple of years and it says "We appreciate you" far more than words ever can. The staff have voiced their delight to me on previous occasions so I

hope we can bless them again. Please let me know asap if you can bake one item. I sincerely appreciate those who have helped in the past and whoever can help this time around. Susan Ph. 544 8827 email: [susan.churchonhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:susan.churchonhill@xtra.co.nz)



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 growing numbers of refugees worldwide and wisdom for the world leaders, especially EU leaders, to come up with constructive solutions to help. May our own government soften their stance and welcome more who need a safe place to live and work. We hear that some Muslim leaders believe that education is the key to reducing the appeal of radical Islam. Please help them and others to work constructively on this and intervene sovereignly to bring peace to your hurting world.

**Mission Partners:** The Sussex family request funds and prayer for Phil's church clinic which he holds in a poor community each Monday. Phil uses a way of doing simple glass cement fillings in back teeth using low tech hand instruments. (See their newsletter on the Missions' Notice Board for more info.)

**Diocese:** Be with the team at Nelson Cathedral as they try a new way of governance with one Committee rather than two. Especially we pray for your hand to be upon Dean Nick Kirk and Rev Owen Haring and their families along with all the other staff.

**Local Community:** Lord, we ask you to be with Pastor David Jensen as he, and his family, settle into their leadership roles at Richmond Baptist Church. Help him to recover from his flu bug soon.

**Our Parish:** Thank you for that we have made passed the first hurdle with the Canterbury Trust and made it to level two of their funding round for the Lantern. Thank you also for the hard work undertaken by the team to get the funding application into the Lotteries Commission on time. Lord we need your miraculous provision in so many ways. We know you are a miracle-working God and ask you to provide for this vision which we believe you have given. May we find unexpected blessings and provision every way we turn so that you can be glorified and we can reach out to our community more effectively through the new building.

**Those in need within our own church family:** We ask your love and protection for all known to us, especially George and Bev, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda and Bill, Beryl Llewellyn's family and for those receiving care in rest homes and hospitals within our parish. Thank you for Daphne and Margaret's recovery and for all the answers to prayer that you grant to us in love and mercy.

## This Week...

### Monday 7 September

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 8 September

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

### Wednesday 9 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 10 September

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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### Sunday 13 September

9.00am Holy Communion\*

10.30am Holy Communion\*

12.00noon Soup and Rolls

12.30pm Special General Meeting

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 20 September

10:30am Music Youth led

### 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 13 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Gill	<b>10.30am</b> F Summerfield
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Page	<b>10.30am</b> S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>	S Paine, M Mercer	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> G Thomas, W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Reynolds	<b>Brass:</b> J South

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 53:7 - 12, Mark 27:11 - 26

**Theme for Next Sunday:** The Place of Jesus' Suffering

## Parish Contacts

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Monday, Tuesday,  
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1.00pm - 5.30pm