



Church on the Hill

Sunday 7 September 2014



Theme: Knowing When to Step Out
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: 1 Samuel 14:1 – 17, 20 – 23, Matthew 28:18 - 20

Sentence:

“What a huge harvest!” Jesus said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”
- Matthew 9:37

Prayer for the day:

Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to make disciples. That sounds really scary for most of us. We feel out of our depth. Where do we start? Father God, please give us your perspective. Show us how

to start simply; loving those you have already placed in front of us. Holy Spirit, give us the words to speak and the power to walk beside others as you walk with us. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Many of us find it so difficult to talk with others about our faith in Jesus Christ. Why is that?

Here are some possibilities:

People mightn't like us / It might spoil our relationship with them / They might get angry / We might say the wrong thing / We don't know enough about the Bible, church, theology / We respect the person too much to push our point of view on them...

I'm sure you can think of other reasons. Most of the reasons actually boil down to one word – "fear". The noun fear stems from the the Old English *fæ*r for 'calamity or danger'. The problem is that when we are afraid, we have imagined some calamity that might happen. Most often the calamity never eventuates. In the meantime though, we have frozen ourselves into inaction because of the possibility that the calamity might happen.

So what is the antidote to the kind of fear that prevents us from stepping out. 1 John 4:18 tells

us that there is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... It sounds easy doesn't it?

Most of us struggle at times though, to accept the perfect love that our gracious Lord offers us. This week I encourage you to find a quiet and comfortable place and invite the Lord to reveal just how much he loves you.

Be encouraged for his love is far greater than you imagine. That is good news indeed.

We need to rediscover our confidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the Good News. For three weeks, beginning 27 October, Kevin and Anne Roberts from ReSource in the UK, are going to be with us. They will spend their time helping us to understand and experience more of the Good News for ourselves. They will also help us as we look to share that Good News in our community. Please pray for them in their preparation time now. May they hear from the Holy Spirit very clearly. They are excited about coming – time for us to be getting excited too!

Much love,

Susan

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.*

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 - Green "Operation Christmas Child" leaflets are now available from the rack at the back of Church, there is also a big plastic box for your contributions. Completed boxes needed by mid October. Our Box Filling Evening is Thursday 25 September. Thank you. Brenda Page. Ph. 544 5872.



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 continue to pray for the leaders of the world who are working hard to bring peace and stability to places of violence and unrest. We pray that hidden destructive agendas would be exposed and that peace and justice would flourish in those barren lands.

Our Nation: We pray for the minor Political Parties and the part they may play in the new government. Again we pray for an attitude of servitude and honesty and that all parties will work together for the greatest good.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Corin Family and their work overseas. We also pray for local missions, supporters, prayers, givers, administrators. We pray for our own personal mission fields wherever we find ourselves in our community. Help the light and love of Christ shine through our words and actions.

Our Diocese: We pray for Christ Church Cathedral. We give thanks for its witness and prominence within the city. May Dean Nick Kirk and his team continue to do the work you have called them in this place. We also pray for the Synod meeting in October and that the focus of this gathering will be what you want for this Diocese.

Our Local Area: We pray for the Church of Christ here in Richmond and Pastor Steve Rollo. We give thanks for the faithful members of this church and the ministries they are able to provide to the community. As they reach out to unchurched people may they be inspired and encouraged to seek you and take risks that the Good News may reach far and wide.

Our Church: We pray for the building project as the long road of fundraising continues. May the opportunities this building will provide for people in our community motivate us to endure persevere and succeed. We also continue to pray for the vestry and wardens and their leadership and the direction they direct this parish. We think of the many and various activities taking place in this church and we pray for clear focus, determined action and fruitful results for your glory.

Those In Special Need: We remember Luke, Caroline's family, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Erica Erskine, 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 8 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 9 September

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group

Wednesday 10 September

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

Thursday 11 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 12 September

- 9.00am Prayer

Saturday 13 September

- 12.30pm – 5.00pm New Building Prayer

Sunday 7 September

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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 14 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am A Sardella
	9.00am W Wilkinson	10.30am J Palmer
Welcomer:	9.00am B Page	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	S Paine, Volunteer	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, W Wilkinson	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	B Page	Brass: M Gibson

Readings for Next Sunday: Luke 18:40 – 42, 10:25 – 26, 20:20 – 26

Theme for Next Sunday: Conversations that Connect

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