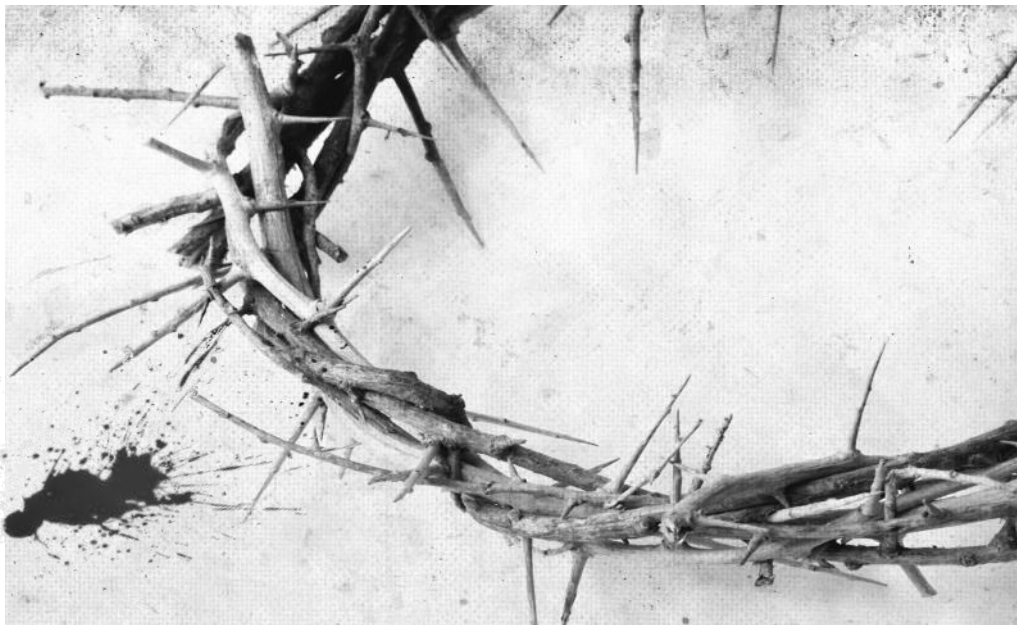




Church on the Hill

Sunday 13 September 2015



Theme: The Place of Jesus' Suffering
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Peter Bean
Readings: Isaiah 53:7 - 12, Matthew 27:11 - 26

Sentence:

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. - *Isaiah 53:9*

Prayer for the day:

Father of all mercies, thank you for that your beloved Son endured the humiliation, suffering and reproach of those he came to save. Thank you our Saviour Jesus Christ for all you endured for our sakes to secure an eternal

relationship with our heavenly Father. Thank you that you are our example, of humility and obedience when suffering comes to us. Gracious Holy Spirit help us to live in reverent praise to our God as we identify with others as they suffer too.
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



The Anglican Family

On Thursday two colleagues and I drove to Golden Bay for a deanery meeting for clergy. David Hollingsworth (Bishop's Chaplain) was there when we arrived. Ian Thatcher, Vicar of Golden Bay, was encouraged that we made the effort to travel over to his neck of the woods. (Usually he has to drive over the hill.) So there were five of us all together and we had a great time praying for each other and making suggestions for positive change in our region. There is a growing depth of honesty that is very helpful as we open up our struggles as well as our joys.

When you are part of a family, it seems to me it is easy to take things for granted – people and structures – that is just the way things are. Coming from another background I do appreciate the strengths of the Anglican system.

Perhaps not everyone knows how our Anglican system is set up in Nelson Diocese and wider. I thought I'd give you a brief overview – skip the rest of this if you aren't interested or already know it.

Our province (the big area) is Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. This is from the Website... At the 2006 national census there were 580,642 Anglicans in the Aotearoa New Zealand part of this church.

The 1992 Constitution of this Church provides for three partners to order their affairs within their own cultural context: Tikanga Maori; Tikanga Pakeha; Tikanga Pasefika.

Within Aotearoa New Zealand, Tikanga Pakeha comprises seven Dioceses, Tikanga Maori comprises five Hui Amorangi, the boundaries of which differ from those of the dioceses. Tikanga Pasefika encompasses Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands, and is known as the Diocese of Polynesia.

Back to Susan: Nelson Diocese covers the top third of the South Island. Greymouth but not Hokitika is within the boundaries as is Kaikoura. There are 25 (soon to be 24 when Tapawera also amalgamates with Wakefield) parishes. Our parish of Richmond falls within the Waimea Deanery which includes Golden Bay, Wakefield and Murchison, Brightwater, and Motueka. Allan Wasley, Vicar of Wakefield, is our Regional Dean. Basically it's his role to care for us clergy.

No family system is perfect – ours certainly isn't. However we are mostly on the same page. This is what the website says about Nelson Diocese. We are ... "a family of evangelical churches shaped by Anglican tradition... We are strongly committed to carrying the mission of Christ forward and engaging in contemporary ministry through the local church. We have a vision to strengthen local churches, but also to plant new kinds of churches and ministries wherever there is a need. We want to obey Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations".

Our family goal is to be reaching out with Christ's love to all around us. Let's prayerfully help our fellow family members to do that.

Learning together in love,

Susan

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!



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we can
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happen!

Building Fundraiser

Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00

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

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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: Lord how your heart must break as the refugees worldwide continue to struggle. As we hear your heart beat, help us to respond in love and generosity and bring wisdom and compassion to the leaders of all nations so the solutions are sustainable and effective. May the leaders of terrorist and white-supremacy groups repent and see their ways make things worse. Thank you that our own government has soften their stance slightly; may that continue. Please bring peace and justice your hurting world.

Mission Partners: We pray for Féy and Murray Cotter as they explore another Albanian church to partner with in church planting. Thank you Lord that they have had some encouraging conversations. We request clear direction, and wisdom in setting up a mutually beneficial partnership to help plant and strengthen Albanian churches. Please continue to bring peace and comfort, especially for Féy, as they adjust to the death of her Dad. Please also continue to bring improvement to their language skills.

Local Community: We give thanks for ministry of Chris Janetski and the softened hearts towards God and their Lutheran church in the Moutere community. Please give guidance and direction in planning for future ministry for their Hope Congregation. We pray for their youth workers who are on extended leave in Europe and arrive home in January.

Our Diocese: Please continue to give strength, grace and wisdom to Bishop Richard and to Hilary. Help them in their preparation for Synod. May the meetings be helpful for our Diocese as a whole and somehow encourage the people of the Westport and wider Buller community.

Our Parish: We pray for our Special Meeting after lunch today. We thank you that all things are possible for our unlimited God. Help us to move forward in unity and trust to the places you have called us. Thank you for Kay and the Lunch on the Hill team. Bless all those who attend and draw them closer to you in every way.

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, John, Beryl Llewellyn's family, Mavis Maisey's family and for those receiving care in rest homes and hospitals within our parish. Thank you for all the answers to prayer that you grant to us in love and mercy.

This Week...

Monday 14 September

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 15 September

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.00am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 16 September

7.30am Prayer

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

10.00am Wednesday Service

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)

Thursday 17 September

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 20 September

9.00am Morning Worship*

10.30am Holy Communion*

4.00pm Messy Church

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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

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Roster for 20 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J McConachie

10.30am A Sardella

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am J Green

Welcomer: 9.00am A Burrough

10.30am N Pritchard

Tea: J & K South

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

10.30am M Ross, N Pritchard

E / D Stanger

Flowers: B Savage

Brass: C Frater

Readings for Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Mark 15:37-47

Theme for Next Sunday: "Was crucified, dead and buried"

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