



Church on the Hill

Sunday 14 September 2014



Theme: Conversations that Connect
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: John Palmer
Readings: Luke 18:35-43; 10:25-28; 20:20-26

Sentence:

Jesus asked him "What do you want me to do for you?"

Prayer for the day:

Gracious Heavenly Father, keep our minds open to new ideas and ways of being. Keep your grace, truth and mercy forever in our thoughts so that our lives tell your story.

Merciful Lord Jesus Christ, keep our hearts open to goodness everywhere especially to people and things we have not experienced before. Keep your Good News always in our

hearts so that your mercy overflows to those around us.

Compassionate Spirit, keep our souls young and supple so we can bend and stretch when you ask us to. Keep near us that our lives, our deeds, our words, our thoughts and dreams may reflect your power, your boldness and your tender compassion. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Today in church we are pondering on Conversations that Connect. Last week we talked a bit about listening and we mentioned the Chinese character for listening. Here it is:



I wonder what strikes you about this character, made up as it is of four different characters? I wonder how we might apply this kind of listening to each other and in our relationship with God. I wonder what difference being deep listeners might make to our conversations. It seems to me, that if someone is genuinely listened to, it's just possible they might want to listen to us too.

*...let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance*

— Proverbs 1:5

I will miss you all this weekend. Kevin and I are having some time out together. I'll be endeavouring to listen to him and to our Lord.

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 - Final session Tuesday 7.30pm in Lounge.

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.

Truffles - Order now at \$5.00 a dozen for delivery 9 November. Freeze well. Perfect for thank you gifts for teachers, coaches etc. Order forms to take to your work place, or social group are available from Marianne Brosnahan. All profits are used to support 2 sponsored families, sick children and children in 4 orphanages in Moldova.

Garage Sale - Advance Notice. Saturday 1 November.

BBQ Invitation to all - We'd like everyone to come to our "newcomers" BBQ lunch, as it is an opportunity to welcome our newer members on Sunday 28 September at 12.00noon on the church lawn. Meat and buns will be supplied. Please bring salad or sweet dish to share. From the Wardens-Marie and Beverley.

Afternoon AAW group. - The ladies from the Evening AAW Group will entertain us and serve afternoon tea at our next meeting to be held in the Hall on Wednesday 24 September at 2.00pm. There will be a display of goods, Christmas cards, calendars and many more items from Save the Children Shop in Nelson available for purchase. The Afternoon Group will have a Sales Table. All ladies are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph. 544 6921.

Parents - Look out for the new book in the library called Parenting with love and logic - teaching children responsibility by Foster Cline and Jim Fay.

This week - Children will be learning about Paul, the bully who becomes a hero taught by Marianne with Kay and Carol Robinson as helpers. Crèche kids will hear about Noah and how he survived the rain as told by Ingrid and a young helper. Last week children decorated mugs for their dads. Responses to what's so special about your dad, were: I like his sense of humour and jokes. He makes me smoothies. Keep up the good work, Dads!



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 pray for those affected by the deadly floods in Kashmir India and for the long road of recovery. We also keep in our prayers the ongoing challenge in Africa with the Ebola virus, especially for the most vulnerable. We also pray for the elections taking place in Fiji and ask for honest fair results. We pray that Scottish voters will be guided to make the right decision in their independence referendum.

Our Nation: We pray for the churches throughout this country and their call to continue the work of Christ. Help us all to focus on what is truly important, help us have the courage to step out in faith, help us to be the people you want us to be.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Jo Rogers and give thanks for her time back in Africa. Help her in her return home to rest and be renewed before the next stage of her journey begins. We also give thanks for the CMS who support these workers before during and after their time overseas.

Our Diocese: We continue for our bishop Richard and his recovery from ill health. We also pray for the staff in the Anglican Centre as they work behind the scenes to manage the resources of the diocese. Give them wisdom in all the decisions they need to make.

Our Local Area: We pray for Annesbrook, for Brent and Liz Liebezeit and the ministries the church provides to their community. We pray that this Sunday with Ian Grant would be a great occasion. We give thanks for their success.

Our Church: We pray for the many home groups with the church and give thanks for the support they give to many people. May they continue to grow in their faith and accountability together. We also continue to pray for the ministry of lunch on the hill especially for all the volunteers who support this out reach. May those who come ultimately know the love of Christ in their lives.

Those In Special Need: We remember Luke, 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 15 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 16 September

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 11.30am Lunch on the Hill
- 7.30pm Bible Study -Final Session (O Haring)

Wednesday 17 September

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

Thursday 18 September

- 9.00am Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun

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

Friday 19 September

- 9.00am Prayer

Sunday 21 September

- 9.00am Morning Worship*
- 10.30am Holy Communion*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 28 September

- 12.00pm Church BBQ Lunch
- 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 21 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	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 J&A Green, N Pritchard
Flowers:	M Reynolds	Brass: E Moore

Readings for Next Sunday: John 1:40- 42, 4:7- 42, 5:1-7

Theme for Next Sunday: The Power of an Invitation

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