



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 6 October 2019



Theme: The Key to Service; little faith and humility
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Ian Smith
Readings: Lamentations 1:1-6; Luke 17:5-10

Sentence:
How could we sing one of Yahweh's hymns in a pagan country? Jerusalem, if I forget you, may my right hand wither!
- Psalm 137:4-5 (Jerusalem Bible)

Collect:

God our shield and our rampart, it is your strength, not the size of our faith that supports us through life's difficulties; may we be content to simply serve, and, when our labours are

done, all gather as equals around your table; with Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest In Charge

A very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity this morning! The lectionary is taking us into some fairly difficult terrain during these last few Sundays in Pentecost. Today's readings focus principally on our abilities to accept change. Very timely, maybe, after a very long interregnum and a new vicar on the horizon!

So what is so important about change, or being able to adapt our lives around new realities as they seek to reach out and 'threaten' the comfortable familiarities of the past. Well, nothing really, if we are only interested in our own comfort. But if, as we seem to have determined, our lives are to be lived out in ways that invite new people bringing different realities to enfold us, then we

need to be able to adapt to the challenges these 'newcomers' might bring with them! History has shown us very clearly, as does the political realities in the UK, the USA and in many, many other parts of the world today, that hankering back to a past position is often a majority decision but it is not an easy process. If the gospel is truly to include ALL NATIONS of the world we need to, at least, begin to act like international citizens! And that too is a difficult position to live out!!!

Let's catch a glimpse today, of what God might want to do amongst us to better equip us for the tasks of inclusion that are ahead. If we fail at this junction, we might very well be a congregation in the future with a wonderful Parish Church and a very beautiful Parish Community Centre but with very few around us to enjoy them...

Arohanui

Ian

Monday evening course - In October/November the Revd Fergus Capie and I will be conducting four Monday evenings on developing the art of listening, titled "*I Hear What You Say... or do I?*" Fergus worked with the Bishop of London's Inter Faith Dialogue Team and has much interest in this subject which he will share. I would ask that you email me if you are interested in these conversations (vicar@richmondparish.nz) so we have the right amount of printed material available.

The Course will run as follows:

Week 1 - 14 October 'Listening to one another, one-to-one, day-to-day'

Week 2 - 21 October 'Listening to others; to their backgrounds, cultures, faiths'

Week 3 - 4 November 'Listening together; the church's response to the world'

Week 4 - 11 November 'Listening to God; through scripture, prayer and life'

You will notice a break over Labour weekend!

Preserves - Thank you to everyone who supports missions through buying preserves. If you would like to make some preserves for this cause to sell during Synod, at the beginning of October, please feel free to contribute. If you have any clean jars, preferably label free we would appreciate them. - *Shiona*

Synod Volunteers - Saturday 12 October. Saturday morning helpers needed to pack up and clean the Richmond School Hall where the Synod Dinner is being held on Friday 11 October. Saturday afternoon helpers needed from 1.30pm volunteers to pack up and clean our Community Centre after Synod finishes. There is a clip board at the back of the church - please let us know if you can help. Otherwise just turn up on the day. Thanks - *Shiona*.

Lunch on the Hill - Join us for company and a hot meal from 11.30 on Tuesday 15 October in our new Community Centre, Bring your friendliness and a koha.

Christmas Boxes - Thank you for all your efforts in filling the boxes, your sewing, book covering and other talents you have used to contribute to the project. We filled 60 boxes at our meeting, an exciting time. Thanks to those who have donated money towards freight and handling, any further donations to help would be greatly appreciated. God bless you all - Dawn.

Food Bank - We need: tins of Just Add Mince, tinned veggies, rice, cornflakes or breakfast cereals, 500gm bags of raw sugar, biscuits, laundry powder, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper. Please direct any enquiries to me Ph. 027-448-7488. *Lyn - Keeper of the Cupboard*



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Under seat heaters are on during services.
Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

Prayers for the Week

The World - We pray for the volatile area of the Middle East, especially for the leaders of Iran, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, that they might have wise counsel and leadership and not rush into quick retaliation and so escalate the conflict. We pray that recent unrest in Iraq may result in political changes with decreased corruption and an improved life for all. We are concerned by the ongoing violence in Hong Kong, especially the recent escalation, and pray for godly and wise leadership for that country. As China has celebrated 70 years of communist rule, we pray for our fellow believers in China who are experiencing increased persecution and limits on their Christian activities and access to good websites. Strengthen them as they seek to be faithful to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray for a just and honorable settlement to the Brexit negotiations between the UK and the EU.

Missions - We pray for Féy Cotter, thanking you for her work at Bishopdale College and the European Christian Mission. Help her to balance her responsibilities between these very different activities and help her to see how you want her to apportion her time next year. We also pray for Murray that he may find outlets for his passion for developing and encouraging missional discipleship.

Diocese - We pray for our companion dioceses in Singapore with Bishop Rennis and Malaita with Bishop Sam. Encourage the work of your gospel in these two very different areas. We thank you for the recent visit of Mike Hawke and Graham O'Brien to Malaita and pray that you will equip all those that you are calling to go on a short term missions trip to Malaita next year.

We pray for our Diocesan Synod on Friday and Saturday and the clergy retreat prior to Synod on Wednesday and Thursday. Grant wisdom to our diocese at this time of change, and help Bishop Steve to direct this diocese wisely and with your vision. We pray that all the outstanding arrangements for Synod, including our contribution here in this parish, will be completed on time without undue stress. We pray also that you will provide new godly, empowering and passionate leadership to the parishes that are awaiting their new vicars.

Local area - We thank you for the work of the Spring Grove Church of Christ. Encourage and bless their leaders as they seek your guidance for the future development of the ministry of the church. We thank you for their fund to provide medical assistance to those who cannot afford it, and pray that this might be the means of alleviating suffering but also pointing people to you, the great healer. We also pray for the local elections that you will help us choose wisely between the competing candidates, that the counsellors elected will be those that seek to serve all sections of the community and yet be fiscally prudent.

Parish - We thank you for the new hall and pray that you will help us to see how this facility can be used to enhance our ministry and mission. We thank you that it is far more visible and inviting to those who pass by than the old building; and pray that you will help us together to grasp the new opportunities that are presented to us. We give very grateful thanks for all who have contributed their time, money and talents to the new hall. Lord this is your project and we pray that you will supply our outstanding financial needs. Bring a fresh sense of loving unity and vision to the parish as we go forward.

Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for the visit of our new vicar, Stephen Hooper, to the parish last week and pray that you will bless him as he wraps up his work in Australia and prepares for his leadership role here among us.

Those in need - For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones, those who are in care and for those recovering from falls, sickness or hospital admissions or those about to go into hospital. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 7 October

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

Tuesday 8 October

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)

10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)

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

Wednesday 9 October

10.00am Holy Communion

12.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday Group (J South)

Thursday 10 October

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

12.00pm Weekly Study Group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 13 October

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Coming up...

Monday 14, 21 October & 4, 11 November

I Hear What You Say... or do I?'

4 part series on Developing the Art of Listening

Tuesday 15 October

11.30am *Lunch on the Hill* - Community Lunch
(Holy Trinity Community Centre)

*For more information about services or groups
contact the office Ph. 544 8844.*

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 13 October

Holy Communion

Leader - Revd. Fergus Capie

10.30am Sunday 27 October

Morning Worship

Leader - Elva King

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Roster for 13 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J McConachie

10.30am J Palmer

Reader: 9.00am M Gibson, D Brown

10.30am V McNaughton

Sidesperson: 9.00am W Wilkinson

10.30am M Martin

Welcomer: 9.00am S Frengley

10.30am N Pritchard

Chalice: 9.00am J McConachie, G Thomas, W Wilkinson

10.30am V McNaughton,
N Pritchard, T Summerfield

Tea: E Laing, S Clover

Flowers: S Clover

Creche: TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Praise: How do we do it and why?

Readings for Next Sunday: Jeremiah 29:1,4 -7; Luke 17: 11 - 19

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