



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 18 September 2016



**Theme:** King of Kings?  
**Vicar:** Revd. Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Revd. Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Psalm 47, Colossians 1:15 – 20

**Sentence:**

The glorious God is the only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

- 1 Timothy 6:15

**Prayer for the day:**

Mighty God, John's vision of the end times describes our Lord Jesus Christ riding a white horse. John saw on the part of the robe that covered his thigh was written, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Christ Jesus, we acknowledge you as King of the universe. We recognise that all that has been created has

been made for you. One day all of creation will bow the knee and acknowledge you as Lord. Until that day, help us to serve you willingly, sharing the Good News of your reign wherever we go. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Change**

It is at least 15 years since our Sunday morning service times were changed. As part of our worship survey we asked if you could cope with any change and most people said they could cope with a 15 minute difference to the current times.

The reason we asked the question is that we find there is not enough time between the services.

9.00am people have to rush out immediately after the service to give space to the 10:30am crew who are arriving and eager to set up. This means there is no time to linger; no time to pray for one another or ask one of the church leaders for prayer.

10:30am people don't have enough time to set up properly let alone time for the music group to practice their songs.

So we are going to move the service times beginning the first Sunday in October i.e. October the second. The new times will be

**8:45am and  
10:45am**

What was funny on the survey was that most 9.00am people wanted the 10:30am people to change their time and most 10:30 people wanted the 9.00am people to change their time. So we have been fair and changed it for both groups.

These service times will be in place for a trial period of October 2016 to February 2017 inclusive. During the month of February we will ask your opinion as to how this is working. Then a decision will be made as to whether we stick with the new times or go back to the way things were.

In the survey several people commented on their desire for a greater unity between people of both congregations. We all know the Scripture "Where there is unity the Lord commands a blessing." Unity is important and for unity to be genuine, we need to know each other. It's difficult to be unified with complete strangers (not impossible actually but difficult).

So Vestry's hope and prayer, and mine too of course, is that the extra time between services will mean that more people from both services will go into the hall and have morning tea together. I would really like some people from the second service to be part of serving the morning tea. (9.00am people have done a great job for so long. It's not fair to leave it all to them.) I would also like ideas as to how we can create a more welcoming space in the lounge (not involving any expenditure!).

You are wonderful people, let's figure out ways of getting to know each other more.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

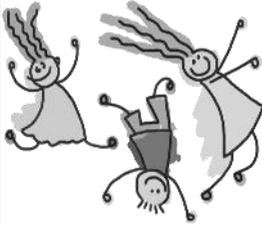
**Church open for Prayer** - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. Hot soup and prayer. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

**Senior's tea and talk** - 10.00am -11.30am each Wednesday morning in the Richmond Seniors rooms, adjacent to the Age Concern Offices, Oxford Street. The cost is \$3.00 to cover morning tea. Please come and invite any senior neighbours you may have. It would be great to have many of our people there as we start this exciting new venture! For information or to help please see Shiona or Yvonne.

**Spring Fair** - Our Spring Fair is on Saturday 15 October from 10.00am to 2.00pm. It will include all our usual stalls, and have a strong family /all age focus. If you have any ideas about what we can do to draw in families, including grandparents and grandchildren, please talk with me! The proceeds will go to Missions. Shiona Frengley 544 4155 or frengles@vodafone.co.nz

**Afternoon AAW Group** - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28 September at 2.00pm in the Lounge. Jean will give an illustrated talk covering a Baptism in Portland, Oregon followed by a magnificent garden on Vancouver Island to snow-capped mountain tops in Whistler, Canada (and things in between!) Afternoon tea to follow, Sales Table and collection box for Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

**Enjoying Retirement and Faith** -10.00am Thursday 22 September, starting with morning tea, visiting speakers, John and Shirley Jones, Richmond Church of Christ, Cnr Croucher and Darcy Streets, Richmond. This sounds really good to me, it would be great to have some of our people there! Yvonne



## = KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 18 September** - New Testament. Part 2 Video and activities.

**Next Week Sunday 25 September** - Prince of Egypt - invite a friend!

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

### Prayers for the Week

**God's World** – Loving God who created and sustains our earth and all life, thank you for who you are. Thank you that you have the big picture, understanding all that has gone on in the past and shaping the future towards your goal of reconciliation and restoration of all things. Be with those who are hurting: the families impacted by Super Typhoon Meranti, the heat afflicted in London and the UK, and those who have lost loved ones, homes and possessions through war and conflict. Loving God as we hear that Africa may be heading for the worst famine in 25 years, we pray that you would generate miracles of provision and generosity to alleviate this. We also pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith – whatever faith that may be. Bring justice to your world we pray.

**Mission Partners** – Thank you Lord for the time Allan and Christine spent in New Zealand; we are grateful for their time in our parish. We pray for them now they are back in Central Asia and teaching has resumed for both of them. Help them as they disciple so many young people over the next while. We also ask for your wisdom as they consider what you have for them in the future. Please lead and guide them.

**Diocese** – We pray for the small parish of Spring Creek in Marlborough. We thank you for the support they are receiving from clergy and laypeople from the surrounding parishes during this time without their own Priest in Charge. Please encourage the parishioners and help them hear your voice regarding the future of this parish.

**Community** – Today we remember Richmond Community and their pastors Ross and Yvonne Ferguson. Thank you for their 'Top of the South' Women's Conference held Friday and Saturday and pour out your power on their guest ministry today. May each of their children and young people develop a strong personal faith that enables them not only to stand against negative peer pressure but to be bold in their pamper day and 'Love in Action' project. Please Lord develop a greater unity as churches and leaders in our ongoing task of proclaiming Christ to our community.

As we pray for our community, we ask you to bring your Kingdom to this region and those we care about. Use the lives and witness of your people here in Richmond and Waimea. May you receive great glory as your people sow seeds of peace into the lives of our neighbors; may we love them with the love of Christ especially during this election season.

**Our Parish** – Thank you for our parish and the churches of Holy Trinity and St. Alban's. We thank you for Brenda and the AAW's work towards the Christmas boxes and realise we are privileged to have so much and be able to give these small gifts to bless the children. We pray for Susan as she leads this Church and for the Vestry who provide governance. Thank you for the new building plans and for your amazing provision. Lead us onwards together we pray. Also for the talks on Christianity and Islam. May all who have attended take away your truth and grace and have a greater understanding of both faiths.

**Special people in our church family** – Heavenly Father, we ask that you bring healing, comfort and strength to Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganah, Sonja, Pam Butler, Val Jordan, Ingrid Blackbeard, Eric Gaffa, David Hollingsworth and others known to us. We ask that you comfort the extended Jones family as they mourn the loss of Betty. May the residents and staff in rest homes and hospitals in this Parish, that they know your peace and love.

Establish our hearts in your mercy, Lord: and establish your mercy in our hearts. **Amen**

## This Week...

### Monday 19 September

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 20 September

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)  
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)  
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Wednesday 21 September

10.00am Senior's Tea & Talk (Age Concern)  
10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 22 September

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

### Sunday 25 September

9.00am Holy communion  
10.30am Praise on the Hill

## Coming up...

### Saturday 15 October

10.00am Spring Fair

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 25 September**

Morning Prayer

**Sunday 2 October**

Holy Communion

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:  
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

## Roster for 25 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Leader:** 9.00am S Gill

**Reader:** 9.00am J McConachie, P Jordan

**Sidespeople:** 9.00am J Burrough

**Welcomer:** 9.00am A Burrough

**Tea:** J & K South

**Chalice:** 9.00am N/A

**Flowers:** R Armstrong

**10.30am** J Palmer

**10.30am** M Did-Dell

**10.30am** J Green

**10.30am** N Pritchard

**10.30am** M Ross, N Pritchard ,  
E/D Stanger

**Creche:** TBA

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Getting through the night

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Psalm 30, John 11:1- 45

## Parish Contacts

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## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
10.00am - 5.30pm  
Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm