



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 21 September 2014



**Theme:** The power of an Invitation  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Owen Haring  
**Readings:** John 1:40-42, John 4:39-43

**Sentence:** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah." And he brought him to Jesus. *- John 1:41, 42a*

## Prayer for the day:

Loving God, you invite us to share in the risen life of our Lord Jesus Christ. You invite us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. You invite us to receive your amazing promises. Help us to listen to you. Fill us with your boldness and sensitivity.

Give us words of invitation, for those around us, that they too may enjoy abundant life in you. We pray this in the name of the one, who gave everything for all of humanity; Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Invitations**

Today in church Owen is speaking about the Power of an Invitation. Don't you love it when someone takes the time to invite you to something; especially when it is a personal invitation? It feels good knowing that someone cares enough to think of you doesn't it? Personal invitations are not always possible, but they are great when they happen.

All church folk are invited to a barbecue lunch at midday on Sunday 5 October. Some people get a special, personal invitation. If you receive one; it is because you are newer to our church. You might be thinking about joining us or already have committed. Either way; we want to get to know you a bit and to help you get to know us. Even if you haven't had a personal invitation, please come. We love our existing members too! It'll be fun! Thank you to the Wardens; Marie Tilley and Beverley Payne for organising this!

Thank you to those who accepted the invitation to pray for the Lantern on Saturday. There was a steady stream of people especially from our

9.00am service. I appreciate your interest and commitment to seeing this new Community Centre becoming a reality. It will provide for us an opportunity to invite others to wonderful events in a fantastic venue – we'll no longer be limited by our current hall facilities.

I invite all of you to pray for God's provision for the Lantern. The Lord is already moving in creative ways to answer. Caroline Pitman's friends and family raised \$1093.10 from her funeral donations. Tim and the family invited people to donate and they responded generously; a fitting tribute to a great lady.

I also invite you to pray and support Kevin and Anne Roberts coming to us from the UK. They arrive on Monday 27 October. That's Labour Day. We will be having a low-key shared tea early-ish that evening to welcome them. You are all invited. And you are invited to the wide range of activities and talks that Kevin and Anne will offer. We'll have the program out soon so you can choose which best suit you.

And please prayerfully consider who you will invite to some of the events.

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.*

**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.

**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 5 October at 12.00noon on the church lawn. (*Note date change*) 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.



**Family fun, Food & Friendship**  
**4.00pm - 6.00 pm Sunday 28 September**



### **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 tension in the Middle East with the extreme religious groups. We pray for a wise and good response to the plight of many people caught up in this violence. As the Ebola outbreak looks to spread we pray for the additional personnel heading to Africa to stop this virus.

**Our Nation:** As we start this day with newly elected members of parliament we again pray that the goals of justice, care and wisdom not be lost to detrimental agendas.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for the Sussex family, giving thanks for their time in NZ and their commitment to their work in Cambodia. May they be successful in their calling and may their children be kept safe and enjoy this unique upbringing.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for John and Connie Sherlock in Hills Community Church in Mapua. We give thanks for the work they have been able to bring to this unique church and continue to pray for the long road ahead as the church desires to serve its community as best it can.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for Ross Ferguson from the Assembly of God Church located in Warring car park. We especially pray for the community and local ministers who gather to pray in this church on Saturday 27 September (8.00am – 12.00midday.)

**Our Church:** We pray for Carol and her helpers with the children programmes she runs during the week. We give thanks that they are a support to parents and a safe place for kids to come to. We especially pray that seeds of faith would be sown into the lives of these people who mostly don't have any other direct contact with Christian events. We pray for Owen and his family. Please provide meaningful and satisfying work for Owen and stability for Maddison, Hannah and Seth. We ask that the Lord will be with Kevin and Anne Roberts as they prepare their material to help us grow in faith and ministry.

**Those In Special Need:** We remember Erica Erskine, 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. We give thanks to God for answered prayers for the many we have prayed for in the past and ask for the Lord's continued blessing on them.

## This Week...

### Monday 22 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 23 September

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

### Wednesday 24 September

- 7.30am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
- 10.00am Wednesday Service
- 2.00pm Afternoon AAW (J McConachie)

### Thursday 25 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)
- 7.30pm Evening AAW (A Heslop)

### Friday 26 September

- 9.00am Prayer

### Sunday 28 September

- 9.00am Holy Communion\*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill\*
- 4.00pm Messy Church

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 5 October

- 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 28 September *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J South	<b>10.30am</b> TBC
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Lines	<b>10.30am</b> M Martin
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Entwistle	<b>10.30am</b> K Thomson, G Mangelsdorf
<b>Tea:</b>	N Thomas, V McNaughton	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Frengley, TBC	<b>10.30am</b> M Martin, TBC
<b>Flowers:</b>	B Savage	<b>Brass:</b> M Evans

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 22:1 – 21, John 9:10 – 12, 24 - 27

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Telling Your Story

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### Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm