



Church on the Hill

Sunday 27 September 2015



Theme: The land of the dead
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Psalm 16:7-11, 1 Peter 3:18-22

Sentence:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

- *Matthew 27:46*

Prayer for the day:

Like the writer of the Psalms, we sometimes feel forsaken, abandoned in our greatest hour of need. People don't rally round, the way we think they should. Our family tires of our difficulties. Even you Lord, seem far away. We know you are not aloof but it feels like it at times. In those times we ask, help us to rely on

your faithfulness regardless of how we feel. Give us strength to thank you and praise you for you stand beside all those in need. You do draw near to us and we appreciate your faithfulness. We pray this in the power of the Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Passion and Compassion

Last week at Messy Church our theme was Pay it Forward. We decorated boxes for the AAW team to fill with goodies for the Samaritans' Purse project. Thank you to Brenda, Madeline, Anne and those who helped with the packaging. Thank you also to all those who provided goodies to fill the boxes.

The Scripture Messy Church focus on was Jesus' story about rewards for loving others. He said:

'Then I, the King, shall say to those at my right, 'Come, blessed of my Father, into the Kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; 36 naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me.'

It seems to me that the measure of compassion we have for others grows in direction relation to the passion we have for following our Lord himself. If we are lukewarm about him, how can we expect to care for anyone else?

The Carmelites (an Order within the Catholic Church) put it like this:

Friendship with Jesus Christ reveals to us a Divine presence whose essential nature is characterised by mercy and forgiveness. The Gospel stories are filled with potent

images of a personal God who is reckless in compassion – a suffering servant, a forgiving father and a devoted shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

After a challenging and encouraging synod last week, I was discussing what it means to be a radical disciple of Jesus. I don't consider I am one. I want to be but I'm not – not really. My brother and sister-in-law are going to Lesbos in a couple of weeks' time. They are going, for a month or so, to assist refugees working alongside Hellenic Ministries. To do this, they have re-mortgaged their house. I admire them greatly.

As for me I live in a comfortable house in a comfortable town with comfortable people (mostly). Following Jesus is my life but I haven't had to give up much to do so.

Do you ever feel like that? I guess not all of us are called to be radical disciples though. Perhaps some of us are simply called to be faithful disciples where the Lord has placed us.

Questions to self:

- If God called me to up roots and go somewhere to follow him, would I?
- How faithful am I in the place where I am now?
- How passionate am I in following him and how compassionate am I to those around me?

Learning together in love,

Susan

Garage Sale - We will be having our Spring garage sale on 31 October, and we need somewhere to store donated items. If you could store about 3 cu m. of items till then could you phone Shiona on 544 4155. We also get donations throughout the year, if you are able to offer some space in a shed or garage to store items between garage sales we would love to hear from you. - *Shiona Fregley and Jan South.*

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - Thank you AAW Ladies for helping pack 43 boxes last evening (Thursday). Our boxes will be blessed on Sunday 18 October so if you still have a box there is time to leave it at the back of the Church. Donations towards freight will also be much appreciated. Thank you everyone. Brenda Page.

The Bishop's Charge 2015 – Copies of the Bishops Charge are available at the back of the church.

Kidz Church Today - First Sunday of school holidays. Making cakes and gingerbread men for next two weeks activities. After Church - 1.00pm social time at ASB pool. All Welcome.

The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Building Fundraiser

Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00

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

See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284



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: We remember the friends and families of those killed in the stampede on the way to Mecca. Please help Christians to respond in love and mercy rather than hatred and triumph. We also pray for Christians and other minority groups who are persecuted in various parts of the world; especially places we may not immediately think of such as India, Tanzania, and Indonesia.

Mission Partners: We pray for Chris and Catherine Corin and their family in central Asia. Thank you for the help Chris has been able to give some in developing small, self-sustainable businesses. Please continue to bring him in touch with those who need help and those who can provide financial resources. We also ask for continued support for Mustafa and his Rehabilitation Centre for Homeless in the same area.

Diocese: Thank you Lord for your ongoing presence with the folk at Spring Creek during this interim time without a paid minister. We ask for guidance for the Diocese and parish nominators as they look at doing much more team ministry in the Marlborough area.

Local Church: We bring the expanded Methodist parish and their leader Martin Oh to you. Thank you that Martin is settling well into the area. Please lead him in making meaningful contacts with local people and ministers to them in ways that lead them on in their Christian journey.

Local Community: We ask for your wisdom for local authorities making decisions about our region including the Licensing Trust, Police, Tasman District Council and others. Especially we ask for guidance around the future water and irrigation needs in our area.

Our Parish: We are so grateful Loving God, that you are evident in our midst. Thank you for the unity of purpose we enjoy. Please keep us focused on Following Jesus and Building Community. In response to all you have done for us, help us to encourage each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good to each other and to the wider community in which you have placed us. Help each one of us to grow closer to You every day.

Those in need within our own church family: We ask your loving presence to be made known to: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda and Bill, John, Alison and others we know and for the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish. Please bring comfort to Hazel Maw's family and friends and those of Joan Hudson.

This Week...

Monday 28 September

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 29 September

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 30 September

7.30am Prayer

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

10.00am Wednesday Service

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

Thursday 1 October

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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Sunday 4 October

9.00am Holy Communion*

10.30am Holy Communion*

7.00pm Taizé

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Thursday 15 October

6.30pm "Help, you're losing us" Workshop

Saturday 31 October

Garage sale

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 11 October Holy Communion

Sunday 25 October Morning Prayer

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

Roster for 4 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am S Jackson

Sidespeople: 9.00am B Page

10.30am T Mangelsdorf

Welcomer: 9.00am J Lines

10.30am L Blackmore,

Tea: E Erskine, S Raj Devi

Chalice: 9.00am B Payne, E Erskine

10.30am V Mc Naughton,

C Robinson, H Thomson

Flowers: R Armstrong

Brass: A Hodges

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 2:22 – 33, Mark 9:30 – 32

Theme for Next Sunday: Raised to Authority

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