



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 28 September 2014



**Theme:** Telling Your Story  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Acts 22:1 – 21, John 9:10 – 12, 24 - 27

**Sentence:** How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied...

- John 9:10, 11a

## Prayer for the day:

Gracious God, not many people are asking us to tell about the old, old story. At least that is how it seems. They don't use those words anyway. But people are people as always. All of us are created with a God-shaped hole. Help us to see that people are looking for a genuine

story; one that will bring meaning and give purpose to life. Help us to be able to tell the story of how you love us and care for us. Help us to tell our story simply; slowly; softly to those in whom your Spirit is at work. Through Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **His-story**

One of the dangers of being a long term Christian is that we can take our relationship with God for granted. Last week Owen asked what excites us about coming to church. Did anyone answer “nothing”? If our Christian walk gets stale, we have nothing to celebrate or give thanks for and church becomes a chore.

In our 9.00am service today, we will sing “Tell me the old, old story.” The prayer book service, the various ways we do 10:30am, even the order there is in Messy Church are all liturgy. ‘Liturgy’ means the work of the people. It is our response to what God is doing in our lives through the week.

It is the leaders’ responsibility to plan and lead well, and to keep our own relationship with God, vital and alive. It is also the worshippers responsibility to foster an open and genuine relationship with God. We all need to prepare ourselves to meet with the Living God in communal worship. (Sometimes that is easier to do than others.)

Communal worship retells the story of God as

he interacts with the world. We gather, we confess and receive his forgiveness, we hear the Word, we respond to the Word, and often we receive Communion. Holy Communion reminds us how much Jesus loves us and that he is coming again to restore all things to us.

Our services ought to bring comfort and hope – oh yes, and challenge. Someone jokingly said they don’t come to church to be challenged. It’s true the Lord loves us just as we are. But he wants us to grow, in faith, in maturity, in wholeness. So we will continue to offer challenges – hopefully always in love.

Worship is about retells how His-story interacts with ours. Sometimes the connections are obvious and sometimes they are less so. Always there ought to be something we can take home to refresh and renew us as we live out relationship with Jesus and others throughout the week.

Maybe you could tell the Wardens, other leaders or even me, what you find helpful in Sunday worship and what you find difficult. I guarantee there will be a mixture!

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.* Starts again 14 October

**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. Orders and Payment by 19 October. 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 next Sunday 5 October 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.

**Garage Sale** - Saturday 1 November, 8.30am - 12.00. White Elephant, Plants, Baking, Produce and Jams, Children’s, Morning Tea and BBQ. Spring Cleaning time-clean out the cupboards and sheds-we will take what you don’t need any more clean and in working order please. Divide the plants-pot up the extras put it in your diary. Come and join us! Thanks. Jan South

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** - Thank you AAW Ladies for helping pack 45 boxes last Thursday

evening. Our boxes will be blessed on Sunday 19 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.

**Men** - The September forum will commence at 7.00pm on Monday 29 September at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. The session will conclude by 9.00pm. The topic for discussion is "What should we do about the large number of children who go to school without breakfast and don't receive the basic necessities of life" The usual hospitality will be served. Jacob Klootwyk Ph. 544 5269



### 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 for the United Nations response to the many challenges throughout the world - both publicised and not through the media. We give sincere thanks for the many people who have a deep concern for the trouble spots throughout the world.

**Our Nation:** We pray for the violence we hear about in our nations; much of it behind closed doors. We pray for those frustrated and angry and unable to express this in a healthy way. We pray for the victims who often suffer for a long time and we pray for all those people offering support and help to victim and offender alike.

**Our Mission Partners:** We pray for Allan and Christine and the support and love they bring to many young people in Asia - from people throughout the world. We give thanks for their concern and hospitality and pray that they will continue to be encouraged as they encourage the people they encounter.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Derek Harding in Spring Greek and the ministry of that parish. We give thanks for their commitment and pray that they will continue to know the plans and purpose you have for this parish.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for David McBride and his interim ministry at Richmond Baptist Church. We pray for the team finding a new pastor. And we pray that they will recover well from the difficulties they have experienced over the past few years.

**Our Church:** We pray for the ministry of the AAW in this parish and the great support they provide to many people both in the church and in the community. We also pray for the choir and the faithful ministry they bring most Sundays. We also pray for the other music groups and give thanks for the gifts they bring to our worship. We pray for Owen and his family. 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 29 September

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 30 September

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

### Wednesday 1 October

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

### Thursday 2 October

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

### Sunday 5 October

- 9.00am Holy Communion\*
- 10.30am Holy Communion\*
- 12.00pm Church Barbeque Lunch

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### 27 October - 16 November

Re-Source at Church on the Hill

*See Noticeboard for details*

### Saturday 1 November

- 8.30am Garage Sale

*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**

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### Roster for 5 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Page	<b>10.30am</b> T Mangelsdorf
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Lines	<b>10.30am</b> L Blackmore
<b>Tea:</b>	P Cotton, A Webb	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Payne, E Erskine	<b>10.30am</b> V McNaughton, C Robinson, H Thomson
<b>Flowers:</b>	N Thomas	<b>Brass:</b> E Erskine

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Matthew 18:10 – 14, Luke 14:15 – 24

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Leaving the ninety-nine

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Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

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