

Richmond Parish News

Sunday 20 October 2019



Theme: Prayer: How do we do it and why?

Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith Revd. Ian Smith

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Luke 18:1-8

Sentence:

Your promise, how sweet to my palate! Sweeter than honey to my mouth! Your precepts endow me with perception; I hate all deceptive paths.

- Psalm 119:103 -104 (Jerusalem Bible)

Collect:

Holy One, nameless, you stay with us; even when we wrestle in the darkness may we never lose heart until your justice is fulfilled; through Jesus

Christ, our Redeemer, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Monday evening course - Tomorrow Monday 21 October at 7.00pm the second session of our four Monday evening sessions on developing the art of listening, titled "I Hear What You Say... or do 1?" Fergus worked with the Bishop of London's Inter Faith Dialogue Team and has much interest in this subject which he will share. The course starts at 7.00pm and finishes at 8.30pm. About 20 people attended last week's opening session 'Listening to one another, one-to-one, day-to-day'. Tomorrows session is 'Listening to others; to their backgrounds, cultures, faiths'. We will take a break for Labour weekend and continue with Week 3 - 4 November 'Listening together; the church's response to the world' followed by Week 4 - 11 November 'Listening to God; through scripture, prayer and life' Thanks - lan

Afternoon AAW -The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 October at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Elsa Laing will give a short talk about her first job and others will then be invited to talk about any of their previous jobs. Please bring a small plate for Afternoon Tea if convenient. There will be a Sales Table for those who wish to bring produce etc. Enquiries re transport to Sara Clover 5449903 or 021 154 1117

Christmas Boxes - On Sunday 27 October the Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes will be in the Church so we as a Family can join together and rejoice what God has done through our shoe box efforts. This year we have to date a total of 70 Boxes That is a lot of boxes! On behalf of the A.A.W. we want to express our appreciation to each one of you who packed donated gifts and prayed for these gift boxes. Thanks to those who have donated money towards sending the boxes. We still need \$317 to complete this task. They will be taken into Manna Book shop on Tuesday 29 October to start their journey to Auckland for distribution We know they will be received with great joy, happiness, and a message of Gods love and care for them and their Families. Bless you all, Dawn.

Evening AAW - The next meeting is at 7.30pm Thursday 24 October. This is the Annual General Meeting and the Rev Jeff Odhiambo will be with us. All are welcome. Any questions? Contact Ivy Price Ph. 544 5405 or ivybarry123@slingshot.co.nz

Preserves - Many thanks to all those who made preserves for Synod sales, we made \$70 for missions!! The preserves are now in the foyer of our new Community Centre, do please consider giving them as present for Xmas!! - *Shiona*

Gardens - A huge thanks you to Dawn Martin and the great team of helpers who made the building site into gardens and seeded the grass. God bless you all!

Café Connection - 10.30am Thursday 24 October at the Wooden Spoon Café. Come along and meet together for coffee and friendship.

Art Show - There will be Christian art on display (and for sale) at the Quality Arts and Crafts Market Richmond Baptist Church 8.00am - 12noon Saturday 26 October 2019. Enquiries contact Jane at Richmond Baptist Church Ph. 544 7596

Bishopdale College Vacancy - Academic Registrar (maternity cover position). For info go to www.bishopdale.ac.nz/employment. Applications close 25 October.

Library News - Rob Harley, an award-winning new Zealand journalist has written a book entitled "The Power to go the Distance, Staying Strong on the Inside". Discover the meaning of a "one second bridge-builder". Please be patient, we know it can be difficult to access books, but plans are underway to move the library. Like our hall, it may take longer than we wish, but it will happen! There are now three of us working towards this. Many thanks to Pam Power and Barb Lash for volunteering.- Anne W

Food Bank - We need: toothpaste, toilet paper, Laundry Powder, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Muesli Bars, Biscuits, Pasta, Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Vegemite, Rice Risotto, and Tinned Fruit. There is a box of food etc. made up ready to be given away in the office. Also there are 2 boxes ready to go in the food cupboard itself. Please leave all food donations in the square basket at the back of the church. Many thanks and may God bless you as you give. Please direct any enquiries to me Ph. 027-448-7488. *Lyn - Keeper of the Cupboard*

Daughters: Connecting Christian Women - Hear Anita McDonnell *All things are Possible -* reaching people in the broken places of life with hope and encouragement. 7.30pm Tuesday 22 October. Headingly Centre. \$10 entry. Supper provided. Ph.Christine 027 547 4195 or Pam 027 282 1018 for more info.

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

Prayers for the Week

The World - We pray for our world, where civil unrest and demonstrations seem to be occurring all over the globe, from Ecuador, to Iraq and Hong Kong. May there be genuine, just political solutions to the issues raised in these demonstrations.

We also ask that you will bring peace to the Middle East, particularly to Syria, which has recently seen a renewed offensive by Turkey against the Kurdish majority in Northern Syria. We pray that peace will come swiftly to this region which has already suffered from civil war and ISIS activity. We pray for protection and provision for the many displaced Christians who have fled the extremist violence in Burkina Faso. May the looming humanitarian crisis be averted in this already impoverished land. We pray for a softening of the militants' hearts here and in Mali, Nigeria and Cameroon and for your restraining hand on the widespread violence and kidnapping. Strengthen your church and help it to respond in renewed prayer and compassion and not to respond with violence.

Missions - We pray for the Corin family and thank you for the whole family's willingness to serve you in a difficult location in Central Asia. Bless the children as they continue their studies, with some of them now overseas away from their family. Give wisdom to Chris in his contacts with local pastors, as he mentors them and encourages them in their small business development. We pray for the local believers and their families, for protection from persecution and undue challenges, but also for continued boldness as they share their faith in their communities.

Diocese - We pray for the work of Havelock and the Sounds parish with Susan and Graeme Howarth. We pray for their Vestry retreat on Nov 9th that they will continue to build community as a team and listen together for the next mission project God would have them partner with. We give thanks for their successful fair which raised \$3200 for the Koha, a YWAM ship which will serve in the Pacific. We pray that the parish will see more people growing in their love and knowledge of the Bible and, that despite the travelling difficulties, people will want to meet for Bible studies. May the preaching themes minister deeply to all who hear. As summer approaches, may the parish be authentic and generous in their hospitality and intentional as they have conversations with the many visitors after Church. May they also see the relevant doorways that connect them in meaningful ways with their community.

Local area - We pray for the work of Richmond Community Church with Ross and Yvonne Ferguson and their team. We thank you for their Kai with love initiative and may that this continue to be a rich blessing to the needy. We pray for healing for two members of the congregation one with advanced Parkinson's and another halfway through cancer treatment.

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 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 21 October

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

7.00pm I hear what you say... or do I? Part 2

Tuesday 22 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 23 October

10.00am Holy Communion

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

1.30pm Afternoon AAW (S Clover)

Thursday 24 October

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

10.30am Café Connection (Wooden Spoon Café)

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

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

7.30pm Evening AAW (I Price)

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Coming up...

Friday 29 November

7.00pm Stephen Hooper Commissioning Service

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

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 27 October Morning Worship Leader - Elva King

10.30am Sunday 10 November Holy Communion *Leader -* Revd. Fergus Capie

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

Roster for 27 October Thank you for serving us all!

Leader: 9.00am John Palmer 10.30am Revd. Jean Palmer

Reader:9.00amS Frengley, M Reynolds10.30amL MilliganSidesperson:9.00amJ Lines10.30amM RossWelcomer:9.00amS Entwistle10.30amA Milligan

Chalice: 9.00am S Frengley, S Paine 10.30am J Green, M Ross, L Summerfield

Tea: D Martin

Flowers: TBA Creche: TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Prayer continued: When God seems deaf to us!

Readings for Next Sunday: Joel 2:23 - 32; Luke 18:9 -14

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