



Church on the Hill

Sunday 4 October 2015



Theme: Raised to Authority
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Karl Summerfield
Readings: Acts 2:22 – 33, Mark 9:30 - 32

Sentence:

Now he sits on the throne of highest honour in heaven, next to God. - Acts 2:33

Prayer for the day:

O God, thank you for Jesus, our great high priest, Who has entered once for all into the Holy Place and ever lives to intercede on our behalf: grant that we, sanctified by the offering of his body may draw near to you with full assurance

of faith by the way which he has made for us and evermore serve you, the living God; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, Father, and Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Mission

I've been pondering about mission – especially overseas mission. In my experience, part of being a healthy church, and indeed a healthy Christian, is to have a genuine concern for others.

I see that concern being lived out in our wider community in lots of ways. I am encouraged by the work many of us do for others either on a voluntary or a paid basis. I am encouraged also by the concern I hear expressed, by church folk, for refugees and displaced persons caught up in the Syrian current crisis.

I'm aware also of the heart many have for overseas mission and some missionaries in particular. The difficult our church has right now is that we have no overseas mission focused group. Nor do we have a person leading the charge in this area.

This means that overseas mission does not always get the attention it deserves. Our mission giving is addressed mainly as part of our general giving. It is based on tithe of our general giving last year. So we will give about \$12,000 to mission this year. In the past people used to give directed finances to overseas mission. This doesn't happen much now unless there is a specific appeal. At the end of August we had budgeted to receive \$8,000 for missions but only

received \$1,577. We do have some interest gathered from the Newport Trust that will help a bit.

We will be having a mission focused service before the end of the year where people can give and we can hear from a missionary. That missionary may or may not be one of our mission partners.

We have four mission partners:

- Murray and Féy Cotter in Albania
- Phil and Becky Sussex and their children in Cambodia
- Chris, Catherine Corin and their children in central Asia
- And Allan and Christine in Asia also.
(Some details are sensitive because of the specific countries.)

How can we lift the profile of these four families and of overseas mission generally in our parish? Who might like to be part of a group who would do this? Would your home group like to adopt a missionary – to write to them and encourage them? Perhaps individuals who like letter writing, might like to do this too?

Our vision statement "Following Jesus; Building Community" is about fostering the Lord's work in community overseas as well as here.

Love to hear from you if the Lord is pointing you in this way ...

Learning together in love,

Susan

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.



= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 4 October - Middle Sunday of school holidays. Taking baking to elderly in community. Practical help to elderly Church members.

Next Sunday 11 October - Invite a friend to movie at Church: popcorn, gingerbread men, new friends.

Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

Prayers for the Week

God's World: Lord we need a miracle – a big one! As we remember the refugees in Europe, Turkey and Lebanon, we also remember all the displaced persons remaining in Syria and other countries. Please help the governments not just to provide aid, important though that is, but also to address the root cause of what is happening. Help nations set aside petty agenda and truly get a compassionate and global mindset. Help us honestly consider what this current crisis means for our own nationality and identity as well. We pray for persecuted people everywhere asking for practical, emotional and spiritual comfort for them.

Mission Partners: We pray for Becky and Phil Sussex involved in dentistry and primary school teaching in Cambodia. They appreciate our prayer support and give thanks for the new house close to school and work that they'll move to in 2 weeks' time. May the retreat they attend, next weekend at Battambang be a good time of rest, fellowship and encouragement. Thank you for the good start of the new clinic that Phil, and a small group of his students, have set up. May it become a place where the people of that poor community can receive healing, both dental and spiritual, as they work with the pastor to share the Good News to those who come for treatment. Please be with the children especially Bryn and Toby who have heavy work-loads at school. We pray for Toby's involvement leadership in worship groups at school and at youth group. We also pray for Becky at this busy time at school with assessments, parent interviews and report writing.

Diocese: Thank you Lord for the staff at the Anglican Centre and all the work they do to support ministry in the parishes. We pray for the two teams – the Bishop's Ministry team and the Administration team. May they communicate effectively together and work in ways which enhance your mission and their job satisfaction..

Local Community: Thank you blessed Trinity for the friendship enjoyed between the Richmond Waimea Ministers. This week we pray for Richmond New Life. We ask you to continue to impact the lives of those who attend, that they may fulfill their God-given mission to impact the community, the nation and the nations beyond our own. We remember the Richmond school staff and pupils on holiday now, asking for refreshment for them all. Bring them back in Term 4 with mindsets that value learning and working together.

Our Parish: We give thanks that you are a powerful and generous God, giving amazing gifts to your people. We pray for your provision for the Lantern Centre. Please show us what action you want us to take and keep us focused on You rather than ourselves. We ask you to be with Vestry as they meet this week – give wisdom, discernment and courage in taking decisions and actions as you direct. We don't want a whole bunch of good ideas; we only want God ideas and plans.

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 too.

This Week...

Monday 5 October

9.00am Church open for Prayer
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 6 October

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 7 October

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

Thursday 8 October

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

Sunday 11 October

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*
12.00pm Shared Lunch Soup and Rolls

**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

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 11 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am P Bean	10.30am F Summerfield
Sidespeople:	9.00am M Gibson	10.30am M Tilley
Welcomer:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	M Watson, M Evans	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, M McRae	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	A Burrough	Brass: J Inwood

Readings for Next Sunday: Romans 2:12–16, 2 Timothy 4:1–5, Matthew 12:33–37

Theme for Next Sunday: Eternal Justice

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