



Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 October 2014



Theme: Leaving the Ninety-nine
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Matthew 18:10 – 14, Luke 14:15 – 24

Sentence:

Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue. *- Luke 15:7*

Prayer for the day:

Lord, we pray for the one who is lost and can't find their way. We know, Gracious Father, it isn't your will that any one should fall by the wayside. Lord Jesus, you died for every single person. Holy

Spirit, thank you for taking care of your lost sheep. Thank you for drawing them closer to the Father. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Discovery and Respect

Last week in church, we talked about how we tell the story of our faith to others. We considered that in the light of our spiritual gifts. The gifts and personality the Lord has given us hugely influence everything – especially how we live out our Christian lives.

It is good that we are all different. It's also good to learn more about who God has made us to be – how he has gifted us and how we use those gifts.

An anonymous 15th century monk said this:

"Know thyself; tis half the path to God: then lose thyself and the rest of the way is trod."

I encourage you to continue to explore who you are especially who you are in Christ. We will offer a course on the spiritual gifts next year. In the meantime you can complete your own questionnaire and have a chat with Susan or one of the leaders about this.

Knowing ourselves helps us have a clearer

view of God and of others. It gives us a confidence to have conversations with people who may not agree with us. Lydia Cole, a NZ singer, says this "Keeping company exclusively with people who share all your views and beliefs is a good way to keep your world small and your mind smaller." I think she is right.

In Scripture, there are lots of examples of people who converse with others about their beliefs in respectful ways. The approach Paul takes in his conversation with the Athenians in Acts 17 is a great example. He noted their spirituality and was respectful about it. Then, at their request, he gave his own views.

Paul was confident in his calling from God; he understood himself and he understood the people who he was called to be with. I wonder how we would rate ourselves in each of these areas. It's a journey isn't it?

Understanding our spiritual gifts is one aspect of the journey. What are some other ways we can help ourselves, each other and those in our wider community with the faith journey?

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, today 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 Dinner – The next planning meeting is 7:30pm Wednesday 8 October in the Church office. All those interested in participating are welcome.

Lunch on the Hill – The next Lunch on the Hill is 11.30am this Tuesday 7 October. All welcome.

House Wanted To Rent – A mature Canadian couple would like to rent a house with two bathrooms from early January to late March 2015. All enquiries to Alex Johnston Ph. 544 6378

Please remember and pray for 19 October -

This the day we are having a call, collection for Funds boost and move along the building of our new hall. Your pledges, thoughts and money will be collected at both services on this day. Collection bags are at the back of the Church. Thank you. Marie Tilley (Vicar's Warden).



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 pray for all the leaders of nations throughout the world. We pray for wisdom that will create peaceful and healthy societies; we pray for justice for all people; we pray for responsible use of the world's resources.

Our Nation: We pray for all the people who volunteer their time and effort in helping all kinds of people throughout this nation. From emergency services to carers, counsellors and helpers - many of whom never get much recognition. May their work give them deep satisfaction and joy.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for Murray and Fèy Cotter and their ministry within Albania. We give thanks for the House Church they run and the support it provides to people.

Our Diocese: We pray for the Anglican Centre and the upcoming Synod meeting in Nelson. We give thanks for their support that enables parishes to minister to communities and ask that Synod would be a positive experience for all who attend.

Our Local Area: We pray for Chris at the Lutheran Church and give thanks for his ministry in proclaiming your Gospel. May the ministries of this church be helpful to people and lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Church: We pray for the staff - for Susan, David, Micah, Ingrid, Kaye, Antonio, Jean, Carol and Owen. We give thanks for the different gifts they bring to this parish and ask that they continue to do the work that you have called them to do. We also pray for Owen as a possible opportunity is being explored at this time. 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 Ingrid Blackbeard, Erica Erskine, Luke, George, Carole Burke, 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 6 October

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frenley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 7 October

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

Wednesday 8 October

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

Thursday 9 October

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

Sunday 12 October

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

27 October - 16 November

Re-Source at Church on the Hill

See Pewsnews insert 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 12 October Holy Communion

Sunday 26 October 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 12 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am S Gill	10.30am A Sardella
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:	R Armstrong	Brass: A Hodges

Readings for Next Sunday: 2 Kings 13:14 -19, Matthew 11:12 - 19

Theme for Next Sunday: Are you ready?

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Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm