



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 27 October 2019



Theme: Prayer continued: When God seems deaf to us!
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Jeff Odhiambo
Readings: Joel 2:23 - 32; Luke 18:9 -14

Sentence:

Praise is rightfully yours, God, in Zion. Vows to you must be fulfilled, for you answer prayer.

- Psalm 65:1 (Jerusalem Bible)

Collect:

Forgiving God, your covenant is firm; be merciful to us, and grant us to live in your presence, ever singing your praise; with Jesus, the Way, who is

alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest In Charge

A very warm welcome to our services today, and a special thank you to Mrs Eva King who is leading Morning Worship at St Albans (Appleby)! I am taking the services at St Pauls and St Michaels in Brightwater this morning. We are continuing the theme of prayer and discovering, I think, that prayer is much more about the wonder of God and our getting in tune with the message God is wanting to get across to us, than it is about what we might be able to gain from God if we beseech the heavenly throne long enough. Our Monday evening "Listening" series of studies has been a wonderful opportunity to discover that it is not only

God's voice that we struggle to discern. We have huge difficulty in hearing even those voices closest to us. Last week Fr Fergus Capie opened some deep issues that arrive when we fail to hear God in the folk who embrace different faith traditions. We have so much to learn if being a truly inclusive community is what we are aiming for! I am really looking forward to what Fr Fergus has to say as he preaches at both our "All Saints" services next weekend. It is vestry meeting time this week, and again, if there are issues you think our leadership team needs to be aware of, drop me a text or email and we will do our best to address it! Every blessing!

Arohanui

Ian

Hall Opening - The official opening ceremony of the recently completed Community Centre is at 3.00pm Saturday 7 December. More details to come closer to the time.

Monday evening course - We are taking a break for Labour Weekend so Monday 4 November at 7.00pm is the third session 'Listening together; the church's response to the world' of our four Monday evening sessions on developing the art of listening, titled "*I Hear What You Say... or do I?*" Fergus worked with the Bishop of London's Inter Faith Dialogue Team and has much interest in this subject on 11 November 'Listening to God; through scripture, prayer and life'. Thanks - *Ian*

Christmas Boxes - Today 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 AAW, 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.

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*

Combined Service - Ian's farewell and thank-you service will be on Sunday 24 November. It will be a combined service starting at 9:45am (halfway between 9am and 10:30am). There will be a shared kai/potluck lunch to follow. We would like to get a koha (thank you present) for Ian & Yvonne. If you wish to contribute to this, please make contact with the wardens, or see David in the Parish office by Friday 22 November.

Stephen Hooper Induction Service - The induction of the Rev. Stephen Hooper will be at 7.00pm on Friday 27 November at Holy Trinity. We'll be hosting a lot of visitors, so if you are able to bring a plate for supper it will be most appreciated.

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!

Food Bank - A big thank you to those who have donated items. We are needing to re-stock as several food parcels have been given out over the last 2 weeks. The following items are needed: Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Laundry Powder, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Muesli Bars, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Tinned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Vegemite, Jam, Rice Risotto, Tinned Fruit. Please direct any enquiries to: 027-448-7488 Lyn - Keeper of The Cupboard.

Prayers for the Week

The World: We pray for our world, where civil unrest, frustration and demonstrations seem to be occurring all over the globe, in for example Ecuador, Chile, Guinea, Iraq, Lebanon and Hong Kong. May there be genuine, just political solutions to the issues of injustice and outrage 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 country. 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 work of Féy Cotter with ECM. **Help Féy** to balance the work with ECM, Bishopdale College and her commitments to All Saint's, where she and Murray have been invited to join the leadership team meetings to help the team keep focused on 'making disciples' and missions. Bless Féy as she prepares for her trip to Europe towards the end of November where she will be attending the Leaders' meeting in Germany from the 29th Nov – 5th December, visiting and spending time with all of the women she is mentoring, and then attending the ECM Muslim Consultation in Belgium.

Diocese: We pray for the work of Kaikoura parish with Courtney Wilson and the team. We pray especially for fruitfulness and encouragement for their children's outreach and eldercare programmes. Bless the visible unity among the churches especially now that Martin Harrison is leading the Presbyterian Church in Kaikoura.

Local area: We pray for the work of Richmond Baptist Church with David and Jeannette Jensen and their team. Bless we pray their contacts with the local community through the Ark Preschool, the Richmond Family Support Trust and the monthly car boot market.

Parish: We thank you for the leadership team and their faithful service to this church. Help them to know a deeper sense of unity and vision as you lead this church. We thank you for our new vicar, Stephen Hooper, and pray that you will bless him as he completes his work in Australia and prepares for his leadership role here among us. We pray for the upcoming Vestry meeting on Tuesday, that your Spirit will bring divine guidance and unity. 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. Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

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. Bless the carers and give them renewed patience, understanding and compassion. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 28 October

Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 29 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 30 October

10.00am Holy Communion

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

Thursday 31 October

9.30am Friends 'n Fun

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

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Friday 1 November

6.00pm All Souls Remembrance Service

Sunday 3 November

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Coming up...

Sunday 24 November

9.45am Combined Service – Ian's Farewell

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

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Roster for 3 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am Revd G Clover

10.30am A Odhiambo

Reader: 9.00am A Heslop, I Price

10.30am J Palmer

Sidesperson: 9.00am K South

10.30am B Cheyne

Welcomer: 9.00am G Thomas

10.30am K Cheyne

Chalice: 9.00am G Clover, E Erskine, I Price

10.30am N/A

Tea: E Erskine, G Thomas

Flowers: A Green

Creche: TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Journeying through the Beatitudes and Finding LOVE

Readings for Next Sunday: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Luke 6:20-31

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