



Church on the Hill

Sunday 12 October 2014



Theme: Are You Ready?
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Karl Summerfield
Readings: 2 Kings 13:14 -19, Matthew 11:12 - 19

Sentence: The Son of Man was accused of sharing food and drink and friendship with tax collectors and sinners. That turned out to be a very wise way of sharing the Good News.
- Matthew 11:19 adapted

Prayer for the day:

Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your invitation to prayer. You urge us to voice our deepest desires openly and honestly. We know this isn't all about us but your plan. We want to honour you by the things we ask for. So, help us to be a

good friend, especially to people that others might not approve of. Holy Spirit, please help us to live boldly, like Jesus does. We pray this in the name of the friend of sinners, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



One big family?

Synod! As I write this, it is one sleep and then all on. It depends who you ask whether they will tell you they are dreading it, or really looking forward to it. For me, it's a mix. (Synod is the Anglican regional AGM.)

Because of the numbers of people in the geographical area of Richmond, our parish has 3 Synod representatives. They are: Anne Askin, John Palmer and Beverley Payne. In addition, the current serving clergy get to go. That is Owen Haring, Jean Palmer and myself.

In fact anyone is welcome can attend Synod; it's just the official reps and clergy who get to vote. Not that it seems like this will be much of a big deal this year. There are no controversial matters logged that I can see at this point. (Ask us whether this proved to be the case or not. ;)

Jean Palmer has been ordained as Priest at the Synod service. This means she stands in a fine tradition of Christian leaders called by God into this denomination.

Having been part of another denomination for many years, I sincerely appreciate what our Anglican family has to offer.

- We have a Prayer Book and an order of service that date back to the early church – so we have stability and can't go off on weird tangents.

- We have a system of leadership, that may be too hierarchal at times, but it gives a protection so there can be no lone rangers.
- We have a hugely supportive Diocesan system and when things go wrong our Bishop and others will offer us help so we are never alone.
- We have practical resources which mean we can train people for discipleship, leadership and ministry so that spiritual growth is fostered.
- We have beautiful worship centres that house the prayers of many generations so that we don't think it is all about us.

There are some downsides – we're a bit middle-class, a bit low-risk, a bit slow to share the Gospel verbally. We're awfully slow at change cos the whole Communion has to agree to anything major – that is sometimes good actually.

Our loving heavenly Father has called us to this place, to the Parish of Richmond, to be part of the Anglican church, for a reason. This place is significant; the population is predicted to grow fairly rapidly. The central business hub is taking off. That means that social needs will climb too. Let's appreciate who we are in the Lord and what he has given us, while constantly looking outwards to see where and how he wants us to share those things.

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.*

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.

Garage Sale - Saturday 1 November, 8.30am - 12.00. Only 3 weeks to go -put it in your diary! We would welcome donations for our Grocery Hamper raffle. There will be a box down the back of the church from next Sunday on. Garage sale items may be left in the curtained area of the hall from Sunday 26 October. If you need goods collected phone Jan and Keith 544 8413. We have a lot of goods stored already and will need some manpower to set up the hall and bring all these goods to the hall. Please let us know if you would be available to help on Friday 31 October.

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. Marie Tilley (Vicar's Warden).

Baking Request - Is there someone who would like to bake for Richmond School's staff morning tea on Friday, 17 October. Please contact Ingrid Ph. 544 4917

Messy Church - 4.00pm next Sunday 19 October. Theme: Ruth, the loyal & faithful one.



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 ongoing crisis of the Ebola outbreak and the people charged with containing the virus' spread. We especially pray for the vulnerable people in Africa exposed to infection. We also continue to pray for the Isis movement and the violence it brings. We place in your hands all the complex issues with this event.

Our Nation: We pray for the beauty of these islands. Help us to use resources wisely. Help us to protect the vulnerable - be it waterways, wildlife or land. Help us respect this country we call home.

Our Mission Partners: We continue to pray for the Corin family and give thanks for their time with us. Please pray that as Chris remains in NZ for the next month, that the remainder of the financial support they need will come together.

Our Diocese: We pray for Wayne and Kim Thornton of Motueka parish. We give thanks for all the gifts within the parish to reach out in the community. Help them to be all that they can be in spreading the Good News to others. We pray for the Youth Spring Camp and ask that you will bless all those involved.

Our Local Area: We pray for Jon Parkes of the Presbyterian Church in Richmond and ask that the decisions about their future will become clear. Help them to find security and purpose in your calling, knowing you have a plan for them. We thank you for your provision so far for our new building, so badly needed for outreach. Please speak to us individually as we consider how much we are to contribute with prayer, pledges and/or financial resources.

Our Church: We pray for the home groups that meet throughout the week; giving thanks for the support they give to people. May they be a place of comfort but also challenge that people will continue to seek and serve you as best we can.

Those In Special Need: We remember Ingrid, 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 13 October

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 14 October

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

Wednesday 15 October

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

Thursday 16 October

- 9.00am Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 17 October

9.00am Prayer

Sunday 19 October

- 9.00am Morning Worship*
- 10.30am Holy Communion*
- 4.00pm Messy Church

**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 19 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Palmer

Sidespeople: 9.00am K South

Welcomer: 9.00am B Page

Tea: A Burrough, V Matthews

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

Flowers: A Burrough

10.30am F Summerfield

10.30am J Green

10.30am J South

10.30am J & A Green, N Pritchard

Brass: J Lines

Readings for Next Sunday: 2 Cor 3:1-6 & 17-18 and John 12:20 - 28

Theme for Next Sunday: Synod Charge

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Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm