



Church on the Hill

Sunday 8 October 2017



Theme: Whose perspective? Kia kaha
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: John Palmer
Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7, Revelation 5:6-14.

Sentence:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered - to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing.
- Revelation 5:12

Prayer for the day:

Heavenly Father give us your perspective on this life. Help us not to be bowed down by the things of this world but to constantly turn our gaze toward you. Help us to have perspective and to see with clear eyes both the hardships and blessings of our lives. Lord Jesus, as we are tempted to despair over hardships, remind

us that you never let us go through trouble without providing your goodness, grace, peace and love. As we reflect on our blessings, help us bless others. Holy Spirit, give us all right perspective on the life we have; a gift from you. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Youth Development

We've been so blessed to have Antonio Sardella as part of the Youth Group leadership team for some years now. He has lead our Youth Group for the last two years. And for the last 4 years he has been a 24-7 youth worker in Waimea College under the banner of our church. He has done a fabulous job in all these things! We are blessed to have him.

Antonio is in his last year of teacher training and will be heading off to be a first year teacher in 2018. We know God is going to continue to use and bless him in this new role.

While Antonio hopes to continue on as part of the Youth leadership team, he won't be able to take overall responsibility for the group. Nor will he be able to continue on with 24-7 work. (Only the 24-7 work has been paid; the rest is all voluntary.)

So... we need to think and pray and plan for what next.

We believe we will need to pay someone to be our Youth Leader next year as well as do the 24-7 work. We are not sure yet what that will look like.

We are well aware that we have had a budget deficit each month this year and that our financial resources appear to be very limited. And yet our God is not limited. And neither are we really.

We know that if we have no youth ministry we have a short future ahead of us as a church. So we are exploring all kinds of resourcing options through our Diocese as to how we can finance someone to grow our Youth Ministry.

We do have someone in mind for this role and we think the young man is well-suited for this ministry next year. We just don't have the resources – at

least on the face of it.

Might the Lord be calling you to help? Perhaps there are ideas out there as to where we could look for money? A good friend of mine says "Pray and plant cabbages". The Lord may be calling you to be a pray-er or a cabbage planter?

All ideas, no matter how seemingly whacky, will be considered! Please let me know any thoughts or prompts.

Combined Service

Next Sunday 15 October we are having a combined service at 10.00am. We will share lunch together afterwards. Please bring some finger-food to share.

Our Finance Team tell me that some have asked if they can contribute to the New Building and if we would have a day of giving. So we will provide an opportunity on Sunday for that. Please give as the Lord directs. No-one is to feel any pressure or obligation to give. So many have already been so generous and I am extremely grateful for the Lord's provision so far.

At the service Kai will give us a building update. Elsa Laing will share briefly with us about her mission trip to Fiji. We'll continue our preaching series on coping with life and how being part of a community helps. (It seems to me being a safe and welcoming community is absolutely crucial as many seem to be isolated and lonely.)

I also wondered if some might like to share, very briefly during the service, what community means or specific times when community has helped or even how we could be a better, more supportive church community.

Kia kaha

Learning together in love,

Susan



**CHRISTMAS
SHOE BOX
APPEAL**

Thankyou to all who have contributed with wonderful gifts, hand made items and donations to the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. It has ben a great success, and a privilege to put these together at oue AAW meeting. Imagine how amazing it would be to see the children's faces on opening their boxes! It is life changing for these children and their families. We pray it will touch their hearts, as they share in the love of Jesus Christ.

We filled 72 boxes. Each box costs \$10 to send. Any donations towards the cost of postage would be wonderful. Susan will be blessing the boxes at our combined service on Sunday 15 October.

One Voice, One Day, One Nation - People throughout the world will join together to sing our NZ National Anthem as ONE VOICE at the New Zealand time of 12.00pm, on Sunday 22 October. Will you join churches of New Zealand, standing together in unity; simultaneously declaring our Anthem all across our country? We will sing and pray the hymn during both services in the morning too.

Wanted – local artists - (who are Christians) for the HGTA (How Great Thou Art) Exhibition run by the Richmond Family Support Trust to raise funds for PACT (Parents and Children Together) and Ma's Place, who are ministering to families and children within our local community. The exhibition will run from Friday 10 to Saturday 11 February 2018. For more info please Wendy Milson phone 0274 305554 or email wendy.milson@richmondchristian.org.nz for an info sheet.

Ticking the Boxes Seminar - The next seminar is on the topic of funeral planning and is being presented by Simplicity Funerals at the Church of Christ, Richmond, note change of venue, 12noon Wednesday 18 October. We will need numbers for catering purposes, Simplicity Funerals are doing the catering. There will be a signup sheet at back of church. This sounds like an excellent presentation and I hope to see you there, Yvonne.

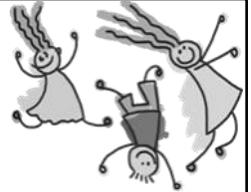
Christmas Box Transport: We need a couple of volunteers to deliver the Christmas Boxes after the Combined Service Blessing to Hill St Richmond. Contact the office if you can help.

= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 8 October Activities at the back of the Church

Next Sunday 15 October Activities at the back of the Church

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810



Prayers for the Week

God's World - We pray for the people of Vanuatu, we thank you for the massive community effort and international relief, and ask Lord for you to direct provision that all who have been evacuated, and those who care for them that all may have food, water, shelter and health care. We also pray for continuing support for Fiji as communities struggle to rebuild and replant after cyclone Winston. We thank you for the many acts of selfless giving and care shown in times of disaster.

Mission Partners - We thank you for the relationships that the Hughes family are building as they learn the language, for the welcome provided by their language teacher and others. We pray for health for the whole family. May we all keep them in our prayers and provide them with support and encouragement.

Diocese - Dear Lord we pray that your family in Havelock would know your will for them plan for the future of the parish. Lead your sheep Lord, let them hear your voice so that your Kingdom may grow.

Community - We give you thanks for the Richmond Waimea Ministers Association, and for the commitment of the churches to working together. Inspire and energise us Lord to work for unity that we may be an example of harmony and your love.

We pray for families and whanau during the school holidays, may the children have the support and oversight they need.

Our Parish - Thank you Lord for the diligence of the Building team and Vestry, for their willingness to work for us all to further your kingdom Lord. We thank you for Susan's leadership and pray that you would guide and her and the teams she leads.

We ask for your healing power and grace for Albertha, Gwen, Ellie, John Barnes and others known to us, and for your blessing on the residents and staff of the rest homes and retirement villages in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 9 October

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 10 October

10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 11 October

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 12 October

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

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 15 October

10.00am Combined Morning Worship followed by shared finger food lunch

Coming up...

Friday 27 October

5.30pm Variety Show

Saturday 4 November

9.00am Spring Fair and Garage Sale

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 22 October Morning Prayer

Sunday 12 November Holy Communion

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

Roster for 15 October - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader: 10.00am J McConachie
Reader: 10.00am A Burrough, K South
Sidespeople 10.00am K South
Welcomer: 10.00am B Page
Chalice: 10.00am J/A Green. N Pritchard, L/T Summerfield
Tea: A Burrough, V Matthews
Flowers: A Heslop

Theme for Next Sunday: Together; Kia kaha
Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 19:3 – 8, John 17:15 - 24

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10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm