



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 9 October 2016



**Theme:** The goodness of the God who commands  
**Vicar:** Revd. Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Rev Dr Andrew Burgess  
**Readings:** Psalm 119:1-8 & 41-48, Matthew 5:13-20, Romans 7:14-20

**Sentence:**

You're blessed when you follow his directions, doing your best to find him. That's right - you don't go off on your own; you walk straight along the road he set. - Psalm 119:2-3 (*The Message*)

**Prayer for the day:**

We celebrate your goodness Loving God. Show us Your will so that we serve You and live for You! As we read Your Word, help us to absorb Your character, to love you more and understand Your truth. Holy Spirit, help us to obey our Heavenly Father and to reveal

Jesus to the people around us. May our actions and our motives always point to Your goodness O Lord. You alone are truly good. You deserve all of the glory! You deserve all of the praise!

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### Welcoming the Stranger

You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

- Deuteronomy 10:19

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

- Hebrews 13:1

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

- Matthew 25:35

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

- Romans 12:13

The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

- Leviticus 19:34

All good Scriptures but maybe a bit daunting. Where do we start with the Biblical command to exercise hospitality? What are we doing well? What can we expand?

Our Worship survey asked people what makes them feel part of the church family. Answers included: being involved, being welcomed, building relationships and friendships, being

shown love and concern, friendliness, experiencing openness and acceptance, encouragement, hugs, remembering names, praying for each other, God's love.

Most of these things are not hard. They simply involve intentionally speaking to someone other than our immediate friends. It brings me great joy when I hear, as I did on Thursday, from someone who said they get smiles at our church and feel welcome. Keep up the good work.

One area where we need to be a bit more intentional I believe is the Sunday morning tea. We now have more time between services so it would be great if more could stay after the early service and more could come a bit before the later service. After discussion with some of the morning tea hosts, we have decided to have small tables set up separately. Those small tables will have several seats around them and we'll try leaving one seat empty at the tables so those who come in late do have somewhere to sit. I have one more request; please don't sit in the same group every week. Instead sit with different people so that we get to know others more. There is such richness to be discovered in each other. We will see more of God too.

Hospitality isn't rocket science and it isn't hard. We will learn heaps from getting just a tiny bit out of our comfort zones!

Learning together in love,

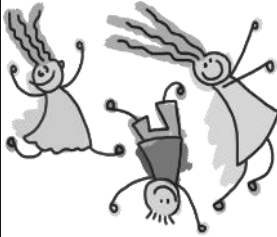
*Susan*

**Laudate Aotearoa!** - Choir & Orchestra of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Christchurch . Leader Natalia Lomeiko, Musical Director Don Whelan. 5.00pm Saturday 22 October, Nelson Cathedral. Retiring collection. A concert of contemplative and stirring music of praise by Britten, Bruckner, Handel, Mozart and NZ composers Douglas Mews (Snr) and Anthony Ritchie

**Healing of Memories training seminar** - Led by Robin Kingston. Robin Kingston has over 40 years of experience in this type of ministry and has recently published "A Handbook for Healing of Memories Ministry". This will be available for purchase. What is healing of memories? // Why is it so effective? // The power of forgiveness and blessing. // How does Jesus actually help us heal the past? // The sorts of hurts and pain from the past that we can see healed. // Friday 18 November: 7:30pm – 9.00pm, Saturday 19 November: 9:30am – 4:30 pm. St Stephens Community Church, 61 Tahunanui Drive, Nelson. A koha of \$15 towards costs would be appreciated, morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch or purchase nearby. To register phone Jackie Simmons 021 026 35997

**Café Connection** - It's that time of the month again when we meet at The Wooden Spoon Cafe, opposite ANZ Bank, Queen St. We had a great time last month with 9 people present enjoying each other's company over coffee and good food! Why not join us this month? See you there on Thursday 13 October, 10:30 am, good parking in carpark behind. All welcome. Yvonne

**Convergence Camp** - Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February. Bishop Justin Duckworth from Wellington is keynote speaker. Registration forms at the back of the church.



## = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 9 October** - School Holidays - Activities at Church rear of the Church.

**Next Sunday 16 October** - How to Pray!

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** – Oh, Lord, we thank you for the privilege and gift of living in a world filled with beauty and excitement and variety. In the midst of terror and trouble, we recognise Haiti, Florida, and Australia still recovering. We ask for your comfort for those grieving, your strength for those persecuted, your hope for those down-hearted and for your mercy on us all. Help us to celebrate wherever we see your goodness and to praise you in all things.

**Mission Partners** – This week we pray for Allan and Christine based in Asia. Especially Lord, we ask for your healing for Christine. Thank you for the tests and treatment she has undergone in Hong Kong. Please provide all the support and encouragement they both need.

**Diocese** – We pray for the Nativity parish in Blenheim and for Bob and Libby Barnes who lead the church. They ask us to pray for wisdom and discernment in some big decisions they are working on in the coming months; especially regarding the future of youth ministries and buildings. Thank you Lord that Your plans always lead to greater things than we can imagine. Please reveal Your will to them in Your perfect time. We also ask for Your healing presence to be with David Hollingsworth, Ian Thatcher and Nick Kirk.

**Community** – We pray for those who are active in developing our community and caring for our environment. We pray for the DHB and Council along with smaller community groups who advocate for us. Please give them the resources they need to do their work well. We continue to ask You for wisdom and for a respectful election process as we vote for our local council. We also remember the elders and parishioners at the Spring Grove Church of Christ, thanking You for their faithful witness in that place.

**Our Parish** – Thank you Lord for the relative ease with which we have adjusted to different service times. Help us to keep our eyes expectantly on You, for provision; in financial matters and everything else. We pray for those in transition, whether it be to a different home or a different stage of life and health, knowing that Your love is constant regardless of circumstances. Thank You for continued progress with the new building. We pray that You would be with Catherine and Carol as they begin the Children's Ministry and Friends n Fun after the school holidays. Bless them both with wisdom, creativity and great support from others. We pray for Susan and for Vestry requesting they would hear clearly from You and lead us well.

**Special people in our church family** – Healing God we continue to pray for Carol Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganneh, Sonja, Pam Butler, Val Jordan, Ingrid Blackbeard, Eric Gaffa, and others we know. We also pray for all those suffering more minor winter ills. Be with the residents and staff in rest homes and hospitals in this Parish.

Teach us to pray without ceasing, even when words escape us, and to work towards your Kingdom, even when we cannot see it. **Amen.**

## This Week...

### Monday 10 October

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 11 October

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)  
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)  
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frenghley)

### Wednesday 12 October

10.00am Senior's Tea & Talk (Age Concern)  
10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 13 October

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

### Saturday 15 October

11.00am Spring Plant Sale

### Sunday 16 October

8.45am Morning Worship  
10.45am Holy Communion

## Coming up...

### Friday 4 November - Sunday 6 November

Murchison Missions Trip

### Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February 2017

Convergence Camp - Bethany Park Kaiteriteri

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 23 October**

**Sunday 13 November**

**Morning Prayer**

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

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> J Sardella	<b>10.45am</b> J Palmer
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> A Burrough, K South	<b>10.45am</b> M Did-Dell
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> K South	<b>10.45am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> B Page	<b>10.45am</b> J South
<b>Tea:</b>	A Burrough, V Matthews	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> N/A	<b>10.45am</b> J/A Green, N Pritchard, L/T Summerfield
<b>Flowers:</b>	Alison Heslop	<b>Creche:</b> N/A

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Father and Mother God

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Psalm 91, Matthew 23:37 - 39

## Parish Contacts

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