



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 3 November 2019



Theme: Journeying through the Beatitudes and Finding LOVE
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Fergus Capie
Readings: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Luke 6:20-31

Sentence:

Let Israel rejoice in his maker, and Zion's children exult in their King; let them dance in praise of his name, playing to him on strings and drums! For Yaweh has been kind to his people, conferring victory on us who are weak....
- Psalm 149:2-5 (Jerusalem Bible)

Collect:

Banqueting God, unworthy though we are you call us to your table; may we rejoice in your presence, and share your bounty abundantly with others;

through Jesus, the Bread of Life, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest In Charge

A very warm welcome to our All Saints services today! And especially to Revd Fergus Capie who will be speaking at both the services at Holy Trinity.

On All Saints Day I personally like to gather in my reflective space, those saints that have helped me along my journey. These include close kin, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, many authors and speakers, university lecturers, bishops, mentors and supervisors, priest and wonderful faithful congregation members! I also give thanks for the religious traditions outside my own that have helped give meaning to what I am coming to believe. We have so much and so many to be extremely grateful for!

Our Spring School continues on Monday evening, with an emphasis on 'listening' to the 'world'...

This concept is much more valued in many of our indigenous religious traditions, but our own sacred text has much to say about it too, as we shall see! You are very welcome to gather with us in the Cafe space in the Parish Community Centre at 7.00pm if you want to hear more!

Also a heads up! Bishop Steve will be the guest speaker and our Richmond Combined Churches Service at the Headingly Centre at 7pm on Sunday the 10th November. You are all invited and if you can bring some supper food for afterwards, that too would be most appreciated... even a packet of your favourite biscuits wouldn't go amiss!

I am trying to use up some leave days that are owing me over these last couple of weeks with you, so if you are having trouble contacting me then try Jeff or the wardens. Thank you. 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 - Tomorrow 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*

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 29 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.

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.

YWAM Ship Visit - The M/V YWAM KOHA, dedicated to serving isolated island communities in the Pacific, will soon be in Nelson. See Noticeboard for details.

Preserves - The preserves are now in the foyer of our new Community Centre as well as the back of the Church, do please consider giving them as present for Christmas!! - *Shiona*

Lunch on the Hill - This Tuesday 5 November. 1.30am Coffee, 12.00 Lunch. Holy Trinity Community Centre. All welcome. for food and friendship. Invite a neighbour or a friend. Koha.

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 are also shocked to see the devastating wildfires in California and Australia, bless and strengthen the efforts of all firefighters as they seek to control these fires. We are also shocked at the revelations of how many people will be affected worldwide by rising sea levels; bring we pray a genuine consensus resulting in concerted action by all nations of the world, as all are affected by the repercussions of global warming.

We give thanks that representatives from more than 50 Bible colleges and theological institutions across South Asia gathered in Bangkok in October to review theological education needs in the region and launch a programme relevant to the needs of the emerging Church, especially in contexts of persecution. We thank you for this Asian initiative and pray that you will help them to see how they can use modern technology for distance learning and provide much-needed training for untrained pastors, Christian workers and church leaders working in areas where Christians are persecuted and marginalised.

Missions - We pray for the work of N & R in Asia. We pray for a successful Christmas season for the business and that you will ensure they get granted The World Fairtrade Accreditation. We also pray for this month's spiritual retreat, that the Holy Spirit will impact many lives. We pray for the family as they move back to NZ for six months in mid-January, that you will provide some accommodation and help R with her studies.

Diocese - We pray for the work of Hills Community Church in Mapua with John and Connie Sherlock and their leadership team. Help them to minister to the growing Mapua community and present the gospel with grace and relevance. Encourage Mark Waweru and the work among the young people, that the gospel may find good soil in which to grow and bear fruit.

Local area - We thank you for the ministry of the local Methodist church with Martin Oh. Encourage them to see new ways in which they can bring the gospel to their community and strengthen the discipleship of all their members.

Parish - We thank you for all those in leadership 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 continue to give thanks 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, your comfort and your 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 4 November

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
7.00pm I hear what you say or do I? Part 3

Tuesday 5 November

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S.Frengley)

Wednesday 6 November

10.00am Holy Communion
12.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday Group (J South)

Thursday 7 November

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)

Sunday 10 November

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

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 10 November	Holy Communion	Leader - Revd. Fergus Capie
10.30am Sunday 24 November	Morning Worship	Leader - Elva King

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

Roster for 10 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am John Palmer
Reader:	9.00am A Hodges, U Brown	10.30am V McNaughton
Sidesperson:	9.00am W Wilkinson	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am S Frengley	10.30am N Pritchard
Chalice:	9.00am J McConachie, G Thomas, W Wilkinson	10.30am V McNaughton, N Pritchard, T Summerfield
Tea:	K Kruse, E Epoi	
Flowers:	D Martin	Creche: TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: The Next World: Ah! That's a different story!

Readings for Next Sunday: Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Luke 20:27-38

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