



Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 October 2017



Theme: Together; kia kaha
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Exodus 19:3 – 8, John 17:15 - 24

Sentence:

May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.
- John 15:23

Prayer for the day:

God of love, we are a diverse bunch of people within this Christian community here at Church on the Hill. We consider what CS Lewis wrote: "Divisions between Christians are a sin and a scandal, and Christians ought at all times to be making contributions towards reunion...." Please help us to genuinely support and love one another by the power of your Holy Spirit, regardless of our diverse theologies, perspectives and opinions.

Blessed Jesus, let us live out your teaching on love as we remember what Paul wrote to the Ephesian church: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." We want to be people who truly shine your love-light to each other and out into the world. We can't do it alone. Bring us unity so we can be a safe place for everyone. We pray this in the name of the One who gave his life for love. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Hall Demolition

The old hall is likely to be demolished in January unless a miracle happens and someone wants to purchase it as is. This means that anything we want from the building will need to be removed well before then. That includes equipment and fixtures.

Each ministry leader and team is responsible to sort through their equipment. We need to begin that thinking now. It would be awesome if it happened before the Spring Garage Sale so that anything that could be sold is sold then. Because storage is going to be very limited and not easily accessible, I suggest that sorting through is rigorous. There is no room to hold on to something that may be useful sometime in the future. If it's not useful now or in the very short-term future, it needs to be got rid of.

Fixtures are a little different. Some will be re-purposed for the new building. However some will be part of the demolition process. If there is a permanent fixture you can use, you are welcome to request it. This can be done by phoning or emailing the church office. Your request will be considered but not guaranteed to be successful.

If you want to request something you will need to state which room it is in now, the item itself, your name (and contact details if we don't already have them), whether you propose to make a financial donation and how much, and how you will collect the item(s) you request.

Requests will need to be lodged with the office by 30 November please. Items must be removed by well before demolition.

During the building process it is most likely Lunch on the Hill and the Youth Group will be using the Salvation Army around the corner in Dorset St. Playcentre in Waverly St will house the children on Sunday morning. Crèche will continue to use Friends n Fun and the Intermediate children will use the church office.

Things are moving and this is exciting. There will be inconvenience during the demolition and rebuild process. We will need to be clear in our communication together over this time and extend grace to each other. Dave Pritchard will be the Project Manager assisted by and consulting with Kai Kruse. Any building matters should be raised with Dave in the first instance – not the office staff or Susan or anyone else. This is very important in order to maintain clear communication and to keep stress levels as low as possible for everyone.

Praise God who has got us this far. Thanks to his generous and loving people. We are blessed to have such a skilled, hard-working and diligent Building Team headed up by Kai Kruse.

Holiday time

I am on leave from 18 October and will be back on deck again on 1 November. If you have any concerns in my absence, please contact Karl Summerfield (Vicar's Warden), Dave Pritchard (People's Warden) or Yvonne at the office if it is a Senior's matter. Their contact details are in the parish directory. There are very good preachers and leaders for the services while I am away. I am grateful to them and for them. You will be blessed by the Spirit of God through them.

Kia kaha,

Susan

Year to Date Financial Results September 2017

September Results	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Variance
Income	\$10,920	\$16,460	(\$5,541)	\$118,575*	\$148,143	(\$29,568)
Expenditure	\$14,415	\$16,339	\$1,294	\$149,702*	\$158,558	(\$21,144)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,495)	\$122	(\$3,617)	(\$31,127)	(\$10,415)	(\$20,712)

* Excludes \$30,000 specific donations income and expenditure (transacted in same month)

Prayer Vigil - Saturday 28 October 9.00am – 3.00pm. You are invited to join us at St Michaels Church 552 Waimea West Rd (the church out in the paddock) in a prayer vigil with the objective of: Spending some time with God / Pray for the district and our communities from Tapawera, Wakefield, Brightwater, Waimea, Richmond / To pray for those you know who are sick. On the hour there will be a simple worship period. When you enter the church there will be some helpful material to help you spend some time with God in prayer. Come for 15 minutes, half an hour, an hour or however long you want. Pray in the historic church or sit in the grounds. Please for road safety park in the church grounds.

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 October at 1.30pm in the Lounge. Jean will give an illustrated talk covering a beautiful part of Vancouver Island, the magical city of Vancouver, a weekend in Las Vegas and a helicopter flight into the Grand Canyon. Afternoon tea to follow, Sales Table and collection box for Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

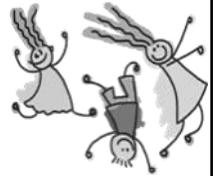
= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 15 October Activities at rear of Church

Next Sunday 22 October TBA

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 thank you for the efforts being made by one of the world's poorest countries, Bangladesh, to help the Rohingya refugees. Lord we ask that you would stop this violence towards the Rohingya peoples. We thank you for their mostly non-violent response. You are the Prince of Peace, out of this tragedy bring Your peace. In Spain we pray that You would move all involved to the ways of peace and reconciliation. We thank you Lord that you reconciled us to You through the cross - may this supreme act of love continue to inspire and encourage all.

Mission Partners - Murray and Fey have a heavy travel schedule this month and we pray for their safe travel and that you Lord would be with them in all they do. Guide the members of the European Christian Mission as they establish priorities for next year.

Diocese - We thank you for the ministry of Kevin and Sandy Topp in Kaikoura, for the unity in the community and between the churches following the earthquake. We lift up to you all those families and whanau struggling with the consequences of the quake. We ask for your love and peace to surround them and for your guidance for them. We thank you for all those working far from home to mend the broken infrastructure.

Community - We thank you for your church led by Ross and Yvonne Ferguson. For their passion to build your kingdom, for overseas mission, and for unity of your churches in this region. Bless them and all in leadership in the Richmond Community Church.

We thank you Lord for all those involved in Chaplaincy in schools, for the schools that support them, and the communities of support. Give all involved in this ministry your wisdom Lord to respond to the challenges to this ministry.

Our Parish - We ask you to bless and inspire all those involved with the children and youth in our parish. We thank you for all Antonio has done and guide him Lord as he moves on his next challenge. Lord give your peace to the family and friends of Bridget Crundwell as they grieve the loss of this your precious servant.

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 16 October

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 17 October

10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Fregley)

Wednesday 18 October

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

Thursday 19 October

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

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 22 October

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Friday 27 October

5.30pm Variety Show

Saturday 4 November

9.00am Spring Garage Sale

Sunday 5 November

7.00pm Taizé Service

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

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 22 October - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	I Price	10.45am	J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	S Fregley, M Reynolds	10.45am	TBA
Sidespeople	9.00am	J Lines	10.45am	M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am	A Webb	10.45am	S Milligan
Chalice:	9.00am	S Fregley, Sue Paine	10.45am	N/A
Tea:		G Bevernage, E Epoi		
Flowers:		D Martin	Creche:	Glenda Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: Rhythm; Kia kaha

Readings for Next Sunday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Mark 2:23-28

Parish Contacts

Vicar	Susan Gill	544 8827	Children's Ministry	Catherine Barak	022 6479810
Priest Assistant	Jean Palmer	544 4275	Friends 'n Fun	Carol Sardella	544 9237
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10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm