



Church on the Hill

Sunday 16 October 2016



Theme: Father and Mother God
Vicar: Revd. Susan Gill
Preacher: Revd. Susan Gill
Readings: Psalm 91, Matthew 23:37 - 39

Sentence:

As a mother comforts her child, so I'll comfort you.

- *Isaiah 66:13*

Prayer for the day:

Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the hard day for then we have you to lean upon. Thank you for your presence during the bright days for then we can share with those who have less. Thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we celebrate you and those we love. For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak. For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour

your generous love on them. For those in pain, we ask for healing. For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company. For those who are depressed, we ask you to bring them hope. Father, Mother, God, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most—
Yourself. **Amen**

(adapted from a prayer by Maya Angelou)

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Going out to meet the stranger where they are at...

We have been publishing the Lantern, one full page, in the Waimea Weekly once a month since the 12th of March 2014. It costs a lot of money - \$550 a pop! So recently Vestry has considered whether or not it's worth the money. Should we be publishing less often or only publish half a page or should we get advertisers to contribute and have ads around the edges?

A while back we asked for feedback about this page. We used a small sample of Church people and others and all were favourable. Often people tell me how much they like the page. Again they are a mixture of church people and others. Several Christians from other churches have told me that the page lifts the profile of Christianity and other churches as well and not just Church on the Hill.

On the page itself we aim to have a mixture of "What's On" and promoting church events. We also aim to raise awareness of the Christian faith so we have had articles that cover aspects of that. And we want to promote other churches and good things happening in the wider community. This month there was an article about Pinnacle House run by Grace Church for example. We have also recently covered the joint Church on the Hill - Age Concern event Tea and Talk. In addition we like to have occasional 'cultural prods'. That is we like to challenge the cultural norms of today and get people thinking about Biblical values – though

they may not realise that is what is happening. I think our last one of those was about generosity. You can see we have lofty goals. We also have a great team. Currently Fiona Summerfield edits the page, Karl Summerfield does the graphic design and Lorraine Leonard organises the "What's On" column. Shiona Frenghley and I are general ideas people and supporters and occasional writers. They are a wonderful team and I really appreciate their creativity, passion and diligence in this work of getting out there.

The page gets out there. Everyone gets a copy in their letterbox. The Waimea Weekly reaches every household in Waimea; that is slightly more than 10,000 homes according to their Web page.

Last week I talked about welcoming the stranger. I believe the Lantern is one really good way of getting out to where the stranger is. We can't always expect them to come to us; it's a bonus when they do. Really we need to be out there and the Lantern does that.

Are you waiting for the sales pitch? Here it comes. We need three things:

- People to pray for the effectiveness of the Lantern
- People to offer to pay for a page a year (two people have paid for a page this year)
- People who would like to contribute articles for the page

If the Lord is speaking to you about this, then please contact me or Fiona Summerfield (details in the parish directory)

Learning together in love,

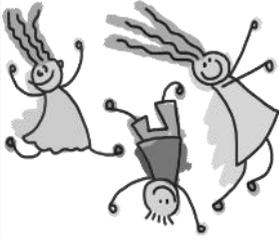
Susan

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

AAW Evening Group - Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th October at 7.30p.m. in the church hall Lounge. This is our AGM and your opportunity to elect your committee for the coming year. Have you put in a nomination? We will take nominations from the floor at the meeting. There will be a sales table. Enquiries and Nominations to Margaret Ph. 544 041 or Anne Ph.544 7992.

Christmas Shoe Boxes - Today at our services we are blessing our boxes before they begin their long journey to children who have very little, with our message that Jesus loves them. This is the 11th year and our 68 boxes are the most we have sent. We are well on the way with donations towards the cost of their freight (\$9 each) Thank you all so much. Brenda Page 5445872

Afternoon AAW Group - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 26 October at 2.00pm in the Lounge. Our Guest Speaker is Carol Burson whose illustrated talk is entitled "The Miracles of Pinnacle House." Carol spoke to us 3 years ago and will have more wonderful examples of how God is working with Staff and students in our Community. Afternoon tea to follow, Sales Table and box for Food Bank items. Everyone welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.



= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 16 October - How to Pray!

Next Sunday 23 October - Asking forgiveness / growing through mistakes

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 – Creating and Sustaining God, we pray for our world. We pray for the homeless everywhere; for refugees, for those impacted by Matthew and other events, for those impacted by poverty and for those who have no spiritual home. We pray for the persecuted church especially Christians in North Korea. Please enable them and all others to stand their ground firmly, bringing glory to Christ. We pray for oppressors of every kind asking that you bring them to their senses just as you did with Saul. Turn them into bringers of justice and peace just as the Apostle Paul was.

Mission Partners – We give thanks, Sending God, for Murray and Fèy Cotter in Albania. Along with them, we thank you for safety and encouragement as Féy travels and serves the wider mission community and for the people they are discipling as part of their ministries within the church. We pray for Murray and the men as they make their first visit to Poliçan in Albania, for Féy as she travels and for plans and provision for the Greek short-term team to Athens. We also ask you to provide work for Marsel and healing for Valbona.

Diocese – We pray for the Wakefield Parish which includes Murchison and Tapawera. Thank You for the leadership of Alan and Joy Wasley. They ask us to pray for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit in their services, prayer meeting, and small groups, healing for a number who are very unwell and wisdom to reach out to Tapawera with their very low numbers. We join them in thanking You for the strengthening core of worshippers developing at Murchison and we request Your blessing on the time our group will spend with the Murch crew over the first weekend in November. We also ask for Your healing presence to be with David Hollingsworth, Ian Thatcher and Nick Kirk.

Community - We give thanks for the local body elections praying for Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Rachel Reese and all the district counsellors and community board members. We also pray for those involved in reviewing the electoral process asking that you give them insight as to how we can better foster the involvement of the general public in our democratic process. We remember Peter Somerville and all at Grace Church thank you for their ministry in our community especially through Pinnacle House.

Our Parish – Thank You faithful Father, Mother, God for your love to us all. We thank you for the Plant Sale yesterday; all those involved and all those contacted. Help us as we are becoming a community that welcomes the stranger and reaches out to those around us without fear or favour. Thank You for continued progress with the new building. We pray that You would encourage Glenda in her work with Girl's Brigade and Michaela as she leads young people in Going Deeper. Thank You for the provision of this safe place for them to explore doubts and questions. We ask for you provision for a couple of people to lead the Intermediate age group on Sundays. We also ask for your presence and protection with Antonio and the youth leaders as they work with young people on Friday nights. 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.

Let nothing disturb us, nothing dismay: All things are possible. God does not change.

This Week...

Monday 17 October

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 18 October

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Wednesday 19 October

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

Thursday 20 October

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

Sunday 23 October

8.45am Holy Communion
10.45am Praise on the Hill

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:
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Roster for 23 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	8.45am J Burrough	10.45am J Palmer
Reader:	8.45am S Frengley, M Reynolds	10.45am TBA
Sidespeople:	8.45am J Lines	10.45am M Martin
Welcomer:	8.45am A Webb	10.45am S Milligan
Tea:	G Bevernage, S Raj Dev	
Chalice:	8.45am S Frengley, S Paine	10.45am N/A
Flowers:	D Martin	Creche: Glenda Thomson

Theme for Next Sunday: God, have mercy on me, a sinner

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

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