



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 18 October 2015



**Theme:** The Life-giving Spirit  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Jean Palmer  
**Readings:** John 3:1-10; Romans 8:1-17

**Sentence:**

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. *- 1 Corinthians 2:12*

**Prayer for the day:**

Thank you so much heavenly Father for sending us the enabling Holy Spirit. Please help us to co-operate with the Spirit as he fills us and transforms us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Help us also to see where the Spirit is at work already,

in us and in our world, and to join in the work you have fitted and equipped us for. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Waiting and praying and trusting**

This week I know some of us are unsettled. We thought we didn't have enough money to start the new building in 2016. And now we might. But we don't know what the option to do that looks like yet. We don't have the costings done. It's all up in the air.

A couple of Sundays ago, Natasha Glenderran (who has been Priest in Charge at Tapawera until recently) gave the 10:30am service a 'word' from God. Summarised it was that we started off with a clear vision but lately we've been through a hard time and it would be easy to give up. However we must not give up. The Lord will take us through and when we get to the other side we would have a new vision of the Lord himself. Natasha was talking about the new building.

I came across this poem:

#### ***Psalm 37:34***

Moses had it easy, really  
even if stone slabs  
were a bit heavy to lug about

I think of others you  
gave specific instructions to  
and remember Noah

There's no way he could  
have built the ark  
without precise measurements  
from you, God  
even if the thought  
of such a huge craft  
nearly blew his mind

Joshua and the troops  
knew exactly how many times  
to circle Jericho  
and Paul knew the street  
he had to go straight to  
even if he couldn't  
find it himself

I think I'm trying  
to persuade you, God

that we need a hand here  
or a word, actually

It wouldn't hurt  
to break the silence  
to give us a clue  
or to come right out with it

You smile gently  
and I sigh

So, no voice  
In the thunder?  
No writing on the wall?

It feels like one of those  
tense TV dramas  
where the clock is ticking  
and there are impossible things  
to be discovered in  
an impossibly short time

But you say  
you've never  
been late yet

That nothing's  
got away from you

That really  
everything is fine

I sigh again, reluctantly  
back at base camp  
til the weather clears  
and I can see  
the summit

- Anna Johnstone

Anna captures the sense of frustration that some of us might be feeling. We are at base camp. However I strongly believe that the Lord is going to bring clarity, that we will be able to build something that meets our needs and the needs of our wider community, and that we will be able to start soon. At this point in time, even in the midst of uncertainty, we must have faith in the One who is our Great Provider.

Our year and the rest of life doesn't stop. We must pray and get on with the mission he has given us in the here and now too.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** - These will be blessed at our services today and finally Messy Church will load them into a vehicle to begin their long journey to one of the Pacific Islands where they are

most needed. At present we have 48 boxes ready but can still take others; and we would still appreciate any donations towards their freight. Thank you everyone, yet again you have been very generous.  
Brenda Page Ph. 544 5872.



### Children's Programme

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Children are welcome to attend one of the following during the 10.30 sermon time:  
/ Kids' Church under 5's in the crèche / Kids' Church primary school age in the church hall  
/ Younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.



### Prayers for the Week

**God's World:** Lord we fear that Syria is becoming even more of a battleground between the superpowers. We pray that somehow you would stop other countries trying to carry out their own agendas here and in the Middle East too. We desperately need your shalom here on earth Lord: your justice, your peace, your provision for all. We place your world in your hands again - where it always has been and always will be. You are sovereign.

**Mission Partners:** We remember Allan and Christine and their ministry in central Asia to students from many different nationalities. We pray for Allan who is father-figure to many and ask that you give him discernment and wisdom. We pray for him and Christine as they teach different classes in business studies and other subjects.

**Diocese:** Great Physician, please grant healing for Sue Fallow (Children's Ministry Coordinator) as she recovers from surgery. Be with the folk of the Motupiko-Tapawera parish as they adjust to being part of the Wakefield parish and to their reduced number of services. We thank you that Natasha has been appointed as Vicar of Hanmer parish and ask for a warm and welcoming reception for her there. May she find genuine satisfaction in ministering to that diverse community.

**Local Community:** Loving God we thank you for the ministry of Grace Church in our area. We ask you in their Christmas Outreach planning; unite them as they communicate the true meaning of Christmas. Please give a clear vision of what you want for their church to the elders at their retreat the last weekend of October. Reveal the Lord Jesus to them as they preach through John's Gospel so that hearts are changed, lives enriched and souls won to Christ. Be with those who work at Teapot Valley, Bridge Valley and Kiwi Ranch. Grant them endurance and grow lasting fruit in the lives of the young people who attend.

We pray for administrators everywhere. They are often overlooked Lord as they quietly work in the background establishing and monitoring systems that support other workers. Thank you for their logical and analytical minds. We ask that they will enjoy their work and be appreciated by those who they work for.

**Our Parish:** In our own church we pray for those who lead various small groups including the AAW. May those groups provide a safe place for dialogue around your Word and your purposes for our lives. May they nourish faith and allow room for doubt and trouble. May all who attend be encouraged in their relationship with you, the Living God.

**Those in need within our own church family:** Caring God we continue to pray for: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda and Bill, John, others we know and for the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish. Thank you that you care so deeply for them and know exactly what they need. Thank you also for the many prayers you have answered already.

## This Week...

### Monday 19 October

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 20 October

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)  
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 21 October

7.30am Prayer  
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)  
10.00am Wednesday Service  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Thursday 22 October

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm AAW Evening AGM (A.Webb)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Sunday 25 October

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
10.30am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Friday 30 October

6.00pm All Souls Service

### Saturday 31 October

Spring Sale

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 11 October** Holy Communion

**Sunday 25 October** Morning Prayer

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**Roster for 25 October** *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Leader:** 9.00am J Palmer

**Sidespeople:** 9.00am J Lines

**Welcomer:** 9.00am A Webb

**Tea:** G Bevernage, A Kuipers

**Chalice:** 9.00am S Frengley, S Paine

**Flowers:** A Heslop

**10.30am** N Pritchard Group

**10.30am** M Martin

**10.30am** S Milligan

**10.30am** N/A

**Brass:** M Gibson

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 49:1 – 16, Hebrews 8:8 – 12, Matthew 28:16 - 20

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Synod Sermon

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