



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 19 October 2014



**Theme:** Bishop's Charge  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Bishop Richard (DVD)  
**Readings:** 2 Cor 3:1-6 & 17-18 and John 12:20 - 28

**Sentence:** Jesus tried again. "When you raise up the Son of Man, then you will know who I am—that I'm not making this up, but speaking only what the Father taught me. The One who sent me stays with me. He doesn't abandon me. He sees how much joy I take in pleasing him."  
*- John 8:28-29*

**Prayer for the day:**

Lord Jesus Christ, we want to life up your name in all that we do and say. We want people to see you and be drawn to you. You told your disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

"Holy Father, help us by the power of your Holy Spirit, to do just that; to forget about ourselves so that you are first in our lives. We pray this in and through Jesus' name.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Building**

This Sunday we make a special offering to the Lantern – our new building!

As I reflect on this I am reminded of two things:

- The Lord's provision - demonstrated so far by the generosity of God's people
- The vision and urgency for the building

So far the Lord's financial provision has come almost entirely from within the existing congregations. Many people have given sacrificially and bountifully to get us to this point. THANK YOU! Every large and small gift has contributed significantly to get us to this point. We are looking at external sources too!

Obviously the financial need is huge. Possibly we will need close to a million dollars yet. (We will know more when detailed building plans are finalised.) And building costs are rising. But our Lord knows all this. He also knows the need and that we don't want this building just for ourselves.

This week I was talking with one of the Messy Church teams. They are all fired-up to invite the community at large so children and families can come to hear the Gospel in a safe and

welcoming place, BUT at our last Messy Church we had 29 children and their families. That was about all that the facilities could cope with. We don't have much more room! The existing kitchen is inadequate. There are too few toilets (and one is very wobbly). And the whole existing complex is very, very shabby!

Our Parish mission statement is: Following Jesus; Building Community. ('Community' refers to our church community and the wider community.) We are doing this. We are growing incrementally and we are reaching out wider. Praise God for this! And yet, there is much more the Lord wants us to do. We are being held back by our lack of facilities.

*Gracious God,  
We bless you for your goodness so far.  
Open the doors of heaven  
and pour out your financial riches,  
So we can co-operate with you in outreach  
to this wider community of Richmond.  
You have placed us here  
to share your Good News.  
Broaden our horizons.  
Give us faith.  
Help us act.  
Be sovereign always. **Amen***

Much love,

*Susan*

**Morning Prayer in Church** - Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am - 9:15am. Based on NZ Prayer Book. Come to one, any or all. *A great way to start the day.*

**Messy Church** - 4.00pm Today Sunday 19 October. Theme: *Ruth, the loyal & faithful one.*

**Thanks** - To Lisa and Michaela for providing morning tea for Richmond Primary School staff. Much appreciated.

**Garage Sale** - 8.30-12-00 Saturday 1 November. Only 2 weeks to go! Please put your name on the lists at the back of the church if you would be able to help us on the stalls or for the set up on Friday or clean up on Saturday at midday. Box is down the back of the church for items for the grocery hamper. If you need goods collected please phone Jan and Keith on 544 8413. If you can bring your goods they may be left in the curtained area of the hall from next Sunday or the hall will be open between 3.30 and 5.30 on Friday 31 October. Contributions of baking, produce, preserves, children's toys will be welcome. Morning tea, filtered coffee and great food -plan to join us !!

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** - Today we are blessing our boxes and sending 48 on their long journey to the outer islands of Fiji. From the children who will receive them - Thank you all so very much. There is still time to donate towards their freight if you so wish. Holy Trinity Family you are marvelous, your giving knows no bounds. Brenda 544 5872.

**Evening AAW meeting and AGM** - Thursday 23 October, 7.30pm Lounge. Speaker Rev. Owen Haring. Sales Table. Enquiries phone Alison Heslop 544 5067

**Lunch on the Hill** -11.30am Tuesday 21 October. All Welcome. Koha Entry.



### 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 and younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.

## Prayers for the Week

**Our World:** We pray for our brothers and sisters facing persecution around the world. And although we know that persecution often brings its own rewards with faithful followers, miraculous church growth and powerful witnesses - we do pray for peace. We especially think of those in war-torn places facing incredible stress.

**Our Nation:** We pray for the hospitals and health systems throughout New Zealand, especially those facing challenging times. We think of people on waiting lists and people who continue to suffer needlessly. Help those in leadership to be wise in their decision making.

**Our Mission Partners:** We continue to pray for Jo Rogers and give thanks for the seven years she spent in Tanzania. As she returns to NZ to be with family may she enjoy this new stage of her life.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Rev. Natasha Glenderran in the Motupiko-Tapawera parish. We give thanks for her work in the community and the relationships she is building. We pray for the specific challenges that a small semi-isolated place brings, but also give thanks for the blessings.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for the local Methodist church and its members as they plan for a new minister and other changes. Like all the churches we ask give thanks for the blessings we have and pray that we would continue to serve you faithfully in this community.

**Our Church:** We pray for the Lunch on the Hill giving thanks for visitors and helpers alike. We pray that people will not only be fed physically, but also spiritually. We also pray for Micah and the youth group giving thanks for his ministry and praying for the Spring Camp at Labour Weekend.

**Those In Special Need:** We remember Ingrid, Luke, George, Carole Burke, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Allan, Dorothy, Erica (Shirley Jackson's niece), Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish. We give thanks to God for answered prayers for the many we have prayed for in the past and ask for the Lord's continued blessing on them.

## This Week...

### Monday 20 October

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 21 October

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 22 October

- 7.30am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
- 10.00am Wednesday Service
- 2.00pm AAW Afternoon Group (J McConachie)

### Thursday 23 October

- 9.00am Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun

- 12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)
- 7.30pm AAW Evening Group (A. Heslop)

### Friday 24 October

- 9.00am Prayer

### Sunday 26 October

- 9.00am Holy Communion\*
- 10.30am Family Service\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### 27 October - 16 November

Re-Source at Church on the Hill

### Saturday 1 November

- 8.30am Garage Sale

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 12 October** Holy Communion

**Sunday 26 October** Morning Service

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### Roster for 26 October *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Lines	<b>10.30am</b> M Martin
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Webb	<b>10.30am</b> S Milligan
<b>Tea:</b>	G Bevernage, K Mitchell	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Frengley, S Paine	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Evans	<b>Brass:</b> M Evans

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Ecclesiastes 9:1-10, Mark 13:1-8, 32-37

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Using Time Wisely

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