



Church on the Hill

Sunday 22 October 2017



Theme: Rhythm; Kia kaha
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Owen Haring
Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Mark 2:23-28

Sentence:

The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

- Mark 2:28

Prayer for the day:

Lord you have established a pattern of work and recreation; of labour and of prayer. You have determined the seasons for all of creation, for this world and all life that inhabits it, and for us human beings. You have a time for everything. We are shaped according to your rhythm and yet often we find ourselves out of sync with those rhythms. Holy Spirit speak to us of the unhurried rhythms of grace promised to

us. Lord Jesus let us only do the things we see you doing. Gracious Father may your overwhelming grace determine how we live; the things we do and the times we need to just 'be'. May we be found often in prayer and in communion with you. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God now and forever.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Caring for our staff – paid and volunteer

I want to begin by saying how much I know that you appreciate the work our paid staff as well as our volunteers do. We are blessed to have a gifted team who love the Lord and us, and who work so diligently and creatively to support our mission here in this place.

Most people in this church are volunteers in one ministry or another. Many volunteer in several! This church would not function without you all.

I'm writing with a plea that we value each other by having expectations that are realistic and fair – particularly of our staff and also of each other.

Recently the Wardens and I have discussed staff work-loads and come up with a policy for staff which basically says that any tasks required outside their usual work should be run past me as Vicar. Our staff are all very good-natured and will sometimes take additional tasks to help out. It is a vital part of my job to ensure they are not working too hard or too long. Our staff members are taonga to be respected and cared for.

I need you to help me with this please dear church folk. If you are in doubt as to whether something you might request from a staff member is part of their regular job or not; then please ask me.

(Some things that we think are small end up being huge jobs. We often don't understand all that is involved in the steps of carrying out some tasks.)

Specifically please note that our administrator has planned sick leave (for an operation) from Wednesday 1 November. That means that when

you read this there is only one week before that when David will be in the office. Please do not load him up with any additional tasks during that week. David has his hands full organising the usual things and ensuring office volunteers know what they are doing in his absence.

From 1 November the office will not be open in the afternoons. I will be back from leave then so if there is anything that can't wait until the next day you may contact me either on my home/office number or cell phone or via email. I will do my best to get back to you as soon as I can. I'm not sure how long this will last because it depends on David's recovery. We certainly want to give him plenty of time to heal. Please pray for him.

A huge thank you to our team of office volunteers led by Evelin. Glynis and the rest of them will be doing their best to keep everything running smoothly. I'm sure you will understand and extend grace in any small inconveniences.

Thank you for your understanding in this.

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.

Learning together in love,

Susan

Ticking the Boxes Seminar - Thanks to all who supported the Funeral Planning Seminar. It was very informative. The next seminar and the last one for the year is at Brightwater on the Wednesday 15 November, entitled *Death from a Christian Perspective*.

House Swap - Linda, Peter and Emily Blackmore live in Christchurch and would like to swap houses with someone from around 19 December for a week. (They are previous church members.) Please contact Linda at : harrowdale1@yahoo.co.nz or on her cell phone 027 493 5662 or landline 03 3429345. to find our more information. They have a two bedroom house in Burnside.

Family Fun Night – Tuesday 31 October 5.00pm – 7.00pm nelson Cathedral. Helpers Wanted. Adult leaders are needed to man game stations with junior leaders assisting them for the family fun night Tuesday 31 October from 4.00pm. Can you help? Calling all Sausage sizzling experts, can you help to feed the visitors? Please contact John Laing on 027 295 9261 for further information.

Café Connection - Thursday 26 October at the Wooden Spoon Café, 10:30 am, all welcome. Hope to see you there, Yvonne.

All Saints' Day - There will be no evening All Saints service this year. Instead we will hold a special service at 7.00pm on Sunday 3 December when we will remember those we have loved but who are no longer with us.

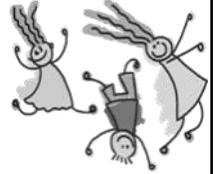
= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 22 October Making Decorations for Christmas day

Next Sunday 29 October Early Church - The Middle Years

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 - For the last 30 years the peoples of Somalia have lived in a country torn by civil war. Children are abducted and forced to fight, innocent civilians are targeted, and one third of the population is in need of humanitarian assistance. Lord we pray those who know and love you would be protected and inspired to show your love and peace and shine your light into this awful darkness. We thank you that the fires in California are coming under control. We ask for your love to surround all those who are grieving, give them communities of care.

Mission Partners - Thank you for Christine's time with us today, for the witness of she and Alan, for their love for you Lord, and for the privilege of being able to support them. We thank you for the many blessings there have been for Christine since her return to New Zealand, reconnecting with friends, a new church family, new friends, accommodation and transport. Thank you Lord for the support she continues to give and receive from friends in Tianjin. Lord, our God, you are our shepherd and promise that you will carry the lambs in your bosom and lead the nursing ewes gently, may Christine know the reality of this promise.

Lord we pray for healing for Sophia Corin, guide the doctors treating her, give them your wisdom and be with Sophia and Catherine while they are in Turkey getting treatment, and the family while they separated. Give them your strength and peace Lord.

Diocese - We give you thanks Lord for the Mapua Community Church family, for its many community initiatives. We pray Lord for their Costume Carnival on 31 October, for good weather and that the whole community would be welcome. Lord please bless and support this, your family, that all may know your love through their hands and feet.

Community - We thank you Lord for the many employers in this region, guide these workplaces to be safe, constructive and encouraging places for all their employees. Please be with those in charge as they meet the challenges of managing these workplaces, help them to supporting staff and employing those who are differently abled.

We lift up to you Lord the Saints and Angels event which Richmond Baptists are holding on October 31st, may families come to this instead of celebrating Halloween. May there be many opportunities for people to hear the gospel and fine weather.

Our Parish - We thank you for the plan you have for us. Help us to know your will for us and to find ways to serve you, be it paid work, with family, friends, community – guide us to bring your light and love. Help us to go gently and trust in you gracious and ever loving Lord.

We thank you Lord for your team here in the office, may you guide and support all those involved, and give them your wisdom. Be with them Lord in all the challenges they face.

We ask for your healing power and grace for Albertha, Gwen, Ellie, John Barnes, Margaret Silke and others known to us, for the families and friends who support them and for your blessing on the residents and staff of the rest homes and retirement villages in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 23 October (Labour Day)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 24 October
10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 25 October
10.00am Wednesday Service
10.00am Tea and Talk
1.30pm Afternoon AAW Group

Thursday 26 October
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)
7.30pm Evening AAW Group AGM

Friday 27 October
6.30pm Variety Show

Sunday 29 October
9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Praise on the Hill
** Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

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 12 November Holy Communion
Sunday 26 November Morning Prayer

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 29 October - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader:	9.00am	J South	10.45am	S Jackson / L Ashby
Reader:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.45am	J Sardella
Sidespeople	9.00am	E Erskine	10.45am	J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Entwistle	10.45am	M Ross
Chalice:	9.00am	TBA	10.45am	N/A
Tea:		F & J Murbach		
Flowers:		B Page	Creche:	S Milligan, J Vercoe

Theme for Next Sunday: Daily Challenge: Kia kaha
Readings for next Sunday: Luke 9:18 - 26 , Philipians 3:7 - 14

Parish Contacts

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