



Church on the Hill

Sunday 26 October 2014



Theme: Using Time Wisely
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Owen Haring
Readings: Ecclesiastes 9:1 -10, Mark 13:1 - 8, 32 - 37

Sentence:

You, too, must keep watch! For you don't know when the master of the household will return- in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. - *Mark 13:35*

Prayer for the day:

Lord God, your word tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But in truth we often fear others things far more than you - like losing our comfort or security or how we look before

others. Lord help us, we pray, to realise that fearing you is important and this puts our life into proper perspective. Help us fear you so that we may serve you as best we can. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Building

New Building –

Last week we took up a special offering for the new Lantern to be built so we can outreach into the community more effectively. Progress to date is:

- We have raised a total of \$646,898
- The current bank balance is \$589,714 (both as at the end of July)
- Resource consent has been approved
- Next stage is construction drawings – they will give us a better idea of building costs

We need those with the spiritual gift of faith at this stage of our building journey. It's a long journey that requires persistence. We need the faith ones to keep on believing when the going gets a bit hard. Praise God – you gave \$24,470 with a promissory note of a further \$2000 by years end! It won't be easy over the next couple of years but our God is more than able.

I believe it is important to focus on the purpose of the Lantern. The building itself is simply a tool for us to work with the Lord in his mission in this place. Originally church steeples had a

lantern to show the way for weary travellers.

That too is the purpose of our Lantern – to show those in our community the way to Jesus Christ through the events and programs we will hold there, and through the quality of the relationships with build with those who come.

Of course we are not waiting until then to reach out, but we will be able to reach out much more, with better facilities than we can now.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything - James 1:2 - 4

The Lord has called us to the task and the Lord will provide all we need to complete it.

Much love,

Susan

P.S. Part of the Lord's provision for us is Kevin and Anne Roberts. I believe the teaching and encouragement they will bring us will prove to be a touchstone for the Lord's empowerment and ministry through us.

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.*

Garage Sale - 8.30-12-00 Saturday 1 November. Only 1 week 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 !!

Operation Christmas Child - I hope you enjoyed the snippet from their DVD on Sunday. Please ask me if you would like to borrow it. On Monday we sent 52 Shoe Boxes on their way to needy children. We hope they will help some of them "want to see Jesus" Thank you everyone, you are so generous when so many other calls are made on your resources. Brenda Page.

Memorial Cards for Alan McKenzie - I have cards for any member of the congregation who would like to write a message or verse or prayer in memory of Alan McKenzie. The family is going

to put them into a memorial scrapbook. Many thanks for all your prayers over the last year. I know Alan appreciated them very much.
Shirley Jackson Ph. 544 5477

New Songs Practice: 7:15pm. Monday 27 October. We will be practising Christmas songs and recent new songs. Come after the shared tea in the hall. All welcome. Shirley Jackson Ph.544 5477

Update – The latest Newsletter from Phil and Becky Sussex is on the noticeboard.

Kidschurch - Today Lisa is responsible for crèche kids and there will be a programme for KC kids.



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 give thanks for the advancement in containing the Ebola outbreak and possible vaccinations. We also continue to pray for world leaders working for true peace in war torn places, knowing that there are often complex challenges. We also uphold people and organisations who work diligently to protect the resources of the world.

Our Nation: We pray for police and the justice system, knowing that they often deal with the most difficult sector of society. We give thanks for the dedication and also ask that they will have the support they need to do a good work. We also pray for victims who often suffer much longer. We give thanks for people who support victims and pray for healing.

Our Mission Partners: We continue to pray for Phil and Becky Sussex and their children Bryn, Toby, Pippa & Molly. We pray that they will have all the support they need to continue their ministry helping others.

Our Diocese: We pray for Rev. Bob Barnes at Nativity in Blenheim especially for their series on the gift of the Holy Spirit. May it be a time that encourages and challenges them in their work in the community.

Our Local Area: We pray for the Jono and Vanessa Martin at New Life in Richmond. We pray for their leadership, helping them to continue the work of Christ where you want them to be.

Our Church: We give sincere thanks for everyone who continues to support the building project, especially as the grind continues. Help us to keep the goal of better serving people in our community before us. Help us go from strength to strength that Your Kingdom may indeed come. We pray for the ReSource team as the minister to us over the coming weeks.

Those In Special Need: We remember Ingrid, Luke, George, Carole Burke, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), 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...

27 October - 16 November

Re-Source at Church on the Hill

See Insert for programme details

Monday 27 October

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

Tuesday 28 October

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

Wednesday 29 October

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

Thursday 30 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)

Friday 31 October

- 9.00am Prayer
- 5.30pm All Soul's Day Service

Saturday 1 November

- 8.30am Garage Sale

Sunday 2 November

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Holy Communion*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Saturday 15 November

- Garden Trail

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

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is: 03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 2 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am S Gill
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am G Thomas	10.30am E Kimberley
Tea:	S Stephens, M Gibson	
Chalice:	9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine	10.30am S Stephens, C Ward, M Robinson
Flowers:	A Heslop	Brass: J Inwood

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 28:23-31, Mark 1:14-28

Theme for Next Sunday: A Kingdom Perspective

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Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm