



Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 1 December 2013



Theme: Walking in the Light
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Isaiah 2:1 - 5, Matthew 24:36 - 44

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church this morning.

All are invited to join together in Communion using the shared cup, a dipped wafer or individual glasses of wine and grape juice. Prayer is available for you or loved ones after each service.

Prayer for the day:

All-powerful God, help us live for you. Increase our ability to love. May Jesus find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of

heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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Office Hours
Monday and Thursday
9.00am - 5.00pm



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 (intermediate students to 15 years of age) youth room in the hall.

Holy Trinity Directory - The draft of the new directory is pinned to the noticeboard at the back of the church for checking. Please take the time to check your details and make any amendments necessary. David Cowdrey.

Messy Church - 8 December where we will present the Christmas story in a fun and friendly way. Plan to come and bring a family or friend.

Santa Parade - 8 December. We will hand out balloons with Jesus ♥ You printed on it to the children and advertise our Christmas services. Walkers, wheelers (pushchairs, bikes or scooters) who can hand out balloons and cards are welcome. 10.45am-1.30pm. Tell Kay Peterson or Ingrid if interested.

Friday Fun - Friday 13 December straight after school. (Note change of date). If you know of primary aged children who would like to come, please invite them. Invites at the back of the church. Thank you for being part of this developing ministry for unchurched children and their parents. Ingrid

Financial Giving - Have you prayed about how much you should give to God's work in our local parish? On a regular basis and perhaps any special gifts? Early this year Vestry projected a faith budget. We believed, on the face of things, that we would have a deficit of \$15,000 for the year. To date that is about where we are now. On Sunday we talked about the reign of Christ. We mentioned how that includes our whole lives and all of our resources, including our financial resources. Our church staff and Vestry have been good stewards of the church finances as far as we possibly can. If the Lord is speaking to you about giving a one-off extra donation please use the envelopes provided today. Please also pray about increasing your giving, either to the regular budget, to mission or to our new building. Thank you for what you are already doing. We continue to look to our Lord to provide all our needs so we can reach out into our community. Susan.

Decorating the church for Christmas - We will be decorating the church on the morning of Friday 6 December from 9.30 am. Please bring the swags you made at the workshops. If you need transport or to deliver them please phone Shiona on 544 5862. All helpers would be most welcome. Roseanne is guiding our preparations again this year, so we should have a wonderful celebration of Christ's birth!

Crafty people needed! - Could you help us ? We need to make one set of poi for each child at friends and fun. Could you be Santa's little helpers? Come and join us at eleven thirty next Monday in the crèche. Full training given (honestly it is easy - if I can do it with two left thumbs, anyone can!) Any questions call Catherine 541 0854.

Urgent – More helpers are needed for the Santa Parade next Sunday to walk with us handing out balloons to children or flyers to adults. Alternately, if you were prepared

to take a bag of balloons and sit about halfway down the parade so we could restock as we passed, we would be very grateful. This means you would need to hold an inflated balloon up as we approached so we can find you in the crowd! Please contact Kay or Ingrid if you are able to help or would like more information. Kay Peterson.



Wanted - People who can teach children the following- painting, singing, embroidering, knitting, baking biscuits or muffins, growing plants, recorder playing, making a wooden box, working with clay, model making, writing songs/poems, paper doll making, making a teepee or anything else you have successfully taught children. Write your name on the paper at the back of the church. Thank you, Ingrid.

Sentence:

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2:3a*

Prayers for the Week

The World: We continue to pray for the Philippines after typhoon Haiyan that food, water, clothing, shelter and spiritual help may swiftly be brought to those who have lost everything; we pray for the refugees in Syria and those who have fled, especially as we are now moving into winter; for a peaceful and just solution to this war; we pray for the ministry of Christian radio, TV and we give thanks for the increase in distribution of the Scriptures in areas suffering persecution.

Mission partners: we pray for the Corin family in Asia, bless their ministry to those seeking to set up small businesses; pray for the ministry of the coffee shop and for these earnest local people who are seeking God, that He would draw them to Himself.

Within the Diocese: Today we remember Atawhai Hira Parish and Jeff and Jo Cotton and the team; pray for the Cottons currently on sabbatical in UK, giving thanks for all they have learnt in Wales and England; pray for the parish that they stay godly and seek to share the Gospel with the lost.

Local Churches: pray for the Roman Catholic Church in Richmond with David Gruschow, who is currently overseas; pray for continued fruitfulness from their recent parish mission; give thanks for Pope Francis' call for a new phase of evangelisation, one marked by enthusiasm and vitality.

Our parish: pray for a female youth leader to work with Micah and Antonio, that the teaching series on how to read the Bible will be successful and will impact the youth; continue to pray for the planning and provision for Christmas on the Hill, the lunch on Christmas Day, and give thanks for all the offers of help; pray for the preparation of the church's presence at the Santa Parade next Sunday.

Those in need within our own church family: We continue to remember Margaret Silke and the families of Margaret and Maurice as they mourn the loss of Maurice; we also remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Bev, and Ellie and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday

7.30pm

7.30pm

2 December

Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Weekly group (J. McNaughton)

Tuesday

10.00am

10.00am

7.30pm

7.30pm

3 December

Fortnightly group – 1st & 3rd Tuesday (J. Payne)

Weekly group (M.Silke)

Fortnightly group

Prayers for our Church and the World in the office

Wednesday

10.00am

10.00am

4 December

Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

Holy Communion (1662)

Thursday

12 noon

7.30pm

7.30pm

5 December

Weekly lunch time study group (W. Wilkinson/J. Lines)

Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday:

9.00am

10.30am

8 December

Holy Communion

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St Albans' Appleby Services

Sunday 8 December

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25 December

10.00am Christmas Day Service

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

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is: 06 0705 0360452 00 ANZ Nelson

Roster for 8 December *Thank you for serving us all!*

Service Leader: 9.00am J South 10.30am J Palmer

Sidespeople: 9.00am M Gibson 10.30am M Tilley

Welcomer: 9.00am J McConachie 10.30am L Webb

Tea: M Watson, M Evans

Chalice: 9.00am J McConachie, 10.30am N/A

G Thomas

Flowers: A Burroughs **Brass:** E Erskine

Transport for Noel Bythell: R & S Frengley

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3: 1-12

If you would like someone from Holy Trinity to contact you during the coming week, please fill out this slip and place in the offering bag.

Name _____ **Phone** _____