



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 1 November 2015

Plan A  
~~Plan B~~

**Theme:** There is no plan B  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 11:27 – 34, John 17:11, 13 – 23

**Sentence:**  
“... these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”  
- *Matthew 12:49 – 50*

**Prayer for the day:**  
We thank you Lord, for all the saints who ever worshiped you; whether in native bush, cathedrals or crumbling cement meeting houses. We bless you for hands lifted in praise: hands manicured, stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age – all made holy through your love. We appreciate your hardworking saints; hard-hatted and steel-booted, aproned, or three-piece-suited. They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. We have been enriched by the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, O God. May we learn and grow closer to you from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **I Can't Get No Satisfaction**

Who is a Rolling Stones fan? I'm not really, (perhaps in small doses) but their lyrics came to mind as I was thinking about our holiday.

*I can't get no satisfaction ....  
'Cause I try and I try and I try and I try  
When I'm drivin' in my car, and that man  
comes on the radio  
And he's tellin' me more and more, about  
some useless information  
Supposed to fire my imagination. I can't get  
no, oh no no no ...  
I'm watchin' my TV and that man comes on to  
tell me how white my shirts can be  
But he can't be a man 'cause he doesn't  
smoke the same cigarettes as me  
I can't get no, oh no no no ... I can't get no  
satisfaction ...*

There is much I love about the Gold Coast; mostly the warmth and the beaches. But seriously, a shopping mall is a mall anywhere! Brightly lit, chain stores, bargains – all stuff we don't need. I haven't been to lots of theme parks but I guess there are similarities there too – each one trying to outdo the other with the biggest and the best.

Now there is nothing wrong with a bit of fun – it's just the endless pursuit of pleasure that is so pointless. When pleasure is the goal, one has to try harder and harder to get it. Same old

becomes boring. We need bigger and brighter if it is to be fun.

The Apostle Paul wrote "I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little." - Philippians 4:12 Paul was content with whatever this life provided for him materially.

He was very far from content with the spiritual emptiness of his age. "... there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth." Phil 3:18,19

Paul knew only Christ brings lasting satisfaction and gave everything to follow him. Earlier in the letter he writes "everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him." Phil 3:8

Materially most of us we can get whatever we want. We are more than satisfied. But how satisfied are we with the spiritual lack in the lives of those around us? Question to self: Do I care enough to discard everything else in order to help others to gain Christ?

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

**Health and Safety** - Over the next year or so we will be putting some practical steps in place to make us safer. Some of these things won't affect most of us at all. Some will. One practical thing we can all do is to please go up to the Communion area via the centre area of the steps and use the railing. Don't take a short cut where the speakers and wires could trip you up. The same applies when going up to do a Scripture reading. Please go to the centre of the main steps and use the railing which was installed for this very purpose. If you notice anything unsafe, either something we are doing or something to do with our plant, let our parish administrator know.

**Church open for Prayer** - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

**Office Hours** - This week 2 November - 6 November our administrator is on leave. For any urgent matters please contact Susan Gill.

## Family Fireworks Night

7.30pm Friday 6 November at Church on the Hill. BBQ. Bring Fireworks for supervised night of fun. Gold Coin donation for BBQ. All Welcome. Contact Micah or Catherine for more info.



### The Lantern



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we can  
make it  
happen!

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### 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:** We continue to pray for the refugee problem facing Europe, help the authorities to care for real humanitarian need but also to recognise those who are claiming to be refugees but are not. We also ask You to strengthen Your church in China, which is seeing the worst persecution since the Cultural Revolution, and Your church in Aceh Province in Indonesia and in the Sudan, where church buildings are being destroyed.

**Mission Partners:** This week we pray for the Sussex family in Cambodia, we thank You for the provision of new equipment for Phil's community dental clinic; may the patients who receive treatment see God's love and be touched by Him through their contact with the clinic. May the family have a smooth relocation to a new home, especially with all the packing and unpacking.

**Diocese:** We pray today for the Awatere Christian Joint Venture and Dawn and Sana Daunauda; may the joint use of the Catholic Church Building in Seddon be a testimony to God's goodness and grace in their community; we pray Your blessing on the working bees as they repaint the vicarage and as faithful servants in the community, may they continue to do our Lord's bidding through word and deed, until the 'owner of the vineyard' returns.

**Local Community:** We thank You for the ministry of Richmond Church of Christ and Steve and Lynn Rollo; we pray Your comfort upon the Rollo family following the passing of Lynn's mother; we thank You for new members of the church; we pray for their community outreach programmes, especially their new Friday after school Children's programme and ICONZ programmes and bless their growing relationships with their close neighbours.

**Our Parish:** We continue to pray for the new building that You would provide for our needs. We also ask for Your wisdom and guidance to be with the Vestry as they meet this week. We give thanks for the life and ministry of Noel Bythell and ask that Your presence will be with his family, especially as they prepare for the funeral.

**Those in need within our own church family:** Loving God we continue to pray for: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Sonja, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda and Bill, John Barnes, others we know and for the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish. May Your grace, mercy and peace be with them.

## This Week...

### Monday 2 November

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 3 November

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 4 November

7.30am Prayer

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

10.00am Wednesday Service

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Thursday 5 November

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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### Friday 6 November

7.30pm Family BBQ and Fireworks

### Sunday 8 November

9.00am Holy Communion\*

10.30am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 15 November

4.00pm Messy Church

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 8 November** Holy Communion

**Sunday 22 November** Morning Prayer

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## Roster for 8 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Gill	<b>10.30am</b> S Jackson
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Hodges, D Day	<b>10.30am</b> M Tilley
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Page	<b>10.30am</b> S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>	S Paine, M Mercer	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> G Thomas, W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Reynolds	<b>Crèche:</b> M Martin

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 6:1-6, James 5:13-16, Luke 7:36-50

**Theme for Next Sunday:** The forgiveness of sins

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## Office Hours

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Thursday, Friday  
1.00pm - 5.30pm