



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 25 November 2018



**Theme:** God's Preparation for Christmas  
**Priest in Charge:** Ian Smith  
**Preacher:** Jean Palmer  
**Readings:** Hebrews 11:2-13, 32-40, Luke 1:68 - 79

**Sentence:**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law so that we might receive adoption to sonship. - *Galatians 4:4-5*

**Prayer for the day:**

Keep your Church alert, Holy Spirit, ready to hear when you are calling, and when you challenge us.

Keep us hopeful, Holy Spirit, knowing that Christ will come again.  
**Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

**Carol singing around the parish** - We hope to do this again this year on Tuesday 18 December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from us could you please let Jan South know Ph 544 8413. If you would like to be part of the singing group put the date in your calendar. More details later.

**Honey** - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

**Church open for Prayer** - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

**Church Property** - Please check with Anne Askin if you want to remove or place anything in the Church. Phone 542 3284

**Christmas Tree Festival at the Cathedral** - The Switch On Service is on Tuesday, 27 November at 6.00pm and is followed by mulled wine and mince pies. It runs until Thursday, 24 January and ends with a Switch Off Service at 6.00pm.

**Café Connection** - Meet at Wooden Spoon Café 10:30 Thursday 29 November Come along and enjoy a social time with other folk, all welcome.

**Time Capsule** - Any photos or items to go in the Time capsule can be left at the office.

**Roof Shout** - The building of the new hall is progressing well. The roof is almost completed and the windows are almost all in. We want to celebrate the progress of the construction with the trades, contractors and neighbours with a roof shout on Friday 30 November at 3.00pm. This will give everybody the opportunity to experience the new hall first hand. All welcome.

**Convergence Family Camp** - 15-17 February 2019 at Bethany Park, Kaiteriteri Beach. The theme is *Information* with speaker Spanky Moore. Register - Online: [www.stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence-camp](http://www.stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence-camp) or Mail: PO Box 2514 Stoke Nelson 7041. Brochures at back of church.

**Library news** - We are grateful for the donation of a copy of Gary Clover's book on culture change and Maori conversion during the Wesleyan Hokianga Mission. Our collection of more modern books is growing and you are sure to find something of interest on our shelves. Don't forget the collection of DVDs. You are welcome to borrow those as well.

**Men's Forum** - After six and a half years, I have come to the end of hosting the men's forum. The last meeting will be at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond on Monday 26 November starting at 7.00pm. During the six odd years, we discussed subjects such as lunches in schools, taxation, woman's rights, New Zealand constitution, drug abuse, books we have read, and some personal experiences. Donald Trump has cropped up on several occasions mostly negatively. Over the last few years, almost half the attendees were not associated with Holy Trinity Church. When we started it was envisaged as an outreach program and I think we succeeded! I hope that someone in the parish will take up the cudgels and keep this forum going. Jacob Klootwyk. Ph 544 5269.

**AAW** - All AAW members are welcome to attend the Nelson Waimea Area meeting at 10.30am Tuesday 4 December at the Cathedral, followed by morning tea, then a talk on Pastoral Care by Fr Steve Jordan. Any queries contact Ivy Price 544 5405.

**Preserves** - I will be away for Mum's funeral and to spend some time with family till 13/12. I will be back in time to get all your orders done before Christmas, so please do consider buying these gift packs and supporting missions. Many thanks, Shiona.

**Advance Notice** - Lunch on Hill , Christmas Dinner, Tuesday 4 December. All Welcome.

**Afternoon AAW group** - Our next meeting will be our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 28 November to be held at The Railway (corner of Lower Queen St and Gladstone Road). We will meet at 11.45am. We need to give numbers to the restaurant by 21 November. Margery and I will phone you before that date. Please tell us then if you need transport. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph. 544 6921.

**Christmas Lights and Carol Music** - Come one and all to Church on the Hill 7.00pm - 9.30pm  
Monday 17 December – Saturday 22 December. Leave the bustle behind. Enjoy the Peace of Christmas at Church on the Hill.

**Richmond Community Christmas Dinner** - Tuesday 25 December at Richmond Primary School Hall. Koha entry. 11:30am - Nibbles and Drinks (non alcoholic) , 12.00noon - Christmas Dinner. Register and collect your ticket from Richmond Mall Customer Service Desk, Age Concern and Church on the Hill Office from Monday 3 December. Seats are limited - register early to avoid disappointment. We need ice - cream containers with lids for people to take home leftover food. Please drop them at the church office.



**WARNING** Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services.  
Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

## Prayers for the Week

**World** – We pray for Yemen where an estimated 8 million people are on the brink of famine and civilian deaths have increased dramatically in recent months. Bless the efforts of all who seek to bring peace, especially for success for the UN initiative for peace talks in Stockholm next month.

We pray also for the thousands of migrants massing on the US/Mexico border. Help governments to get to grips with this growing problem and to react with both justice and compassion.

We also think of the damaging forest fires in California, where so far over 80 people have died and over 11,000 homes are known to have been destroyed by the fire, as well as over 3,000 commercial properties. We thank you that the fires are largely contained but we pray your blessing on all who seek to comfort and care for those who have been made homeless.

**Missions** – We pray for Chris and Catherine Corin and their family, continue to bless Sophie and give wisdom to her parents as they monitor her migraine episodes. Continue to guide Chris as he mentors young Christians in their Christian walk and also in the opportunities for small business development.

**Diocese** – We pray for the Stoke Parish with Phil and Greta Greenwood and their team. Encourage their work with families and youth, may they see lives transformed by the power of the gospel. We ask that you draw the right person to fill the Worship Leader role. We also remember their work in the rest homes, especially in Whareama and Summerset.

**Local area** – Today we pray for the work of Richmond Catholic Church and thank you for their ministry. Help them to raise up lay leadership and find new ways of doing church without paid priests.

**Parish** – We continue to pray that the person of your choice will hear your clear call to be the next vicar of this church. Guide Bishop Richard and the nominators as they seek your will for the future of the leadership of this church and for the diocese as a whole as it seeks a new bishop. We thank you for Yvonne and all the work she has done as Seniors' Worker. Help the church to put in place adequate pastoral care for our seniors after she leaves. Raise up someone to take Yvonne's place in this important area of our parish's work.

For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray particularly for those who mourn the loss of close family. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## This Week...

### Monday 26 November

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)

### Tuesday 27 November

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)  
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

### Wednesday 28 November

10.00am Reflective Service  
11.45am AAW Christmas Lunch - Railway Hotel

### Thursday 29 November

9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
10.30am Café Connection - Wooden Spoon Café  
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

### Sunday 2 December

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion

## Coming up...

### Tuesday 4 December

11.30am Christmas Lunch on the Hill  
@ Salvation Army Hall

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 25 November** Morning Prayer

**Sunday 9 December** Holy Communion

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 December - *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Clover	<b>10.30am</b>	J Palmer
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Heslop, B Lash	<b>10.30am</b>	V McNaughton, J Green
<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	<b>10.30am</b>	J Sardella
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J Lines	<b>10.30am</b>	M Brosnahan
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	E Erskine, B Lash	<b>10.30am</b>	V McNaughton, J Sardella, T Summerfield
<b>Tea:</b>	E Erskine, G Thomas			
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Reynolds			<b>Crèche</b> M Brosnahan

**Theme for Next Sunday:** What in God's name are we waiting for: Oh Righteousness?

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-37

### Parish Contacts

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
10.00am - 5.30pm  
Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm