



Church on the Hill

Sunday 2 November 2014



Theme: A Kingdom Perspective
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Kevin Roberts
Readings: Acts 28:23-31, Mark 1:14-28

Sentence:

Jesus went into Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's Kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

Prayer for the day:

Loving Father, sometimes our thinking is very limited. Expand our understanding of what Jesus meant when he talked about your Kingdom. Change our perspective so that it aligns with yours. Let us shun narrowness and embrace

expansiveness. Let us do away with scarcity and welcome your abundance. Let us think, and dream, and live each moment empowered by your Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name, of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Confidence in the Gospel

As Kevin and Anne Roberts have ministered to us, the Lord has been present in power and love and grace. It is delightful to see people ministering to each other as the Spirit gives insight through Scripture, pictures, words and impressions. We have taken risks, in pairs and small groups, and spoken out what we thought the Lord was saying. The ones prayed for have been blessed.

One person sent me an email saying (among other things): "*Tonight we attended the meeting of Anne and Kevin Roberts. We enjoyed the event and left feeling very encouraged.*" They went on to say how relevant the teaching and ministry is for all churches.

Kevin used the illustration of an aeroplane which needs two wings to fly. We do too. Our wings are the Word and the Spirit.

All Word – dry up

All Spirit – blow up

Word and Spirit – grow up. (David Watson)

It's an exaggeration but contains enough truth in it to offer some wisdom.

We need to read God's Word – whether it is large chunks or a single verse we chew on. We might imagine ourselves in a story. A word or phrase might jump out and then we ponder

what it means for us. We might try different translations or skim the boring bits. However we read it; God's word contains the very thoughts of God. It is saturated with the story of Jesus and his love for each one of us.

We also need God's Holy Spirit to be with us; to meet our needs, and the needs of others through us, moment by moment.

Anne spoke about resting especially in relation to older folk. What a gift to our church are the ones who have time to read and pray. Anne encouraged us, when doing those things, or simply be-ing, to ask the Lord if he has something for us to pass on to another.

This is vital this is for the life of our parish; to encourage individual members and those outside our walls.

The Spirit does speak to us, for others, far more than we think. Mostly we dismiss those Spirit-inspired thoughts because it is risky to pass them on. I love it when someone passes on something in a gracious way: "I think the Lord is saying...." gives room for dialogue and interpretation; both of which are essential. We learn by trial and error. I hope our parish is a safe places to take risks.

I encourage you to come to some of the meetings if you can. Growing in confidence together is such fun!

Much love,

Susan

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.*

Garden Trail - Saturday 15 November. Arrangements are well in hand. Tickets \$10 each available from Richmond Mall Customer Service Counter (or Committee Members). Home Groups - we would like your baskets before Thursday. 6 November please. Shiona will be contacting/calling on everyone who has kindly offered us a dress in the next few days and lists are at the back of the Church for you all to fill in with the talent/help you can bring to our Garden Trail. Thank you. Your Garden Trail Team - Carole 544 7247, Merle 544 6606, Joan 544 8813, Lorraine 544 6910, Shireen 544 4826, Brenda 544 5872 (Wedding dresses- Shiona 544 5862)

Messy church – Please could you save your cardboard tubes (not toilet paper ones) for Messy Church on Sunday 23 November. Susan.

Christmas Parade - We need a large truck for our parade float. Does any one know someone who has a truck and would be available on Sunday 30 November? We also need volunteers to hand out balloons and Christmas dinner invitations. Please contact Kay Peterson 544 8844.

Lunch on the Hill - 11.30am this Tuesday 4 November. All Welcome. Koha Entry.



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 pray for those affected by the mudslides in Sri Lanka this week and the recovery process. We continue to pray for the unrest and violence in the Middle East; asking for peace and stability to return. We especially pray for all the children growing up in this awful environment.

Our Nation: We pray for the Government and the many demands it faces every day. We pray for clarity of decision making, wisdom and fairness for all. We especially pray for John Key as he leads the Government and this country.

Our Mission Partners: We continue to pray for Allan and Christine and their supportive encouraging ministry in Asia, touching the lives of people from many countries. Keep them safe and may their spread of God's love continue.

Our Diocese: We pray for Rev. Dawn Daunauda and the team in Awatere and the various ministry areas in Marlborough. We pray for the building rebuild and their relationships with other churches and that good may indeed come from the challenges they face.

Our Local Area: We pray for Donald Irvine and the team at Hope Community Church. We give thanks for their ministries and the many people involved in the church. We pray that all members would know Your call on their lives.

Our Church: We pray for these few weeks with Kevin and Anne and the ministry they bring here. May this time draw us ever closer to You and further our work in this community. We pray also for Owen at this time of uncertainty. We pray for those organising the Garden Trail and ask that many will be blessed through this event. We pray for the Christmas Parade and the Community Christmas Dinner, that these points of contact with our community will enable us to show the love of God to all.

Those In Special Need: We remember Ingrid, Luke, George, Carole, Noel, Wendy, Franz, 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 3 November

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

Tuesday 4 November

- 9.00am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 5 November

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

Thursday 6 November

- 9.00am Prayer

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

Friday 7 November

- 9.00am Prayer

Sunday 9 November

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**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 9 November Holy Communion

Sunday 23 November 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 9 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

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| Leader: | 9.00am J McConachie | 10.30am Owen Haring |
| Sidespeople: | 9.00am W Wilkinson | 10.30am J Palmer |
| Welcomer: | 9.00am B Page | 10.30am S Lyon |
| Tea: | J & K South | |
| Chalice: | 9.00am G Thomas, W Wilkinson | 10.30am N/A |
| Flowers: | T Mangelsdorf | Brass: J South |

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 28:1 -10, Luke 4:31 - 44

Theme for Next Sunday: Healing and The Kingdom

| Parish Contacts | | | Youth Intern | | Antonio Sardella 544 9237 |
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Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm