

# Church on the Hill

Sunday 30 October 2016



Theme: The God Who Suffers
Vicar: Revd. Susan Gill
Preacher: Micah Did-Dell

**Readings:** Psalm 22: 1-21, Matthew 27: 32-46

#### Sentence:

It was our grief he bore, our sorrows that weighed him down.

- Isaiah 53:4

## Prayer for the day:

Gracious Father God, you suffer as you look upon your world. We are sorry for the anguish we cause you when we don't walk in your ways. Lord Jesus Christ, you understand our suffering because you have suffered. You went through isolation in Gethsemane, rejection in the

courtyards, humiliation on the cross. You drank the dark wine of suffering to the dregs. Blessed Holy Spirit, you suffer with us when we go through seemingly impossible times. Thank you blessed Trinity that you companion us; that we are never alone. **Amen** 

Following Jesus, Building Community

**Convergence Camp -** Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February. Bishop Justin Duckworth from Wellington is keynote speaker. Registration forms at the back of the church.

**Operation Christmas Child -** Last Sunday we blessed a record 74 well filled boxes and they are beginning their long journey to needy children in the Pacific. Thank you everyone who took part, especially those who helped out at the last minute. I am most grateful to you all. We're nearly there with donations towards freight. Love & thanks to you all. Brenda Ph. 544 5872

**Overseas Missions Group Coffee And Dessert -** 6.30pm 18 November, Hall Lounge. Dawn and Sana Daunauda have just returned from an overseas sabbatical and will update up us with their thoughts on the current opportunities and challenges in overseas mission. Many people will remember Dawn and Sana when they were an integral part of our worshipping community here at Holy Trinity Richmond.

Naomi Striemer Tearfund Tour - 7.00pm Thursday 4 November, Richmond Church of Christ, Cnr Croucher and Darcy Streets, Richmond, Nelson. (Free admission). Naomi Striemer (pronounced Streemer), walked away from fame and fortune, with the world at her fingertips, to follow Jesus. Her story has been told on numerous Christian TV shows around the world and is detailed in a Best-Selling Book titled Backstage Pass. "Like many great artists, Naomi inspires in people the force of compassion and hope." - (Carlos Santana - Multi Grammy award winning, legendary Guitarist) To find out more visit www.naomistriemermusic.com

**Kidschurch -** Coming up in November Focus on Christmas Carols with view to singing some on steps of church between services and maybe by piano next to warehouse during kids' church time. Please let me know your favourite carols kids! Anyone welcome to join us - any age. Reason: to keep carols in public consciousness as part of Christmas. Schools don't always sing them and there are more secular songs being introduced that don't mention the birth of Christ. Does anyone play the guitar and / or piano and would like to be involved in playing some carols with the children? Please let me know soon as I am planning for Christmas now! Thanks Catherine 022 647 9810

**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. Coffee and prayer. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

**Senior's Tea and Talk** - 10.00am -11.30am each Wednesday morning in the Richmond Seniors rooms, adjacent to the Age Concern Offices, Oxford Street. The cost is \$3.00 to cover morning tea. Please come and invite any senior neighbours you may have. It would be great to have many of our people there as we start this exciting new venture! For information or to help please see Shiona or Yvonne.

Mission to Seafarer's AGM - The Port Nelson Mission to Seafarers' AGM will be held at the Anglican Centre office after the Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday 8 November at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

St Christopher's Market Morning - Bargains for everyone. 8.30am - 1.00pm Saturday 12 November 2016. Chocolate Guess / Cakes and Sweets / Clothing / Plants / Books / Crafts / Jams and Preserves / Yesterday's Treasures / Garage Sale / Morning Teas / Gourmet BBQ. St Christopher's Hall Cnr Weld & Cleghorn St. Blenheim.

**Truffles -** Truffle rolling again! Friday 4 November 9.00am until 9.00pm and Saturday 5 November 9.00am until finished. Brightwater Town Hall. We would love to see you there for whatever time you can spare. Bring a friend! If you would like to bring something to share for morning tea, it would be greatly appreciated, but don't worry of you can't. Thank you.

**Holiday House Swap -** Linda Blackmore who moved back to Christchurch 6 months ago, is looking for a house swap after Christmas or January for a week to 10 days with someone wanting a holiday in Christchurch. She writes 'We are really missing Nelson/Richmond which we had made our home after the earthquakes, and our Church on the Hill family who made us so welcome, and we would like to do a house swap We have a lovely town house in Avonhead on the west side of Christchurch, 2 bedrooms, in a lovely street, handy to shops and buses. We are non smokers and Susan can vouch for us as a family. There would be myself and my husband and daughter who is 14." Phone 03 342 9345 or Cell 027 493 5662

Pastoral Care Team - Advance Notice of final meeting for year. 10.00am Tuesday 29 November, Church lounge. Please come and share what you have been doing, what you would like to be doing and how I can help you. Hope you can all come! Morning tea provided. Thank you, Yvonne Smyth Elder Care Team Leader



#### = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 30 October -** Different ways to pray. - Children doing prayers of thanks for New Zealand in service

Next Sunday 6 November - Focus on Christmas Carols Sunday 13 November - Intercessional Prayer

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

## **Prayers for the Week**

God's World – We pray for the Middle East cities of Aleppo and Mosul, both with large civilian populations that are the centrepoint of a bloody and violent war. Lord have mercy on these people and motivate those in power to find a peaceful end to the conflict. For the refugees in Europe and elsewhere, displaced from the Middle East region, and are seeking a new start in a new country we ask that you comfort and uplift these people in their time of need. For the upcoming USA elections, may a sensible and acceptable result be found, that this country continue to be governed in a Christian and democratic manner. And we pray for those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Italy, may aid come quickly to those affected by this tragedy. Look kindly on our world, our God, as we suffer and struggle with one another, and may the light we have seen in Jesus, illuminate and brighten all the world.

**Mission Partners** – Today we pray for the Sussex family as there time in Cambodia draws to a close and they prepare to return to New Zealand early in January. Thank you that the standard of oral surgery has improved and the dental outreach clinics have been a platform for sharing the Gospel. Thank you for the Hope Mission School which has given Becky the privilege of contributing to the lives of many children, including her own four children.

**Diocese** – Thank you Lord for the parish of The Awatere. For Dawn Daunada as she leads the church, and for the vestry as they look at mission in this area, and the best ways to move forward. We pray for the many folk who are unwell in this area and for Rachael Westenra, their Parish Nurse. We join with the people of this parish as they praise God for the healing of a 92year old lady recently. And we continue to remember David Hollingsworth, Ian Thatcher and Nick Kirk. May Your Spirit envelop them with Your grace and mercy.

**Community -** We pray for the people of Richmond, for grace and peace in all relationships and particularly marriages. For people involved in counseling services in our community we give you thanks. We pray for the outreach we have in Tea and Talk on a Wednesday morning and give you thanks for the opportunity we have to reach out into our community through this ministry with Age Concern. We pray for the Lutheran Church and their Pastor, Chris Janetzki, and his family as they prepare to move to a new calling in Australia and for the process of calling a new Pastor and for the upcoming year of 500 years of Reformation Commemorations, starting today.

Our Parish – Thank you for our church community, for all those who put in so much time and effort. We pray today for the AAW groups and their leaders. Thank you for the strength that is in these two groups and the support these ladies provide in the church, community and to each other. We pray for Susan and Kevin as they take time out with family to celebrate Susan's birthday ,may this time be a great blessing and time of refreshment before we head into Advent and Christmas in the church. We pray for the Remembrance Service next Wednesday, that it will be a time of healing and giving thanks for those lives of dear ones we have lost. We also pray for the Missions Trip to Murchison next weekend, for safety for the team going and may it be a blessing to all involved.

**Special people in our church family** – Your Word tells us that the most vulnerable are to be the most valued and so we bring before You again: Carol Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganneh, Sonja, Pam Butler, Val Jordan, Ingrid Blackbeard, Eric Gafa, and others we know.

You order Your kingdom with justice: and establish the world in peace.

# This Week...

#### Monday 31 October

7.00pm Men's Forum (J.Klootwyk) 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

#### **Tuesday 1 November**

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

#### Wednesday 2 November

10.00am Senior's Tea & Talk (Age Concern)

10.00am Wednesday Service

6.00pm Remembrance Service

#### Thursday 3 November

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 4 November - Sunday 6 November

Murchison Missions Trip

#### Sunday 6 November

8.45am Holy Communion

10.45am Holy Communion

7.00pm Taizé Service

# Coming up...

Sunday 13 November

Church Picnic

Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February 2017

Convergence Camp - Bethany Park Kaiteriteri

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

10.45am F Summerfield

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 November Sunday 27 November

**Holy Communion Morning Prayer** 

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Roster for 6 November Thank you for serving us all!

Leader: 8.45am J Burrough

**8.45am** A Heslop. V Matthews Reader: 10.45am M Tillev

8.45am B Page 10.45am T Manglesdorf Sidespeople: Welcomer: 8.45am G Thomas **10.45am** S Lyon

S Stephens, M Gibson Tea: Chalice: **8.45am** A Burrough. E Erskine

**10.45am** S Stephens. C Ward Creche: TBA Flowers:

M Reynolds

Theme for Next Sunday: I will walk with God

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 23, Ecclesiastes 3:9 – 14, John 10:14 – 18

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