



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 November 2017



**Theme:** A Sound Mind; Kia Kaha  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Micah Did-Dell  
**Readings:** Job 16: 1-14, Ecclesiastes 8:14-17

**Sentence:**

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- John 14:27

**Prayer for the day:**

This is our prayer Lord: that your love will flourish in us and that we will not only love much but well. Teach us to love appropriately. Give us understanding so that we use our heads and test our feelings so that our love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Show us how to live circumspect and exemplary lives, lives that Jesus will be proud of. Give us

sound minds so that our actions follow: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God. This we ask through the power of the Holy Spirit, the grace of our Redeemer and the love of our Father; one God now and forever. **Amen**

- Based on Paul's prayer on Philippians 1:9-11

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

# Reflections...



She writes two true stories – one of a conscientious objector during World War II, and the other of a former prison guard at Abu Ghraib. Those stories are interspersed with gripping visual culture, literature, and theology, as Sarah expresses her fervent hope for remaking the world.

The book is available from our Richmond Library.

## Holidays

How blessed I am feeling just now. I've enjoyed two full on weeks away with grandies and elderly parents. Of course they are all loved. At the same time I am pleased to be back among positive people who genuinely see the best in others. I am not sure whether we realise that not everyone is like that. Some have great difficulty in seeing others in a positive light. Others think everyone is out to rip them off and that we need to 'get them before they get us'.

That is not the case in this church. Nor is it so for Christians generally. While away I was reminded of Jesus words in Matthew 20 –

25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Let it not be so with you my brethren.

I'm very pleased that, as well as an earthly family, I belong to God's family. Though we are far from perfect, the Lord builds into us a different value system to the wider world.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

## **News and random thoughts**

### A visit from our Bishop

Bishop Richard will be speaking and administering Communion at both services on 20 November. Please be here if you can to hear his heart for the Lord, for his Gospel, for our church and for our community.

### Staff

David's operation has gone well. I'd like to drop off a wee basket of goodies to him and Denise as a 'thank you' and 'we love you' touch. If anyone would like to donate any small items, please drop them off to the office by noon on Tuesday 7 November. He is hoping to be back at work on November 13.



## **A challenging read**

While on leave, among other books, I read Sarah Sentilles' beautifully crafted book 'Draw your weapons'. Sarah Sentilles is an artist who paints with words.

Each paragraph is an article of beauty and grace that challenged me hugely. Each paragraph could easily be meditated on and chewed over again and again.

**Introducing the Browns** - John hails from Scotland . As a youngster he played professional football for Clyde. He then joined the Liverpool police before volunteering for the British Colonial Police during the Mau Mau emergency in Kenya. I was born and brought up in Kenya, then trained as a teacher in England. I returned to teach in Kenya which is where we met and married and our elder daughter was born. When Kenya became independent, we were transferred to Fiji where our younger daughter was born. Nine years later Fiji became independent and John was offered a job with the SIS in Wellington. After eleven interesting but challenging years there, we decided on a change and bought a motel on the shores of Lake Rotorua. We encountered a small, struggling church in Ngongotaha, where we now lived, and in due course I was ordained as a non-stipendary priest, followed by John when we became a Shared Ministry parish. Six years ago John was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease which prompted our move to Richmond as our younger daughter lives in Upper Moutere and I realised I needed more support for John. So here we are and loving it and so grateful that we have found this church with your warm, friendly and inclusive atmosphere. I thank God daily for leading us here. - **Ursula Brown**

**Recent Day of Giving** - At the Combined Service Sunday 15 October, a special collection to go towards the new building was taken. \$10,250.00 was generously given and a further \$1000.00 pledged. Yet again this reflects the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners. The Building and Finance Team are delighted, thanks heaps!

**Please join Barnabas Fund NZ** for a special meeting with our visionary founder Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, his New Zealand wife Rosemary, and International Projects Director, Caroline Kerslake. During this meeting, Patrick will be discussing secular humanism including some points from his new book entitled *The Death of Western Christianity: Drinking from the Poisoned Wells of the Cultural Revolution*. He will also be talking about Islam as well as a discussion about the plight of the Persecuted Church. We will also hear a special project update from Caroline about the work Barnabas Fund is doing to help bring hope and aid to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please join us for this enlightening event at Nelson Cathedral on Tuesday, 7 November from 7:30pm-9:00pm. For more information please contact [office@barnabasfund.org.nz](mailto:office@barnabasfund.org.nz). For more information about the work of Barnabas Fund please visit [www.barnabasfund.org.nz](http://www.barnabasfund.org.nz).

**Esther Kim** from Korea has kindly sent some 2018 calendars for Church on the Hill folk. If you would like one please help yourself. They are on the table at the back of the Church.

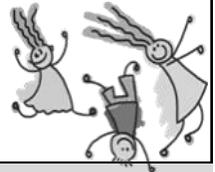
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## = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 5 November TBA

Next Sunday 12 November TBA

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.



### Prayers for the Week

**God's World** - Thank you Sovereign Lord for your faithfulness in the long-term recovery efforts in places that have experienced natural disasters: hurricanes in Ireland and the United Kingdom, and in the United States; an earthquake in Mexico City, wildfires in Portugal, Spain, and the United States; and severe flooding in India, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Please meet needs in the wake of the destruction of Typhoon Lan in Japan. Provide wisdom for governments in conflict in Venezuela and Spain. And somehow Lord, prevent further acts of terrorism like the truck bombing in Somalia.

**Mission Partners** - We thank you again for R and N. Please give the adults the persistence, patience and peace they need in learning the new language.

**Diocese** - We thank you for the ministry of the Rev.s Richard and Kaye Dyer in Picton. Some of us remember their time with us very fondly. We pray for a fresh infilling of your Spirit for the small Anglican community there; an infilling of grace and mercy that will overflow to the wider community.

**Community** - Our local church focus today is the Presbyterians; who are led by John and Vivienne Parkes. Currently they meet in Stoke and have purchased land in Richmond. Give them wisdom as they ponder and pray about what they should be building there. Give them a sense of your purpose so that their building will resource them well for the near and longer term future.

We thank you Lord for this community in which you have placed us. We pray it may become a tu-rangawaewae for all who live here – whether that is short or long term.

**Our Parish** - We thank you for the many answers to our prayers. We thank you for bringing healing to Sally and ask for that to be ongoing. We also ask you to bless and restore Albertha, Gwen, Ellie, John Barnes and others known to us. Please bestow your grace on, the residents and staff of the rest homes and retirement villages in our parish.

Finally we thank you again for our building team and the progress being made. We ask for speedy and accurate procedures for TDC as various consents are processed. May the new building, and all we possess as a parish, be used for your honour and the spreading of your Good News. **Amen.**

## **This Week...**

### **Monday 6 November**

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### **Tuesday 7 November**

10.00am Fortnightly group (M Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

### **Wednesday 8 November**

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

### **Thursday 9 November**

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

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

### **Sunday 12 November**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Praise on the Hill

*\* Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## **Coming up...**

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 12 November Holy Communion**

**Sunday 26 November Morning Prayer**

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:  
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

## **Roster for 12 November - Thank you for serving us all!**

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	D Pritchard	<b>10.45am</b>	F Summerfield
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Hodges, D Day	<b>10.45am</b>	M Tilley
<b>Sidespeople</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	W Wilkinson	<b>10.45am</b>	M Tilley
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	<b>10.45am</b>	S Lyon
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Thomas, W Wilkinson	<b>10.45am</b>	N/A
<b>Tea:</b>		M Mercer, S Paine		
<b>Flowers:</b>		R Armstrong	<b>Creche:</b>	M Martin

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Too Little Time? - Kia Kaha

**Readings for next Sunday:** Exodus 18:13-27, Matthew 11:28-30

## **Parish Contacts**

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Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm