



Church on the Hill

Sunday 8 November 2015



Theme: The Forgiveness of Sins
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Tom Gower
Readings: Isaiah 6:1-6, James 5:13-16, Luke 7:36-50

Sentence:

Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?

- Luke 7:49

Prayer for the day:

Merciful God, thank you that we don't have to pay the price we deserve for our sin. Lord Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that you have taken our place as you paid the price on the cross. You don't count our sin against us and we rejoice

in your grace. Thank you so much, that you have replaced our guilt with freedom and joy and purity. Help us to live freely and lightly, in the power of your Holy Spirit, honouring you always.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Teamwork

T together
E everyone
A achieves
M more

Perhaps the acronym is a little cheesy, but it is certainly true. One of the things I greatly appreciate in our parish is the fact that so many people do so many things – often under the radar.

Did you know that Joan Inwood washes the altar linen and has done for years? Marianne Brosnahan picks up the grape juice and other items needed for church. John Palmer recently recovered the sound desk chairs. Several ladies have cleaned the brass for years, only recently being relieved when we had all the brass coated.

The AAW very often serve tea and coffee at funerals in our hall – not to mention all the set up and clear up involved. Very often they donate the proceeds back to church! Some people clear up the gardens. Most of these things, and many others, happen on the individuals own initiative – no-one has asked them. They just see a need and do what needs to be done – just like anyone would in their own home. The folk I have named will probably tell

me off by the way. They don't want praise – it is just what you do. When every individual functions as part of a team, or a family, we all benefit.

Another such person is Norma Thomas. Norma has led a home group for around six years. She has cared for the women in her group spiritually and practically during that time. She has been part of the flower arranging group, helped with teas etc etc. Norma is moving to the North Island – hopefully to Te Aroha – to be closer to more of her family. The specifics are not yet clear. Please pray for Norma. We will miss her. Also give thanks for Brenda Page who will now host the group.

Good team work really does make all the difference in our church. Some teams need more members. Specifically the Kidz Church, crèche, morning tea, flowers, welcomers. I'm sure there are more. Give me a buzz if you are interested.

A big thank you, to those I have mentioned and to those I haven't. Whether you are aware of it or not, your work helps us all, and it contributes significantly towards building the Kingdom of God. You are awesome!

Learning together in love,



Susan

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.

Christmas Parade - The Richmond Santa Parade is on Sunday 29 November. Our float in the parade is themed *ALL ANGELS* so dig out those wings and haloes. We will have lots of bubbles and sparkle and some awesome music. Maybe even a donkey to lead us. If you are interested in helping let me know.

Open Evening -Bishopdale Theological College. Monday 30 November 5.00pm-7.00pm
Thinking of studying in 2016? Just like to have a look round and see what we do? Call in for nibbles and a chat - 30 Vanguard Street, Nelson Enquires: office@bishopdale.ac.nz ph: 03 548 8785

Piano wanted - Does anyone have a piano they don't want, in reasonable condition, for the twins to learn on? Please phone Catherine 0226479810

 <p>The Lantern</p>	<p>Together we can <i>make it happen!</i></p>	<p>Building Fundraiser Honey is now available 500gms \$7.00 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284</p>	
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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 Murray and Fèy Cotter; we ask for safe travels for Fèy as she spends time in the UK, then travels to Madrid to help lead a course for twelve new missionaries. May she be filled with wisdom discernment and Your strength during this busy time.

Diocese: We pray today for Victory Community Church and the Reverend Greg Holmes and family.

Local Community: We thank You for the ministry of Grace Church and Pastor Tony; and the work they do in our community.

Our Parish: We pray for Lunch on the Hill and the outreach it provides into the local community.

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, 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 9 November

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 10 November

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 11 November

7.30am Prayer

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

10.00am Wednesday Service

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

Thursday 12 November

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 15 November

9.00am Morning Worship*

10.30am Holy Communion*

4.00pm Messy Church

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 17 November

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 8 November Holy Communion

Sunday 22 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 15 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Palmer

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Reader: 9.00am A Burrough, K South

10.30am M Did-Dell

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am J Green

Welcomer: 9.00am A Burrough

10.30am N Pritchard

Tea: J & K South

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

10.30am M Ross, N Pritchard,
E/D Stanger

Flowers: B Savage

Creche: N/A

Readings for Next Sunday: TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: TBA

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