



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 9 November 2014



**Theme:** Healing and the Kingdom  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Anne Roberts  
**Readings:** Acts 28:1-10, Luke 4:31-44

**Sentence:**

Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him.  
... the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. - Acts 28:8 & 9

**Prayer for the day:**

Be with us Holy Spirit; nothing can separate us from your love.  
Be with us as of old, fill us with your power,

direct all our thoughts to your goodness.  
Be present, Holy Spirit; bring faith and healing and peace.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### The Power of Healing

Gotta love facebook (or hate it, depending on your perspective). Here is a prayer for healing posted on fb on Wednesday:

Lord Jesus, heal me.

Heal in me whatever you see needs healing.

Heal me of whatever might separate me from you.

Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions,

heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul.

Lay your hands gently upon me and heal me through your love for me. Amen

Not a bad prayer isn't it? We all need healing at various times don't we? It seems to me that sometimes prayer to the Lord for healing is the last on a long list of options. Why is that? It's not that we don't believe the Lord can heal. Very often it is simply that we don't think of asking the Lord.

Jesus told his followers to *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Matthew 7:7-8

James (likely Jesus' brother) wrote this general advice to Christians: *Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.*

James 5:14

In my experience the Lord doesn't always heal in the way we expect him to. Never-the-less, he always brings healing of one kind or another. I encourage you to pray for healing for yourself and others. I encourage you to ask others to pray for your healing too.

You may like to sit down for a few minutes when you get home after church and say "Lord who would you like me to pray for?" Perhaps you are also brave enough to ask how the Lord would like you to pray? He might say to pray quietly on your own, or for you to pray with someone else. He may even tell you to ask a stranger if you can pray for them. You never know.

What we do know though, is that the Lord delights to answer our prayers. And he delights to give us good gifts. Healing is one of the best gifts we can receive so let's give prayer for healing a shot!

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 10.00am – 4.00pm. Please tell all your friends and neighbours. We have 9 gardens to visit, stalls & teas in the Hall & a wonderful display of Flowers and 14 Wedding Dresses in our Church. Tickets only \$10 from Committee or Richmond Mall. The beautiful quilt Joan Inwood has made is on display, she is selling tickets. Reminder...we still need pre-loved Christmas decorations; names on the helpers lists; & Home Groups - your raffle baskets in before Thursday 6 November. All this we do as a tribute to Caroline Pitman in aid of our New Community Centre Building Fund. Any queries phone Lorraine 544 6910.

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

**Christmas Parade** - Sunday 30 November, starting at noon. We require children to dress up and travel on the back of the truck, 4 people to walk alongside the wheels (2 of these could be a

parent of children on the truck), and others to hand out balloons to children and Christmas Dinner invitations to adults. Holy Trinity t-shirts are available to wear. Also looking for an artist to help make banners for the sides of the truck and others to blow up balloons on the morning of the parade. If you could be part of this ministry please contact Kay at the office.

Phone: 544 8844 or email:  
seniors.onhill@xtra.co.nz.

**Lunch on the Hill** - 11.30am Tuesday 18 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 give thanks for the beauty of this world and creation that proclaims your glory and splendour. We uphold all people and agencies working to protect lasting damage to our environment and for those who are working towards creating things that are less damaging to our world.

**Our Nation:** We pray for the local orchardists who lost a large percentage of their crops to the hailstorm this week. We especially uphold those who face financial stress from this and the ongoing affects into the community. We also pray for the government's response to terrorism.

**Our Mission Partners:** We continue to pray for Murray and Faye Cotter and their work in Albania. We pray for their son Patrick's wedding in January and Faye's father's cancer treatment. We give thanks for their ministry.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Rev. Greg Holmes at Victory Church in Nelson. We pray that as his first year continues his family would feel more at home. We give thanks for this parish's unique ministry in this area and for all the good they provide to many different people.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for Grace Church as they continue to seek a new minister to lead them. We give thanks for the various ministries they provide to the community and the support they offer.

**Our Church:** We continue to pray for out time with Kevin and Anne and that the ministry they bring will challenge and encourage us to serve you as best we can. We give thanks for the fair and also continue to lift up the financial needs of this parish. Help us to have the right attitude and focus with money.

**Those In Special Need:** We remember Franz, Ingrid, Luke, George, Carole, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Dorothy, Erica (Shirley Jackson's niece), Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, those in the rest homes, hospitals and in our parish; and we give thanks to all those who care for others. We give thanks for answered prayers 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 10 November

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

### Tuesday 11 November

9.00am Prayer  
10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

### Wednesday 12 November

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

### Thursday 13 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 14 November

9.00am Prayer

### Saturday 15 November

Garden Trail

### Sunday 16 November

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

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Tuesday 18 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 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 16 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Gill	<b>10.30am</b> F Summerfield
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> N Pritchard
<b>Tea:</b>	J & K South	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> N/A	<b>10.30am</b> J & A Green, N Pritchard
<b>Flowers:</b>	B Page	<b>Brass:</b> M Evans

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 19:8-20 Luke 10:1-24

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Releasing the Kingdom

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### Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm