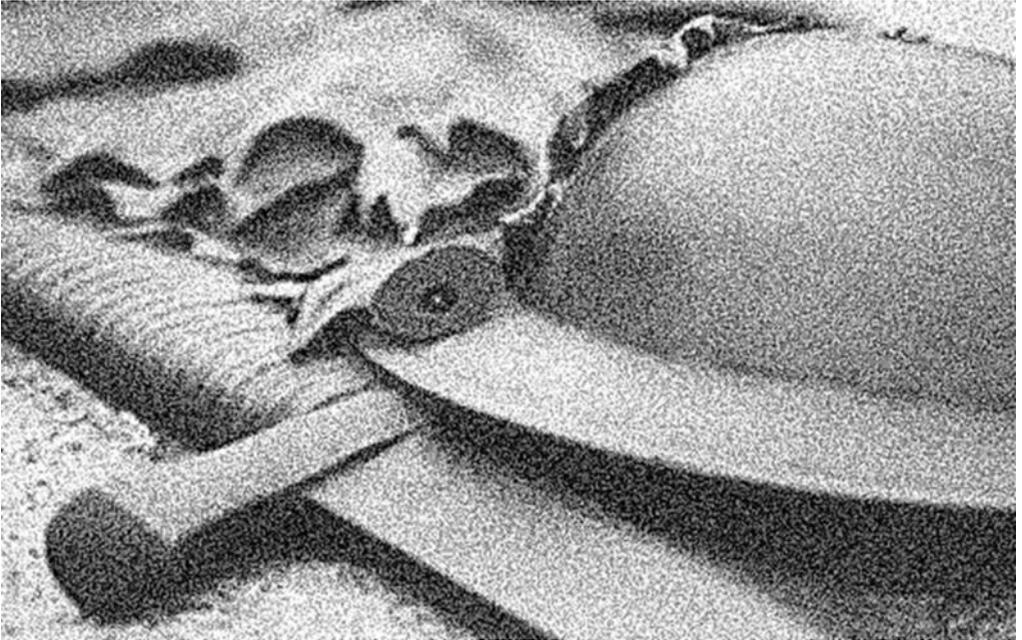




# Church on the Hill

Sunday 13 November 2016



**Theme:** Remembrance Day  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Peter Bean  
**Readings:** Isaiah 65:17-25, Philippians 2:1-11, John 15:12-17

**Sentence:**

You Lord will surely comfort your people. You will make their deserts like Eden, their wastelands like a garden. Joy and gladness will be found among them, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.  
*- Isaiah 51:3(adapted)*

**Prayer for the day:**

We thank you Almighty God for the men and women who served their country during the First World War. We are thankful that they were prepared to volunteer and to serve the people of their homeland at the risk of death and injury. We regret that the leaders of the nations were not able to find peaceful resolution of the

arguments they faced, and so to avoid the horrors of armed conflict. We remember those who lost loved ones and family members, or who lived with the results of serious injury and mental stress. Lead us to always to seek peace and reconciliation in our dealings with others.  
**Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **The Lord's Priorities**

Thanks everyone so much for the birthday greetings... To be perfectly honest, I have found this birthday to be a bit of a challenge in some ways. It's quite sobering to realise there are not that many years left in my paid working life. It's made me think and pray a lot about what God's priorities are and therefore what mine, and our church's, need to be.

As far as I can tell, the first parable in Luke 15 sums it up pretty well; leaving the contented sheep to find the one who is lost. As a church we are not to be about feeding ourselves; rather we are to be concerned with the vulnerable ones outside the sheep-fold. Jesus has other sheep outside the fold. Who are they in this community?

What we are doing in terms of outreach is great – Lunch on the Hill, Tea and Talk in partnership with Aged Concern, Friends n Fun, the church open on Mondays. It is all good and God is using us. Sometimes people will come in. However the vast majority won't. We need to go to them. And we have no resources for more work or more time or more anything ... for now anyway.

However we do all go shopping, most of us belong to various sporting and social clubs etc. We all need to be intentional in whatever we do and wherever we go; shaping our lives around the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need to be his followers – out into the world – as well as his worshippers.

That leads me to my next random thoughts which are around worship on Sunday mornings. We appreciate the feedback and continue to ponder how to apply some of the suggestions. This is quite a balance because worship is actually about God and not our preferences. At the same time, we are able to worship more freely when we are ... How do I describe this? ... comfortable? relaxed? enjoying ourselves?

So we are endeavouring to apply your suggestions where possible. 8:45am people may have noticed more songs from outside the hymn book; with words inserted in our newsletter? This is a response to the requests for more variety.

We'll continue to work on the feedback, not to make us comfortable really, but because worshipping God helps us focus on his priorities, not our own.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

**Tea and Talk** - 10.00am -11.30am Wednesday 16 November in the Richmond Seniors rooms, adjacent to the Age Concern Offices, Oxford Street. The cost is \$3.00 to cover morning tea. Park at the church if it is easier!

**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.

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

**Church Flower Roster** – Its nearly time to draw up our 2017 Roster. At the moment we are 8 (mainly quite elderly) ladies who look after our flowers each week. Would you like to join us? It's very worthwhile helping to keep our church looking beautiful. Please talk to Susan or myself if you are interested. We also badly need a Leader, we haven't had one for a couple of years. Please think about it. Thanks. Brenda Page Ph. 544 5872

**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



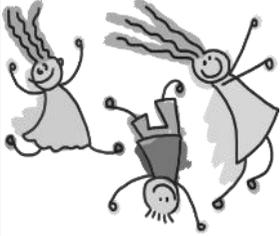
## **Church Picnic Today!**

Rabbit Island (After 10.45am service)

BYO Picnic Lunch

Fun and Fellowship

*Come, celebrate Susan's 60th - No presents please*



## = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 13 November** - Intercessional Prayer

**Next Sunday 20 November** - Mystery Guest!

**Sunday 27 November** - Christmas Carol Practice, make decorations

**Sunday 4 December** - Christmas Party

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** – Dear God of strength and love, we remember the battles at Gallipoli, Palestine, Suez, the western Front in Europe, and at sea. We remember those who lost their lives. We remember also those thousands of civilians who died. We pray today for those who are faced with war, famine and homelessness in Aleppo, Mosul and so many other places. We pray for the division in the United States also, asking You to walk with all these troubled ones, heal their wounds, and take away all bitterness or hate, that they may follow you with a new vision of what might yet be, and confident in your power, and love for us all.

**Mission Partners** – We remember with thanksgiving the Corin family serving you in Central Asia. Please be with them as they sort visas. Provide for them in every way that their focus can be on building Your Kingdom among the small businesses and individuals they mentor.

**Diocese** – Generous God, we give thanks for Kevin and Sandy Topp's leadership in the Kaikoura Parish. We ask for your help as they adjust to living on a smaller scale. We ask you too to bless the church with its many visitors. We also thank you for the group from our church who spent last weekend in Murchison sprucing up their church and leading worship on Sunday. We pray that you'd continue to bless that small but faithful congregation; their worship and their outreach. And we continue to remember David Hollingsworth, Ian Thatcher and Nick Kirk. May Your Spirit give them and their families the strength they need to deal with each day.

**Community** - We also ask you to be with the folk of the Methodist congregation and Martin who leads them. Help them as they face a changing environment. Keep them focused on You and Your mission. We pray for the young people of Richmond, thanking you for their academic, sporting and social achievements and for their valuable contribution to our community. We ask for your protection and redirection for the tiny minority who appear to be lost or drifting.

**Our Parish** – Thank you for continuing progress with building plans and the unity we experience in this project. Thank you for the fun and friendship we enjoy together and for our picnic today. Today we pray for our staff team, thanking you for Susan, Jean, Yvonne, Carol, Catherine, and David. Be with them as they explore ways of working more effectively together using the strengths you have given them. We also thank you for the many volunteers who make this place hum. Keep us focused on Jesus' message and working in the Spirit's power in order to glory You, Loving Father.

**Special people in our church family** – We ask for your healing presence to be with Carol Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganah, Sonja, Pam Butler, Val Jordan, Ingrid Blackbeard, Eric Gaffa, Christopher and others we know. We also pray for the staff and residents of all the rest homes and villages in our area. Thank you for their contribution to our community.

## This Week...

### Monday 14 November

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 15 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. Frenghly)

### Wednesday 16 November

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

### Thursday 17 November

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Sunday 20 November

8.45am Morning Worship  
10.45am Holy Communion - led by Youth Band

## Coming up...

### 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*

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 27 November**

**Sunday 11 December**

**Morning Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

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

## Roster for 20 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> J Palmer	<b>10.45am</b> Youth Band
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> A Burrough, K South	<b>10.45am</b> S Jackett
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.45am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> A Burrough	<b>10.45am</b> TBA
<b>Tea:</b>	J & K South	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>8.45am</b> N/A	<b>10.45am</b> M Ross, N Pritchard, E/D Stanger
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Brosnahan	<b>Creche:</b> TBA

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Celebrating Aotearoa

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Psalm 136:1 – 9 and 25 – 26, Mark 4:26 - 34

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