



Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 November 2015



Theme: Glorious Hope
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:1 – 10, Luke 20:27 - 38

Sentence:

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive. - *Luke 20:38*

Prayer for the day:

Thank you heavenly Father for the truth in Jesus' prayer: "This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."
Thank you that we can receive the

abundant and eternal life that Jesus gives us daily! Help us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the light of eternity, each and every day.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



What does community look like?

Today we are thinking about resurrection of the body and the life to come. One of my Bible College lecturers talked about “pie in the sky by and by” in relation to the future. He would contrast that with the present; he called that ‘steak on the plate while we wait’.

It seems to me that the future is always influenced by the present. And that we are actively to prepare for the future in the here and now. I wonder how we do that? How are our lives together preparing for our shared future?

I don't know about you but I need others to help me. A few of us went to the Global Leadership Summit last Friday. One of the things we talked about was the blind spots you all have about yourselves. I don't have any ... that I am aware of. The things I am aware of are weaknesses. But I definitely don't have any blind spots.

You, of course, know all about my blind spots. Will you tell me about my blind spots? You will only tell me if you feel safe with me. So, how do we create a climate where you will tell me (thus helping me to grow)?

A big part of this kind of climate, or culture, is formed in actually knowing one another. Spending time together helps us to get to know one another. That time can be work time or social time or physically active time or? Worship time to be sure but our Sunday

worship is carried out in a parallel way. We are together but there is not always a lot of interaction.

One way of getting to know each other is hanging out together. As I write this I know that some of us will be going to Quinney's Bush to hang out this Saturday. Fun times help us to get to know each other.

Camps are a great way to get to know each other too! This summer there are two local (ish) camps that I am aware of. I am hoping to go to both. One is in Hanmer in January from 14 to 18 January. It is a great way to have a holiday, get to know others and grow in faith.

The other camp is a lot more accessible, being held at Kaiteriteri from 19 – 21 February. This latter one is organised by our Diocese and will also be a lot of fun. here is plenty of camping space and some bunk rooms and cabins. We can go for the day on Saturday or for the whole weekend. It would be wonderful if we could all go and get to know each other better.

It seems to me that genuine community is at least in part, a group of people who know each other well enough to point out blind spots. Getting to know each other takes time, energy, effort – but it is so worth it. I want to grow more like Jesus. And I so need your help.

Hoping we'll get to know each other well enough to do that – lovingly and honestly.

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. Catharine Barak 022 647 9810

Open Evening - Bishopdale Theological College. Monday 30 November 5.00pm-7.00pm Thinking of studying in 2016? 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

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm *Today* Sunday 15 November. Theme: Stargazers. For more info contact Tom or Lorna Ph. 541 0498

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Today Sunday 15 November - Messy Church

Sunday 29 November - Santa Parade

Sunday 20 December - Christmas Party

Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated.

Catherine 022 647 9810

The Lantern



Together
we can
*make it
happen!*

Building Fundraiser Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00
1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00

See Anne Askin
or Ph. 542 3284



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 spilling out from the Middle East, encourage all who seek to bring help as the winter approaches. Nearer to home we pray for Vanuatu, struggling to recover from cyclone Pam and now suffering drought; people are struggling to grow crops, water sources are drying up and people are surviving on meagre food handouts; hospital wards in Tanna are full of malnourished babies and their distraught mothers. Grant to Vanuatu strong, effective leadership at this time and may aid reach those most in need.

Mission Partners: This week we pray for Allan and Christine in Asia, as Christine has 160 new students this semester and Allan has a 10 week course with Cancer Hospital doctors from early November. Grant them wisdom and understanding as they counsel the students and married couples, some of whom have very deep needs. Help them as they encourage the Christian students in their discipleship walk.

Diocese: We pray today for Reefton Parish with Di Griffin; we give thanks that the maintenance work on St Stephen's is finally complete and paid for, with a small amount of money left in the maintenance trust account. We pray for the Reefton combined churches venture into Mainly Music, that this will prove fruitful in churches working together and blessing the area. Help them to bring the gospel of hope to this depressed area.

Local Community: We thank You for the ministry of Richmond Community Church with Ross and Yvonne Ferguson, grant guidance as they seek to expand the leadership team, and bless and encourage the youth ministry. May the meetings of the Top of the South AOG church leaders with the national leaders be a blessed and productive time. Grant renewed vision for what You are longing to do among them locally and nationally.

Our Parish: we pray Your guidance as preparations are being made for the Christmas lunch and other Christmas activities, including the Santa Parade. We thank You for Messy Church and pray Your wisdom, blessing and encouragement upon Tom and Lorna and the teams.

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. Please be with Phil and Beth Greep and other members of the Drummond family as they mourn Val's passing.

This Week...

Monday 16 November

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 17 November

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 18 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 19 November

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 22 November

9.00am Holy Communion*

10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 29 November

Richmond Christmas Parade

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 22 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Burrough

10.30am S Gill

Reader: 9.00am J McConachie P Jordan

10.30am S Jackett

Sidespeople: 9.00am J Lines

10.30am M Martin

Welcomer: 9.00am S Entwistle

10.30am K Thomson

G Mangelsdorf

Tea: N Thomas V McNaughton

Chalice: 9.00am S Frengley S Paine

10.30am N/A

Flowers: N Thomas

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Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 12:1-9, Acts 1:6-11, Rev 21: 22-Rev 22:2

Theme for Next Sunday: Blessed to be a blessing

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