



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 16 November 2014



**Theme:** Releasing the Kingdom  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Kevin Roberts  
**Readings:** Acts 19:8-20 Luke 10:1-24

**Sentence:**

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. *1 Corinthians 4:20*

**Prayer for the day:**

All powerful God, we pray for your Kingdom to come on earth. Thank you that your Word dwells in us richly. Thank you, that you give us faith, to believe all things are possible with you. Help us to listen to you and to obey you when you tell us to act. Help us to trust you al

ways, and to work with your Holy Spirit, to release your Kingdom here and abroad. Use us as your agents, however unworthy we feel. Use us in small and in powerful, mind-blowing, ways. We, your people, ask these things in the mighty name of Jesus. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Releasing the Kingdom**

Our guest speakers, Kevin and Anne Roberts, have described God's Kingdom as:

- within us
- coming in the future when Jesus comes back again to the earth
- and around us in the world.

The Lord is in the business of transforming us by the power of his Spirit, not just so we can be better people, but so that we can work more effectively in releasing his Kingdom here on earth.

What a privilege it is to be part of this. The Kingdom is primarily released when we are out in God's World, rather than hiding in the church. Over the last week we've been considering all the contacts we have in the community.

I wonder how many people you connect with each day. Have you ever listed them all? Family, neighbours, shop staff, work colleagues, friends, people in our social groups and clubs, our doctor and other professionals – what a wonderful list we each have, of opportunities to show God's love.

Each one of us has far more influence than we often think.

Let's be very intentional about exerting that influence for the expansion of God's Kingdom. If we begin each day asking the Lord to alert us to the opportunities we have, we are more likely to see those opportunities. If we ask him to help us to do what he wants with those opportunities, we are more likely to act on them. If we ask him to give us words that connect with the people we come across, we are more likely to speak those words.

Releasing the Kingdom is probably not about doing a whole lot more than we are already doing. It is probably more about simply making the most of what we already have, while being open to new contacts and new relationships.

At the AGM before last, Simon Martin asked us "What do you have in your hand?" What connections do you already have? How would the Lord like to strengthen and enhance those connections? What conversations might the Lord be asking you to initiate? How does he want to release the Kingdom through you and I; and through our church?

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.*

**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 this Tuesday 18 November. All Welcome. Koha Entry.

**Bible interpretation** - Owen is running again the three week series on he did earlier this year on biblical interpretation at Margaret Silke's home group beginning this Tuesday 18 November. Contact Margaret if you are keen to come along. Ph. 544 7448

## Nine Lessons and Carols Service

7.00pm Sunday 7 December

Church on the Hill

Holy Trinity Choir

With Special Guests

Richmond Primary

School Choir



### 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 pray for the decision by China and the USA to reduce pollution, knowing that there are complex challenges ahead for them. We pray that all people will see the benefits in treating our world kindly and responsibly and we also pray that those finding cleaner energy sources will succeed.

**Our Nation:** We pray for regional centres who continue to face many challenges to attract people and growth to their towns. We think of Air NZ's decision to pull out of some areas and other struggles these communities face.

**Our Mission Partners:** We continue to pray for the Corin Family and their commitment in Asia. We give thanks for their dedication and service and ask that they will have all the support they need to serve you well. Again we pray for the children, that this experience will enrich their lives tremendously.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for the Bishopdale Theological College and give thanks for another year completed. We pray that they will continue to grow in strength, serving all those wanting to learn more about Faith. We pray for the staff and supporters giving thanks for the special gift this ministry is to us.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for the Catholic Church and the various parishes around the area. We give thanks for a better relationship between denominations and pray that all churches can work together better to serve you.

**Our Church:** We pray for the ministry of Lunch on the Hill and the important social, physical and spiritual provision it gives for people in our community. We give thanks for the Garden Trail, especially all those who helped organise it. We remember the family of Rex Senior who died this week.

**Those in Special Need:** Franz, Ingrid, Luke, George, Carole, Noel, Wendy, Grant, 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...

### Monday 17 November

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

### Tuesday 18 November

9.00am Prayer  
10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)  
11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 19 November

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

### Thursday 20 November

9.00am Prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Friday 21 November

9.00am Prayer

### Sunday 23 November

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
10.30am Praise on the Hill\*  
4.00pm Messy Church

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 7 December

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service

*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

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### Roster for 23 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

**Leader:** 9.00am J Burrough

**10.30am** A Sardella

**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

**10.30am** N/A

**Flowers:** M Reynolds

**Brass:** M Gibson

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24, Matthew 25:31 – 43

**Theme for Next Sunday:** The Biased Kingdom

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### Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm