



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 9 December 2018



**Theme:** Prepare the Way  
**Priest in Charge:** Ian Smith  
**Preacher:** Jean Palmer  
**Readings:** Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:1-6

**Sentence:**

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.”  
- *Luke 3:4*

**Prayer for the day:**

Almighty God,  
you sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son;  
grant that those who proclaim your word may so

guide our feet into the way of peace, that we  
may stand with confidence before him when he  
comes in his glorious kingdom; through Jesus  
Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

**Christmas Giving** - Over the Christmas evening services and on Christmas Day we have had a tradition over the years to donate money given at these services to charity. Following Micah Did-Dell's talk in November about the House of Bread Church in Bethlehem and their generous gift of olive wood communion cups, Vestry felt it was appropriate to support the House of Bread Church with these special offerings over Christmas, when our thoughts are already on Bethlehem.

**Rosters** - A big thank you to everyone who has served us in the past year. Please could you check the lists at the back of the church and indicate by a tick or a cross whether or not you wish to continue serving February - July 2019. If you are not sure at the moment just put a question mark. Thank you. Jean Palmer

**Lessons and Carols** - Next Sunday 16 December 7.00pm in the Church.

**Carol singing around the parish** - Tuesday 18 December. Meet at church at 6.30pm. There is a list at the back of the church for you to fill in if you would like to be part of this as a singer or guitar player or could provide us with a couple of flower posies or little packs of biscuits. We will meet back at the church for some supper afterwards. If you know some one who would appreciate a visit please put their name on the sheet also or contact Jan South Ph 544 8413.

**Honey** - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

**Church open for Prayer** - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

**Church Property** - Please check with Anne Askin if you want to remove or place anything in the Church. Phone 542 3284

**Convergence Family Camp** - 15-17 February 2019 at Bethany Park, Kaiteriteri Beach. The theme is *Information* with speaker Spanky Moore. Register - Online: [www.stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence-camp](http://www.stbarnabas.co.nz/convergence-camp) or Mail: PO Box 2514 Stoke Nelson 7041. Brochures at back of church.

**Christingle Service** - Next Sunday. A short, child friendly Christmas service. Come and learn the symbolism and history of the Christingle. A great opportunity to invite your friends and family. See you there for some fun and treats.

**Children and Families** - Do you have a passion for sharing the gospel with children? Do you desire to help families progress in life and faith? We want to provide an opportunity for you to work out your gifts. Our church needs the right person to work with children and families in our community. Depending on the giftings of the person appointed, the job description will be adapted but it will include teaching of children. Because this will be a 15-20 hour a week position, we can work in with Bishopdale Theological College to arrange an internship so that you can study as well as work. Please send your CV and a covering letter to [church.onhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:church.onhill@xtra.co.nz) or post to 27 Dorset Street, Richmond 7020 asap.

**Seniors Coordinator** - Is working with our seniors a job for you? Our Priest in Charge and Wardens are seeking expressions of interest from anyone amongst our congregation who might be interested in helping us coordinate our ministry to seniors. The Revd Yvonne Smyth, who resigns her position on 20 December, has effectively carried out this work and we need to try and replace her. The employment details would be worked out in conjunction with the expertise any interested party might bring. If this rouses any interest in you please get in touch with Revd Ian Smith by phone (021 02743043) or email ([ian1217@icloud.com](mailto:ian1217@icloud.com)) by the 21st December 2018. Thanks!

**Flower arranging roster** - It's that time of the year again. There are 2 vacancies from last years Roster. Please... if anyone is at all interested in arranging flowers, do talk to me about joining our small team. Brenda Page 5445872

**Lunch on the Hill** - We had a fabulous finale for the year on Dec 5th. Thanks to the amazing teams we have. We are always looking for new members for our teams. If you feel called to this ministry, please speak to Yvonne who is here until 20 December.

**Wensley House Ministry** - Jan South and David Day do an amazing job at Wensley House. Unlike the other rest homes we have a service there every week. If you feel called to this ministry please speak to Yvonne asap as I need to get the new roster out before I leave.

**Time Capsule** - Any photos or items to go in the Time capsule can be left at the office.

## Prayers for the Week

**World** – We pray for Yemen, after nearly four years of civil war, where an estimated 8 million people are on the brink of famine. Bless the efforts of all who seek to bring peace, especially for success for the UN initiative for peace talks in Stockholm which have now begun.

We pray for Christians in the Middle East whose plight has recently been highlighted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Prince Charles. We thank you for those who have returned to parts of Iraq where they were forced out by ISIS, help them to rebuild their communities and grant them political stability. We pray for the Christian refugees from the conflicts in the Middle East that you will provide safe havens for them.

**Missions** – We pray for the H family. Thank you that the weather has become somewhat cooler. Thank you for the contacts that have been made with other women working in this area. Help N to adjust to his new oversight responsibilities within the team and help the group of artisans to quickly adapt to the changed situation. Encourage the children in their schooling and help them to make good friends.

**Diocese** – We pray for the Victory Church with Greg and Jacqui Holmes and their team. Help them to discern their mission priorities for next year as they seek to bring the light of your gospel to their needy and diverse community. Bless their Christmas services and may those visiting be touched by God and be brought into a closer walk with Him. Encourage their work with the local Victory Community Centre.

**Local area** – Today we pray for the work of Spring Grove Church of Christ. Bless the eldership team and help them so see how the church can become relevant to the community around it, with meaningful connections with the people. We thank you that they provide funding for the medical centre to cover those who cannot afford care and have a food bank. Grant them an expansion in numbers to further your work in this area.

**Parish** – We continue to pray that the person of your choice will hear your clear call to be the next vicar of this church. Guide Bishop Richard and the nominators as they seek your will for the future of the leadership of this church and for the diocese as a whole as it seeks a new bishop. We thank you for Yvonne and all the work she has done as Seniors' Worker. Help the church to put in place adequate pastoral care for our seniors after she leaves. Raise up someone to take Yvonne's place in this important area of our parish's work.

We thank you Carol and her helpers with Friends 'n Fun, help them to make a real difference in the lives of the children and parents.

We thank you for progress on the new building and ask your blessing on further funding applications that have been submitted to reduce our financial shortfall.

For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray particularly for those who mourn the loss of close family. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## **This Week...**

### **Monday 10 December**

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun

### **Tuesday 11 December**

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)  
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

### **Wednesday 12 December**

10.00am Reflective Service

### **Thursday 13 December**

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)

### **Sunday 16 December**

10.00am Christingle Combined Holy Communion  
7.00pm Lessons and Carols

## **Coming up...**

### **Tuesday 18 December**

6.30pm - 8.30pm Carols around the parish

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 9 December** Holy Communion

**Sunday 23 December** 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 16 December - Thank you for serving us all!**

**Leader:** 10.00am J Palmer  
**Reader:** 10.00am A Burrough, L Summerfield  
**Sidesperson** 10.00am M Gibson  
**Welcomer:** 10.00am N Pritchard  
**Chalice:** 10.00am J Palmer, N Pritchard, L & T Summerfield  
**Tea:** A Burrough, V Matthews  
**Flowers:** TBA **Crèche** G Thomson

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Christ Will Come

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Zephaniah3:14-20, Luke 3:7-18

### **Parish Contacts**

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**Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm