



Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 November 2015



Theme: Alienation
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Micah Did-Dell
Readings: Genesis 4:1 - 16, John 2, 13 - 22

First Sunday of Advent Prayer:

Lord of all, remind us of the things that are truly important. Come to this world, come to us, come to all people and bring the friendship that few expect but everyone needs. **Amen.**

Sentence: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.

- Luke 1:78 - 79

Prayer for the day:

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts, and smooth the paths made rough by sin, neglect and abandonment. Keep our hearts watchful for your coming; that we might be changed more into your likeness, and

in being changed may be more compassionate to those around us. Fill us with your Spirit's grace and mercy, we pray through him whose coming is certain, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



I know everyone hates rosters but we don't have the time to ring around every single time we need a helper. So

Safety Issues

As a church, we want to be the best employer of paid staff and the best supporter of volunteers. I reckon we ought to set the standard for keeping everyone safe while allowing freedom for growth and development.

Some Vestry members and I recently attended a Diocesan training event on new government legislation and how it impacts us. Whew! This could all be overwhelming but we just start where we are and move towards improved safety one step at a time.

Two very important ministry areas where we need to improve are those of Kidz Church and in crèche. Catherine is doing a fabulous job in Kidz Church and the crèche team are too – that is not the point.

The point is that we need to have two adults in each area, every time we offer this ministry. (We offer this ministry every Sunday except the third Sunday when there is Messy Church.) One child just has to be upset or need toileting or something and the other children are left unattended. This is not good enough.

We need Kidz Church parents to be on the roster about twice a term. That is around every 6 weeks. We'd also like others to offer once a term.

All the crèche parents are already rostered on so we need others to offer to help too please.

Please contact Catherine Barak for Kidz Church - Ph. 541 0854 / jcebarak@gmail.com and Sandy Milligan for crèche - Ph. 544 7132 / sandymilligan10@hotmail.com.

If notice anything that is not safe please let David know in the office. It could be something to do with property or our practice.

I'm very grateful to Les Milligan who is working with me to make us the best we can be in this area. We do need someone to head up the safety charge though. This kind of work takes me right away from where I need to be; in terms of ministry and using my spiritual gift.

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.

Budget Service - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get in touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin to find out more.

Picnic-Praise Concert - A family picnic and concert in the Washbourn Gardens today Sunday 29 November from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Note that this is not a church service, but it is the first of four concerts that have been sanctioned by the TDC to be held between now and Easter and is purely an opportunity to join with others in our community for a relaxed time of fellowship in an atmosphere of entertainment and praise.

Graduation - Micah is graduating! Bishopdale Theological College invite you to join with them for the 2015 Graduation Ceremony. Friday 11 December 2015 at 7:00pm at Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson followed by supper. If you would like to attend, we are carpooling – meeting at the church at 6:20pm. Queries to Fran Martin: 548 8785 or office@bishopdale.ac.nz

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

The Lantern



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we can
*make it
happen!*

**Building Fundraiser
Honey is now available**
500gms \$7.00
1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00
See Anne Askin



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. Give wisdom to world leaders as they grapple with the issue of Islamic terrorism, help them to see how we can maintain a free and open society yet preserve innocent lives from acts of terrorism. Grant Your guidance and overruling at the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Paris, that leaders may be bold to do what is right and good for all the peoples of this earth, not just their own electorates; may this conference be a real turning point for global climate change policy. Help all of us to see our own responsibility as we live our lives in this fragile and interconnected earth.

Mission Partners: This week we pray for the Sussex family in Cambodia, bless Phil's dental work and Becky's teaching role; encourage and strengthen the cross-cultural leadership team at the Church of Christ our Peace in Phnom Penn, especially as they prepare for the construction of a new larger building in 2016, with the ethical issues associated with construction in a corrupt environment.

Diocese: we pray today for the Parish of Havelock and the Sounds with Chris and Susanne Donaldson; we give You thanks for 7 new young families at St Marks Rai Valley over the last year, and for a tangible sense of Your presence in their midst, may that extend to a spiritual revival throughout the Parish. We pray especially for a breakthrough in the village of Havelock and for spiritual and physical protection on Chris and Susanne in all their travelling around the extensive parish.

Local Community: we thank You for the local ministry of the Lutheran Church with Pastor Chris Janetzki, help them as they prepare for Christmas and help them to see in greater measure what You are wanting to do among them and with them as a church in their communities.

Our Parish: we pray Your guidance as preparations are being made for the Christmas lunch and other Christmas activities. Bless the children and the helpers this morning on the Santa Parade, may their presence be a powerful witness to Your unfailing goodness and love. We continue to thank you in anticipation of your provision for the Lantern as we aim to start building later next year.

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, Peter and others we know, for Lucas a work colleague of a lady who came into the church on Monday; and for the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish. May Your grace, mercy and peace be with them.

This Week...

Monday 30 November

7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 1 December

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 2 December

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.00am Wednesday Service
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)

Thursday 3 December

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

Sunday 6 December

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*
7.00pm Taizé Service

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

- Refer to sheet in Pewsnews

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 6 December *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am A Sardella /Youth Band
Reader:	9.00am A Heslop, D Eyles	10.30am M Martin
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am L Blackmore
Tea:	E Erskine, S Raj Devi	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne, E Erskine	10.30am V McNaughton, C Robinson, H Thomson
Flowers:	A Burrough	Creche: L Arrandale, L Gower

Readings for Next Sunday: 9am - Philippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6 **10.30am** - Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

Theme for Next Sunday: Setting prisoners free

Parish Contacts

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