



Church on the Hill

Sunday 24 January 2016



Theme: Priorities
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Nehemiah 8:1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10*, Luke 4:14 – 21

Sentence:

I have seen it myself, and bear witness, that this is the chosen One of God.

- *John 1:34*

Prayer for the day:

May we reveal your life to all the world.
May we no longer be your servants but
know your will and be your friends. You

give us your life, may we be worthy of it;
you give us yourself, may we embody
you. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Receiving and giving

I am not into karma but do understand (and try to live) the ways of sowing and reaping as Jesus taught:

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”
- Luke 6:38

In my time in our parish I have seen a great deal of generosity practiced. I've seen people give and receive – sometimes in miraculous ways.

I praise God for the people who have given to me. Possibly the most beneficial has been when folk have shared the benefit of their experience and wisdom. Hopefully I have been able to impart something to others too. I'm grateful for the many opportunities I have to receive from others and to give to others outside our parish too.

On February 19 – 21 we have an opportunity to receive. It is our annual Diocesan camp held at Kaiteriteri. Our Bishop and others will be

offering valuable Biblical input to us. The camp is also a great opportunity to hang out with each other. Saturday afternoon is completely free. My hope is that you will all come! Brochures are available at the back of church.

We also have a great opportunity to give. We are going to spend the weekend in Westport – kind of a short mission trip really! We will be painting the outside of the Granity church on the Saturday and having input into their Sunday services at Westport.

Westport and the Buller have really suffered economically last year, and that is set to continue this year as the Cement Works is scheduled to close. We want to encourage Steve Wockner and the church folk there. We want to them to know that our Diocesan church family cares about them and wants to bless them.

This will be another opportunity for rich fellowship also. We'll spend time together and with the Buller folk. Accommodation will depend on how many come but we hope to get a good number. Please contact me for more info.

God bless your sowing and reaping in 2016 and always,

Susan

Church Flower Roster 2016 - Can you help? Unfortunately we have lost 2 of our arrangers and wonder is there is any women or men - maybe you are new to our Church - interested in flowers who would like to join us. It need not be onerous; if when it's your turn, you are unable to do them for any reason we have our silk flowers which can be used. If you are remotely interested do please have a chat with myself or Susan (our Vicar). Thank you. Brenda Page Ph. 544 5872.

Christmas Dinner - Thanks to all those who contributed to the Christmas Dinner. Over 130 people enjoyed the dinner, sang carols and competed in a Christmas quiz. Kay.

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.

Ride The Rainbow – The Bible Society's sponsored fund raising bike ride through the Rainbow Valley to Hanmer will be held on Saturday 20 February. You are invited to participate in either the social group or faster group and you can ride as an individual or share a bike with others. For more information or registration forms please contact – Ross Borlase 03 544 7352 (rhborlase@gmail.com) or Alex Johnston 03 544 6378 (alex.lynne@ts.co.nz). Registrations close on Sunday 31 January.

To Rent - 3 bedroom home with lovely gardens in Richmond. Please contact Claire Newman 927 5278 or 021 148 1777 for further details.

Children - A toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Our children's programme starts again 10.30am on Sunday 14 February.

 <p>The Lantern</p>	<p>Together we can make it happen!</p>	<p>Building Fundraiser Honey is now available 500gms \$7.00 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin</p>	
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Prayers for the Month

Our World - For places of war that they will find peace, places of disaster that they will find hope, places of need that they will find satisfaction places of good that they will rejoice. May your Kingdom come on earth as in heaven.

Our Church - For a new year of possibilities, help your Church to reach greater potential in seeking your Kingdom on earth. We pray for our Bishop Richard and his leadership.

Our Parish - Help us as a parish to begin this New Year faithfully and with enthusiasm.

We Remember - All those facing difficult times with ill health, uncertainty, anxiety and pain. May they know your comfort, peace and hope we earnestly pray.

Reflection Questions

- What priorities has the Lord set before you in 2016?
- Our mission statement is: Following Jesus; Building Community. Which part of 'building community' is your priority for 2016? Strengthening the church community or reaching out to the wider community?
- When you read Jesus mission in Luke 4:18 – 19, how does that fit with your existing priorities?
- Do any of them need to be re-thought?

This Week...

Monday 25 January

9.00am Church open for Prayer

Wednesday 27 January

10.00am Wednesday Service

Sunday 31 January

9.00am Holy Communion*

10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Friday 19 February - Sunday 21 February

Convergence Camp at Bethany Park Kaiteriteri.

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 10 January

Holy Communion

Sunday 24 January

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 31 January *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Palmer	10.30am J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am S Entwistle, J Payne	10.30am J Sardella
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am E Erskine	10.30am M Ross
Tea:	F & J Murbach	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	B Page	Creche: N/A

Readings for Next Sunday: Neh 8:1-8 (KJV), Matt:21:23-27 (any contemporary version – NIV, GNB), Mark 7:1-13 (Kiwi Bible pg. 37-38.)

Theme for Next Sunday: Changing lives, one reader at a time

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