



Church on the Hill

Sunday 20 December 2015



Theme: Living Justly
Vicar: A Holy Life
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

Fourth 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 holiness that few expect but everyone needs. **Amen.**

Sentence:

You heavens above rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up.
- Isaiah 45:8

Prayer for the day:

Holy God, you are faithful and true. Make us eager with expectation, as we look for the fulfilment of your promise in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



...and her achieving her second certificate in Bible study.



Emmanuel – God with us!

One of the most wonderful aspects of Christmas is the reminder that Jesus became one of us – ‘moved into the neighbourhood’, as the Message puts it. He came to us as a human being – he came to all human beings to bring us life in all its fullness.

We know this – what does it mean for us here and now?

To me it means welcoming each person into our midst – offering Christ’s love and acceptance. Each person is made in God’s image. Each person has something to offer us and the community.

Some highlights this year:



Tom and Lorna taking over the leadership of Messy Church and welcoming new families.



Celebrating Sonya’s birthday with her

The privilege of taking funerals: being with families to help with the grieving process, to honour God and the departed. Ministering with fantastic people like Jane.



Seeing Micah graduate with his B. Theol.



There are too many others to mention in this brief article. What has stood out for me though has been the all-inclusive love of Christ. He welcomes each one and works with us; enabling us to be the people we are called to be.

None of us is worthy – least of all me. Yet I am challenged afresh to allow his work in me and his ministry through me. And I am challenged to welcome each one in the same way.

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Learning together in love,

Susan

2016 Christmas Appeal - This year we are supporting Tear Fund with our Christmas giving.

New Year Morning Teas - The popular weekly morning teas will be held again in January 2016. Details are on the flyer in this pews news so that you can put it on your fridge for reference. A social event for all.

Church Flower Roster 2016 - Can you help? Unfortunately we have lost 2 of our arrangers and wonder is there 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 Food - There is a list of foods required at the back of the church so if you are able to supply any items please put your name by them and the quantity you can supply. I will be at both services today, so please feel free to talk to me about any questions you might have. 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.

Volunteers Wanted - Church cleaning January. Please contact Susan Gill if you can help.

Vicar's Leave - Susan Gill is on leave from Saturday 26 December until Tuesday 12 January From Wednesday 13 January until Tuesday 19 January Susan is participating in further professional development. Her first work day is Wednesday 20 January 2016. For all urgent matters during Susan's absence please contact the Vicar's Warden Marie Tilley Ph. 544 5173.

 <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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	<p>Children's Programme</p> <p>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.</p>
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Prayers for the Week

God's World: We pray for the world and bring to mind the countries and people in hardship, strife and without food or warmth. We pray for the heads of government throughout the world as they strive to deal with climate change and work towards peace where there is conflict. We especially pray for Christians everywhere in the world that they may reach out to others and spread the Good News.

Mission Partners: We ask that you bring joy and comfort to our all our partners in mission, especially the Corrin Family, as they minister to everyone they are working with. May they be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus and freely enjoy the joy of the season with friends.

Diocese: We continue to pray for the Clergy of the Diocese who are suffering illness and strife, as Bishop Richard has requested. Please bring healing and peace to your servants. We pray Richard and Kaye Dyer and all who worship in the Picton Parish. May they all be blessed and know God's love for them.

Local Community: This week we pray for Donald Irvine at the Hope Community Church. We give thanks for all who praise God there. May the blessings of God be among them.

Our Parish: We give thanks for the Carol service with the Richmond School choir. For the singing around the community and the Lunch on the Hill. May it continue to grow. We pray for The Community Christmas Lunch. For those who organise and serve and those who attend. May they feel blessed by God. We pray and ask God for a Senior's worker as well as a Youth Worker for the coming year.

Those in need within our own church family: Loving God we continue to pray for George and Bev, Carole Burke, Lisa, Fiona, Linda, Bill, John Barnes and Joan. All others known to us who need our prayers at this time. We pray for the hospitals and rest home in our area may the people and staff there receive Gods blessings. May your grace mercy and peace be with them. We remember at this time the families of May and Averil. Comfort them in their loss we pray. We give thanks for all our answered prayers loving God.

This Week...

Wednesday 23 December Christmas Eve
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 24 December Christmas Eve
11:30 pm Christmas Eve Carols & Communion

Friday 25 December Christmas Day
8.00am Reflective Communion service
9:30am Family Communion and Carol Service
11.30am Community Christmas Dinner

Sunday 27 December
9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

- Refer to sheet in Pewsnews

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 13 December Holy Communion
Sunday 27 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 27 December *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am L Salton, E Kimberley	10.30am S Dossman, A Krammer
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am A Webb	10.30am S Milligan
Tea:	G Bevernage	
Chalice:	9.00am S Frengley, S Paine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	R Armstrong	Creche: N/A

Readings for Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 7:3-14, Matthew 6:25-33, Jude 1-4, 24-25

Theme for Next Sunday: God's Provision

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