



Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 January 2017



Theme: The Box of Delights
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: John Palmer
Readings: Psalm 119:9-24, Romans 7:21-8:11

Sentence:

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?"

- *Matthew 21:42*

Prayer for the day:

Loving God, you are faithful and true to your Word; both your written Word and your spoken Word. We come today to hear and to learn from you. And we recognise that this day is one day out of our week. Each and every day please help us to value and prioritise time spent

reading and listening to your Word. Give us ears to hear as you speak to us the things we need to know. Through the written word, and the spoken word, may we know your Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Handling Conflict Positively

A couple of Sundays ago we talked about Healthy Relationships. One relevant verse of Scripture I mentioned was Romans 12:18. "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

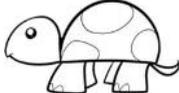
We used that as a caveat in that it isn't always possible to resolve conflict and to have healthy relationships with everyone. Both parties in a relationship need to be willing to make that relationship work.

However I don't want to use that verse as a copout. Paul makes it very clear how we are supposed to handle conflict within the church:

If a believer does something wrong, go, confront that person when the two of you are alone. If they listen to you, you have won back that believer. - *Matthew 18:15*

That is sound advice. If we did that more often and spoke less frequently to others (I'm talking to myself here too), our relationships would be healthier.

However we need to prayerfully consider how to go to the other person. Good - but how do we approach them? The following conflict styles may help you identify your natural style and to work on developing the strengths you have:



The 'turtle' conflict style is about avoidance; trying to avoid unpleasantness, being happy to participate in some aspects of a community but hiding when

conflict appears. There are some conflicts that ought to be avoided temporarily though; either because they are trivial or because we are not able to deal with them constructively right now.



The 'teddy bear' approach to conflict is accommodating, cooperative but not assertive. Teddy bears may give in to what others want and refrain from expressing their own needs. Teddy bears can communicate effectively

because they are usually loved by others. The

Apostle Paul compromised when it came to relationships:

I become all things to all people so that I might by any means win some. - *1 Corinthians 9:22*



A 'fox' conflict style is compromising. It might involve 'splitting the difference'; or trying to find a middle ground, giving up something in order to gain what is more important. We need to be careful about ensuring we live the way Jesus wants us to live.



The Shark's approach to conflict is competitive and not cooperative. There are always winners and losers. The Shark feels they must win. When fighting for someone else or when an injustice has occurred, the Shark-style can be useful. Sharks will benefit from learning to fight fairly.



People with an 'owl' conflict style are collaborative. They assert themselves in cooperating with others, recognise the needs of others and actively look for a solution that benefits both parties. Owls are very good at 'win-win'. This style can be very time consuming so isn't always effective when quick decisions need to be made.

Avoiding stirring up conflict for its own sake is essential. The great 'love' chapter was written to help Christians get along with each other.

Faith, hope and love abide and the greatest of these is love. - *1 Corinthians 13:13*

Choosing from a range of conflict styles, depending on the circumstances, enables us to utilise conflict for the greater good. And we all grow when conflict is worked through positively.

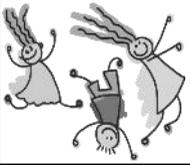
Learning together in love,

Susan

*I'm not sure who came up with this info originally. It's been added to and developed by several people including Tony Campolo and Mary Albert Darling in their book, **Communicating Like Jesus**.*

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Mondays (except public holidays) from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. Coffee and prayer. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

Convergence Camp - Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February. Bishop Justin Duckworth from Wellington is keynote speaker. Registration forms at the back of the church.



= KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 29 January - God's gifts to us!

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church. Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

Praise In The Park Picnic Concert - Washbourn Gardens 5.00pm-7:30pm today. Free Bouncy Castle, face and fingernail painting BYO Picnic. Several Spot Prizes. One lucky family will a Family Portrait Package valued at \$450.00 Music by several local church groups and artists. Sponsored by Richmond Community Church

Study at BTC in 2017 - This is the last week to enrol for semester 1, registrations close 3 February. New this semester are our Level 4 courses – they're great for people who are new to study (or haven't studied in a while), but are keen to learn more about God. Join us for 'Encountering the Bible' on Thursday mornings, and learn about the story of Scripture. Or, if you work fulltime and can only do an evening class, why not try 'New Testament Intro', running on a Monday night. Non-formal enrolments are just \$225 a semester (and you don't have to do assignments!) Alternatively, enrol as a formal student, and work towards a qualification. See www.bishopdale.ac.nz or contact Kate at registrar@bishopdale.ac.nz with any questions, or to enrol.

Divorce Care Course - Do you know someone who is going through or recovering from divorce? The Divorce Care course is being offered again this year starting at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 February at Richmond Church of Christ. This is faith based and non-denominational. For registration and further details please contact divorce-carenn@gmail.com or txt 027 419 3035.

Prayers for the Week

God's World - Creator and Sustainer of life, we pray for your good earth. We ask that you help us to find ways to slow Climate Change so that our descendants may live and enjoy the beauty we do. We pray for peace and understanding to develop where there is currently war and conflict especially between Syria and Iraq, Turkey, Yemen, Sahel and the Lake Chad basin in North West Africa and others. Help the UN make wise decisions and enable other governments to co-operate with them.

Our local community - Thank you for those who give their time voluntarily and on a paid basis for the betterment of our community. We pray for our Mayor and Council in the complicated decisions they have to make about water-provision among other things.

Mission - Thank you that Murray and Fey Cotter have arrived safely in New Zealand. Please give them rest and relaxation with family and friends among all the busy speaking engagements they have. In our own outreach into Richmond and Waimea, we ask that you help us to be good friends to those you have placed in our lives.

Christ's Church - We pray for Bishop Richard and the staff at the Anglican Centre as they take up the reigns of governance and support for our churches again. Please protect them from physical, spiritual and emotional harm and provide satisfaction in their work. As we think of Convergence coming up soon, we ask that you help Bishop Justin and the organisers in their preparation. May this Diocesan camp be life-giving for many. We remember the Catholic Church as the Cardinal inducts Merrill Mitchell as Lay Pastoral Worker for the top of the South. Please bless Victoria Askin and the Spring Creek Parish at her induction this afternoon.

Our parish - Remind us that we are loved by you; much more than we are often aware of. May this awareness overflow into our interactions with each other so that the community knows us by the way we love each other as well as by the way we reach out. Thank you for our new building team. Thank you for Vestry and our leaders. We pray for each one of them and for Susan too. Protect us from self-satisfaction and a false sense of contentment even as we enjoy you and each other. Remind us often of your love for those on the fringes and those in the wider community. We especially pray for your healing presence to be with Peter Bean, Carol Burke, Ellie, Pam Butler, Sonja and others we know.

This Week...

Monday 30 January

Nelson Anniversary Holiday

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 31 January

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Wednesday 1 February

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 2 February

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 5 February

8.45am Holy Communion*

10.45am Holy Communion*

*Morning Tea between services in the Hall

Coming up...

Monday 6 February

Waitangi Day Holiday

Tuesday 7 February

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 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 12 February

Holy Communion

Sunday 26 February

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 5 February - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader: 8.45am J South

10.45am A Sardella

Reader: 8.45am A Heslop, D Eyles

10.45am M Martin

Sidespeople: 8.45am B Page

10.45am TBA

Welcomer: 8.45am J Lines

10.45am TBA

Tea: E Erskine, G Thomas

Chalice: 8.45am B Payne, E Erskine

10.45am V McNaughton, H Thomson

E/D Stanger

Flowers: A Heslop

Creche: N/A

Theme for Next Sunday: Justice for All

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 58:1 – 12, Matthew 5:13 - 20

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