



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 February 2017



**Theme:** Justice for all  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Isaiah 58:1 – 12, Matthew 5:13 – 20

**Sentence:**

Feed the hungry! Help those in trouble! Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you shall be as bright as day.

- Isaiah 58:10

**Prayer for the day:**

Ka inoi tatou, ever-living God, from whom all rangatiratanga (sovereignty) comes, you led the Maori people and many others to find their home in Aotearoa. As we strive to fulfil our destiny together, heal the wounds of our past,

draw together in justice and aroha all who call this land their own. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever  
**Amene.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



ideas and insights – whether that be occasionally or perhaps God is calling you to join the team. Feel free to contact any one of us.

Our aims for the page are three fold:

- To lift the profile of our church in a positive way
- To promote churches working together and to highlight initiatives of other churches
- To prod our culture and the often unexamined values held

Underlying each of these aims is our hope that people heart's will be softened to Christ's Gospel. Who knows? Maybe this page will be a step in people's journeys towards Jesus. That would be awesome!

I also want to thank Vestry for being brave enough to take the huge financial risk initially involved. When we began with the venture our finances were not at break-even point. And I want to thank those who have donated monies towards the cost of approx. \$550 a month. This year we have one donor who has paid for nine issues and two others who have paid for an issue each.

The glory goes to God who has honoured us and brings honour to God's own name through this page. Please pray for it and for the "Just a Thought" that various ministers write for the Waimea Weekly. May we all cause people to think about faith, about life and culture, and to become more like the image of Christ as a result.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

### Good News

Did you know that our monthly Waimea Weekly has been going for 3 years? Over those years our Church's profile has grown significantly in our wider community. For the year or so I kept a record of feedback we received and practical outcomes reported. Here are some of them:

- 6 new people to youth group
- 2 people came to our Trinity breakfast
- 2 adults and their children came to Friends 'n Fun
- A Tree abseiling company offering the use of their bucket truck to help paint the crosses on St Albans church
- Several from other churches commented that it's positive for the wider community to see an active and alive church
- Several were impressed with the Lunches

I want to thank Fiona Summerfield who edits the page for us so capably. A different word or emphasis often changes the whole page for good. Karl Summerfield is our graphic artist – he makes us look good. Shiona Frengley is a team member who often has ideas completely outside the box – in a good way. Lorraine Leonard is also a team member – often spotting the mistakes the rest of us miss, and compiling the 'What's On' column. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute

**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.

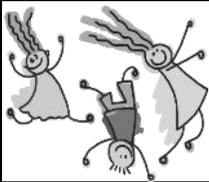
**Convergence Camp** - Friday 17 February - Sunday 19 February. Bishop Justin Duckworth from Wellington is keynote speaker. Registration forms at the back of the church.

**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](mailto:divorce-carenn@gmail.com) or txt 027 419 3035.

**Tea and Talk** - 10.00am this Wednesday 8 February at Richmond Seniors Clubrooms, behind Age Concern, 62 Oxford Street. \$3 for a lovely morning tea and good company.

**Ticking the Boxes Seminar** - 12.00pm Wednesday 15 February. *Staying in Your Home*, a demonstration of home aids to make life easier and a talk about home help options, also someone from the Hearing Association will have a display. Please come and invite your friends and neighbours. As this seminar is here in our hall, we will be providing the finger food lunch, thanks to those who have offered to provide food, I will be in touch soon, if you are able to bring a plate I would be most grateful. I also need some preserves for a gift for our speakers. Is there anyone who can provide jams, chutney, etc? Many thanks, Yvonne

**Lunch on the Hill** - Resumes 11.30am next Tuesday 7 February. All Welcome. Bring a friend. Koha entry



## = KIDS' CHURCH CALENDAR =

**Today Sunday 5 February - Activities at back of church**

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

**Cafe Connection** - 10:30am Thursday 16 February at the Wooden Spoon café. All Welcome.

**Women with Focus Seminar** - Friday 3 March and Saturday 4 March 2017 at Picton Anglican Church. Women with Focus is an interdenominational ministry that has been operating in the Top of the South since 2000 mainly in the Nelson region. This is our third event in Marlborough. Our vision is to create unique opportunities for women to take time out with God; to worship, to be challenged and inspired and to experience God's power at work in their lives. Registration Forms at the back of the church. For more info contact Kaye Dyer Phone (03)573 6466 or email: [kaye@mightymessage.com](mailto:kaye@mightymessage.com)

**Building Fundraiser** - Honey 500gms \$7.00 // 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin Ph. 542 3284

### Prayers for the Week

**God's World** - More than 120,000 people, mostly children, are at risk of starving to death in areas of Nigeria affected by the Boko Haram insurgency, the United Nations is warning. Unless emergency measures are taken, 200 children will die every single day. Lord for your mercy we cry. Bring economic stability to the region, plague the exporters until they release their supplies to local people, and bring an end to the conflict that has such devastating impact. We also lift up to you all those who are adversely affected by the US new immigration laws and by ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Bring justice to your world Loving God.

**Our local Community** - We pray for the Mental Health system in our region, asking for the resources they need to deliver support and care when it is needed. We pray for all those who live with mental health issues and recognise that we too are impacted and need your help. Please provide the love, understanding and sheer guts sometimes needed just to get through the day. We ask for understanding and justice for Maori people in our community. Help us all not to feel threatened by what we don't understand but to be hospitable to the other as we recognise that diversity brings a richness to be celebrated this Waitangi weekend and always.

**Mission** - We pray for Allan and Christine in Asia. They send us their thanks for our prayers during the battle of last year and are benefitting from an Australian holiday away from the pollution and busy-ness. We ask for continued healing for them both – for Allan's foot and Christine's heart. Bless them this year as they ponder and pray for your guidance for their future.



**Christ's Church** - We pray for Bishop Richard, Hilary and our Diocesan leaders. Please protect them, enable them to prioritise in partnership with you, and grow your Kingdom in this region. We ask that you would bless those preparing for Convergence and ask for good attendance from our parish. Pour out your life-giving Spirit on those who attend. We pray for Ross and Yvonne Ferguson as they lead Richmond Community Church (AOG). Continue to fire the passion within their lay-folk for outreach and the spread of your Good News. We remember again David Hollingsworth, Nick Kirk and Ian Thatcher.

**Our Parish** - Thank you for holidays and your refreshment. Thank you that your Spirit is at work in and through us. Especially we are grateful for our Building Action Group. We pray for Vestry as they meet this week, asking for your wisdom for them. We also ask that you prompt those who are to be new Vestry members and Synod reps this coming year. Help us not to hide behind false modesty or busyness but to follow your leading in all things. We pray for Susan and the staff team too. Remind us often of your love for those who don't yet know you; let us share our spiritual food with the hungry – and to be generous practically as well. 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 6 February

*Waitangi Day*

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 7 February

10.00am Fortnightly group (M. Silke)

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

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

### Wednesday 8 February

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.00am Tea and Talk

### Thursday 9 February

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.00pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Sunday 12 February

8.45am Holy Communion\*

10.45am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Monday 6 February

*Waitangi Day Holiday*

### Wednesday 15 February

12.00pm Ticking the Boxes Seminar - *Staying in Your Home*

### 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 12 February - Thank you for serving us all!

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	I Price	<b>10.45am</b>	J Palmer
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	M Gibson D Day	<b>10.45am</b>	K Thomson
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	M Gibson	<b>10.45am</b>	M Tilley
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	J McConachie	<b>10.45am</b>	S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>		M Watson, M Evans		
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	G Thomas, M McRae	<b>10.45am</b>	N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>		M. Brosnahan	<b>Creche:</b>	M Martin

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Choose Life

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Matthew 5:21-37

## Parish Contacts

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## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm