



Church on the Hill

Sunday 8 February 2015



Theme: Healing
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Helen Stephen-Smith
Readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31 and Mark 1: 29-39

Sentence: I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health — that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul! - 3 John 2

Prayer for the day:

Loving God, thank you for Jesus, who came into the world to set us free. On the cross he carried our pains, our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. Jesus took the punishment and that made us whole. Through his bruises we experience healing. We ask you to wash us clean and bring us abundant life. We declare your Lordship over every aspect

of our lives. Through the power of your cross Lord Jesus, we resist all forms of sin, sickness and disease and walk in the abundant life you bring. We remember all those who need healing and ask for your Spirit to be with them also in grace and mercy and power. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician we pray,
Amen.

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Sung worship

Who likes singing? Apparently lots of men don't and not only men. However more people do like singing than don't and singing is an important part of our services. We try to help by choosing tunes that are fairly easy to sing and words that bring glory to God, as well as being theologically correct.

Our 10:30 musicians will often lower the key of songs for the untrained voices among us. We can't really do that on the organ. But if we have higher pitched songs, we try to put them later in the service when our voices have warmed up.

Many 9.00am people said they found our previous liturgy too high to sing. So we have changed it. I'm sure you've noticed. We are having some teething issues – especially since we only use the sung-liturgy once in most months. However all new things take time to settle down.

The tunes to the liturgy come from a variety of NZ indigenous sources adapted by Peter Godfrey. Peter has been a well-respected music director for the Youth Choir, St Peter's Cathedral Wellington, Trinity College Melbourne and Head of Music at Kings College

Cambridge. He is not the first to use popular tunes to bring glory to God. (Hymn writers Fanny Crosby and William Booth, the Wesley brothers and Charles Spurgeon are others who have paved the way).

To help us get used to the new liturgy, and enable us to worship God more freely, the Choir has graciously offered to teach us the liturgy on Sunday 1 March. If you are keen, please come to Church about 8:45am that Sunday. We have some printed versions of the music for you to use during the service and take home if you wish. (We will print more if needed.)

We are a varied bunch of people at church. We all have our own preferences for music styles, lyrics, length of songs, how many songs etc. Our differences are to be celebrated. We also celebrate our unity of purpose as we come to worship God together.

But I will sing of your might; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

- Psalm 59:16

Contact Alison Heslop, Choir Mistress, Shirley Jackson 10:30 Worship Leader or myself with any comments or constructive criticism about sung worship at any of our services.

Much love,

Susan

Lent - We will be running a Lenten study called *Season of Renewal*. This 6 week study is not just about theory but practical experiences in this abundant life Jesus has promised. It's an amazing course and would benefit every person who wants to travel a less-comfortable but much more fulfilling road. *Season of Renewal* is put out by the organisation that Kevin and Anne Roberts represented during their time with us – ReSource. Some, if not all, home groups will do this study and additional, short term groups, will also be set up. Dates and times to be confirmed. Please contact me asap if you are keen to participate.

Data Projectionist Needed. Is God calling you to be a data projectionist for the 10:30am Sunday Service? Could you commit to once a month being on the data projector? Full training given. Talk to Margaret Martin, or sit beside her during a service to see if it is for you.

Afternoon AAW group. Our first meeting of the year will take place in the church on Wednesday 25 February commencing at 2.00pm. The Commissioning Service, led by Susan Gill

will be followed by an illustrated talk about Spain by Jean Palmer. Afternoon tea will follow. There will be a Sales Table at the back of the church. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie Ph.544 6921.

Christmas Dinner - Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way towards the success of the Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day. Once again you blew us away with your generosity of time and donations. We could not have done this without your help.
- *The Christmas Dinner Team.*



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 and younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.

Prayers for the Week

We praise your Holy Name and thank you for our many blessings. Help us to always be grateful for what we have.

The World: Lord, we don't understand religions that promote hatred and plot evil against innocent people and our hearts go out to those affected by acts of terror and war in so many parts of the world. We pray for displaced people and those struggling to survive in the Central African Republic, Northern Iraq, North Korea, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan and Syria. We pray for peace in these countries, that the leaders will turn from evil and find your peace. We pray that Christians throughout the world will unite in prayer to bring about an end to the senseless killings and persecutions that are so prevalent throughout these areas. We pray against a spread of this form of terrorism to other parts of the world.

Mission Partners: We pray for the Corin family in Central Asia this week, for Chris and Catherine and their children, Rueben, Sasha, Joshua, Ashton and Sophia. We pray for God's blessings as they work alongside the church with their coffee business, providing work for local people.

Maori Tikanga: We pray for Rev Andy Joseph and his wife Ramari and the work they do across cultures in the Nelson District. Bless them, watch over them and encourage them in all they do.

Richmond Baptist Church: We pray for the leadership team at the local Baptist Church, asking guidance in their decision making as well as the everyday life of their church. Be with each leader of each initiative there helping them to be the best that they can be.

Our Parish: This week we pray for Lunch on the Hill and thank you for the people that come along. Thank you for each team member and the food and ideas they come up with. Thank you for Colin's return to health.

Those in Need Within our own Church Family: Lord God, we bring before you George, Carole Burke, Noel, Madeline, Wendy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Freda and Ellie as well as others known to us, and those in local rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 9 February

9.00am Church Open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 10 February

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

Wednesday 11 February

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 12 February

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Sunday 15 February

9.00am Morning Worship*
10.30am Holy Communion*
4.00pm Messy Church

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 17 February

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Wednesday 18 February

10.00am Ash Wednesday Service

Friday 20 February - Sunday 22 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 8 February Holy Communion

Sunday 22 February Morning Service

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is: 03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 15 February *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader: 9.00am J Palmer

10.30am M Did-Dell

Sidespeople: 9.00am K South

10.30am J Green

Welcomer: 9.00am B Page

10.30am J South

Tea: A Burrough, V Matthews

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

10.30am J & A Green, N Pritchard

Flowers: R Armstrong

Brass: J South

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 1:26 – 31, Mark 16:14 - 16

Theme for Next Sunday: Creator God; Sustaining Life

Parish Contacts

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Office Hours

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Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm