

Ministry to Children, Youth and Families



Children and young people are the church of today as well as the church of the future. They are not people for us to offer our absolute to; not second-rate ministry. Jesus commanded his disciples to let the little children come to him so he could bless them. We want to bless our children, young people and families, to help them grow as Christ followers and to give them opportunities to minister to us.

Here is a brief overview of the activities and opportunities here at Church on the Hill to minister to Children, Youth and Families. The overview does not give justice to the wonderfully inspiring ministry that is already happening in this place. However I want you to have an idea of what happens so you can pray and so you can offer to volunteer where God is calling you. In some areas, particularly with high school aged young people we need a lot of new helpers of all ages!

Youth

We are advertising for a youth leader. Please pray for God's candidate to come forward. This is our advertisement:

Church on the Hill is at an exciting stage and looking to form a new team to lead us forward in what the Lord has for us. To do this we need a new team member – a youth leader! This role is part time (12.5 hours paid) and has huge potential. Our mission statement, *Following Jesus; Building Community* puts our focus on Jesus

and his mission – discipleship and outreach. Our existing team (paid staff) consists of the Vicar, Children’s Team Leader, Seniors’ Team Leader, Play Group Coordinator and Administrator.

The position is to replace our previous Youth Pastor who has resigned after four years paid work with us. The Youth Leader will organise Friday night youth group and Sunday morning youth study along with a fortnightly evening for older youth. There are several volunteers helping already so the candidate will need to be good at working with a team. It’s a fun and rewarding job with lots of support available. The Job Description is on our website: holyltrinityrichmond.org.nz or call our Vicar Susan 544 8827 or email susan.churchonhill@xtra.co.nz

Youth Study

A biblical-based discussion type study for intermediate and younger college students. Currently happening.

When: 10:30 Sunday services except 3rd Sunday of the month
Contact person: Susan Gill/Michaela Ross
Current volunteers: Michaela Ross only for Term 1
Help needed: We urgently need two mature people who can start as soon as possible.

Youth Group

Alternative In and Out nights. The in night – games, fun, brief interactive gospel slot. Out night is with Nelson central youth group usually in town. Intermediate and college aged young people. Currently happening.

When: 7.00 – 9.00 pm Friday nights in school terms
Contact person: Susan Gill
Current volunteers: Uncertain - but at least 4 all on different nights
Help needed: Parents and other adults to assist with transport on the Out night and to stay and assist with activities. Others to assist with the In nights – arranging and running a programme, befriending the young people etc. Lots of support and assistance will be given.



Going Deeper

Discussion based in-depth discipleship for approximate ages 15 upwards. Currently happening.

When: 5.00 – 7.00 pm second and fourth Sundays (to confirm)
Contact person: Michaela Ross
Current volunteers: One
Help needed: An associate adult would be great – for backup and for support – ideally a bloke!

Crèche

Care for pre-schoolers usually including Bible story. Currently happening.

When: 10:30 Sunday services except third Sunday of the month
Contact person: Sandy Milligan
Current volunteers: 4 committed, reliable people rostered on once a month
Help needed: For safety reasons we need another adult at each session (e.g. in case a parent needs to be fetched from Church or to keep an eye on the others while first aid is administered). All you have to do for this job is BE the second ADULT - simple! No meetings outside of the Sunday commitment. The contact coordinator will ring to remind if necessary.

Kid's Church

Games, bible-based teaching, craft etc for primary school children. Currently happening.

When: 10:30 Sunday services except third Sunday of the month
Contact person: Catherine Barak
Current volunteers: A couple of offers to assist occasionally
Help needed: Lots of people to give 4 hours per year to the Kidz Church (5-11 year olds). **YES** that is it - 4 hours, one hour per term! **NO** planning. **NO** meetings. Absolutely no commitment beyond that. Someone will ring to remind and organise a swap if necessary! Catherine desperately needs some help – she can't do it on her own!



Friends 'n Fun

Preschool music and playgroup – parents always stay. Currently happening.

When: 9:30 – 11.00am Monday and Thursday

Contact person: Carol Sardella

Current volunteers: Several volunteers help with technology and music

Help needed: Volunteers always welcome – see Carol for more info

Girls' Brigade

Games, bible-based teaching, craft etc. for school ages. Currently happening.

When: 4.00 – 6.00pm Tuesdays

Contact person: Glenda Thomson

Current volunteers: 2 committed, reliable each week

Help needed: Volunteers are always welcome, especially in the area of specific crafts or activities.

Messy Church

A bible-based very casual way of doing church for all ages. Crafts, games and/or various activities. Singing and prayer around a Biblical theme followed by a shared meal. Currently happening.

When: 4.00 – 6.00pm the third Sunday of the month

Contact person: Susan Gill

Current volunteers: A great team of volunteers

Help needed: Team leaders (one person - or the position could be shared). Team members – set up, clean up, food prep, craft/games/general or prayer activity organisers, story tellers, welcomers, befrienders – pretty much anyone will be helpful!

Youth Band

Practices and preparation for leading worship at 10:30, Messy Church, and occasional events. Currently happening.

When: Terms 2, 3 and 4 this year

Contact person: Shirley Jackson

Current volunteers: Shirley and Antonio Sardella

Help needed: New band members are always welcome – singers or instrument players no matter how new to this activity

