



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 February 2015



**Theme:** Creator God; Sustaining Life  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Genesis 1:26 – 31, Mark 16:14 - 16

**Sentence:** In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.  
- *Colossians 1:16*

## Prayer for the day:

Creator God, you formed us from the dust of the earth, and reveal your fingerprints in all flesh. Teach us your deep wisdom in the order and beauty of all that you have made. When our care for your creation is found wanting, reprove and reform us, so that our

footprints may be more gentle on the earth, tending and keeping it as your own handiwork, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

- *Anglican Church of Australia*

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Sacred Spaces for Lent**

So often we give something up in the time we call Lent, the preparation for Easter. (I am giving up cross word puzzles). However our preparation may well involve adding some kind of spiritual practice that will draw us closer to the living Christ. Here are some suggestions to consider.

Table fellowship – eating meals is a holy time. You might make time for at least one meal a week to share with others.

Reuse something - recycled items as a focus for Lent remind us that God is in the business of transformation and recreation.

Spring cleaning – (ok summer/autumn cleaning). What is one space that needs clearing up that you could recreate as a focus for Lent? Spring cleaning was a traditional Lenten practice that symbolized the cleaning inside and out that was meant to take place during this season.

Images and pictures - icons, crosses and other images can point to God in a way that words

sometimes don't. You may like to gather some in a special place where you commune with God. Having a candle to light each day of the Lenten season can act as a reminder of the Light of Christ.

Nature – nurture a plant, a corner of your garden or even use a beautiful photo of a special landscape or flower to help you focus on the Lord as life-provider.

Artistic gifts – God has given us all creativity and imagination as we saw recently. Prayerfully ask God to stir your imagination to create something that helps you worship. It could be a poem, a piece of art, a photo, a collage, something you knit, carve or sculpt. Or something entirely different.

And so it begins - this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The weekend after is Diocese camp at Kaiteriteri. You could come for Saturday if not the whole weekend. However we do it, let's set aside time and allow God to come to us in fresh ways this Lent. There is more of our Lord to discover and enjoy.

Much love,  
*Susan*

**Lent** - We are 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. Most home groups are doing this study and an additional, short term group, will also be set up if needed. Please contact me asap if you are keen to participate as part of a short term group. *Susan*.

**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.

**Garage Sale** - We will be having our Autumn Garage sale on Saturday 14 March from 8.30 until 12.00pm. Please put it in your diaries, sort out your cupboards and plants, and let us know if could help for a couple of hours. Thanks. Jan South. Ph.544 8413

**AAW Evening Group** - Thursday 26 February we travel to Brightwater for a picnic tea at 11 Charlotte Lane, 6.00pm start. Phone Anne 5447992 or Sue 5440395 with any queries. If wet, in church hall. New members most welcome.

**Lunch on the Hill** - This Tuesday 17 February. Tea and Coffee from 11.30am. Lunch at 12.00noon. Koha entry. All Welcome.

**Ash Wednesday Service** - 10.00am Wednesday 18 February. All Welcome.



### **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**

Thank you loving God for hearing and answering our prayers; perhaps not always in the way we desire or expect. We recognise that you are the Boss. We humbly bring you our requests and ask that you deal with them as only you know how.

**The World:** So many places; so much pain: Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Israel, Palestine and the Central African Republic to name a few. You know each situation and each person intimately. We place them all in your hands we for wisdom for the leaders. We pray especially for Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS. Nothing is impossible with you. If the terrorist Saul could be converted; why not the leader of the self-proclaimed Islamic State? Help your people to set your world on fire with the Good News of the Gospel.

**Mission Partners:** Please be with Jo Rogers, in NZ on furlough from Tanzania. May she be reinvigorated even in the time of giving out; speaking and raising support. Please provide oases of refreshment and spiritual renewal for her.

**Diocese:** We pray for the Hills Community Church at Mapua. Be with John and Connie Sherlock who lead this church of combined denominations and different ways of doing things. May they be winsome within the wider community so that people come to know Jesus.

**Local Churches:** We pray for the Lutheran Church based in Upper Moutere and Hope. We ask for rich blessings for Chris and Haidee Janetski who lead the church and for the children they have opened their home and hearts to. We pray for their new youth workers Billy and Tessa Werner and for the growth of ministry groups this year: Bible in Schools, Women's Group, youth group and small groups.

**Our parish:** We give thanks for Carol Sardella. Her enthusiasm and passion warm our hearts. Use her, and the Friends n Fun volunteers, to reach out with Jesus' love to families outside our church. Bless them with fun and laughter, wisdom and insight, learning and togetherness.

**Those in need within our own church family:** We remember Judy, Luke, George, Carole Burke, Noel, Madeline, Wendy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

## This Week...

### Monday 16 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 17 February

- 10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
- 10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
- 11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 18 February

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

### Thursday 19 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)

### Friday 20 February - Sunday 22 February

Convergence Camp at Bethany Park Kaiteriteri.

### Sunday 22 February

- 9.00am Holy Communion\*
- 10.30am Family Service\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Saturday 14 March

- 8.30am Garage Sale

*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

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## Roster for 22 February *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> J & J Palmer
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> j Lines	<b>10.30am</b> M Martin
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> A Webb	<b>10.30am</b> S Milligan
<b>Tea:</b>	G Bevernage, K Mitchell	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Frengley, S Paine	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	A Burrough	<b>Brass:</b> E Moore

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Mission Testing & Preparation

## Parish Contacts

Vicar	Susan Gill	544 8827	Children's Ministry	Ingrid Blackbeard	544 4917
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Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm  
Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm  
Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm