



Church on the Hill

Sunday 22 February 2015



Theme: Mission Testing and Preparation
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Charles Tyrell
Readings: Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22 , Mark 1:9-15

Sentence:

At once, the Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wilderness.

Prayer for the day:

God of the new and eternal covenant, the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of life. Grant to us, in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace. May your gift of

new life flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Joy in Lent

Barry Price spoke on Ash Wednesday about joy (among other things). He said we need joy if people are to be attracted to the Gospel and our church. It was a rather unexpected point to make at the beginning of Lent, but one that is very appropriate indeed.

The Gospel Reading was from Matthew 6. Here are a couple of verses:

¹⁶ "And now about fasting. When you fast, declining your food for a spiritual purpose, don't do it publicly, as the hypocrites do, who try to look wan and disheveled so people will feel sorry for them. Truly, that is the only reward they will ever get. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put on festive clothing, ¹⁸ so that no one will suspect you are hungry, except your Father who knows every secret. And he will reward you.

'From silly devotions and sour faced saints, Lord deliver us' wrote one theologian, Teresa of Avila.

It seems to me that while Lent is a time of preparation, it doesn't have to be a bleak time at all. Indeed we ought to be joyful during this special time of devotion as we remember the great love, with which God loves us. Jesus came to us because of love – not a sense of duty or the desire to be a martyr. Jesus came to restore our full humanity – that includes a sense of joy.

So rather than thinking of all the things we are cutting out, let's think of the positive options we add in. We might like to give more money (especially if we are cutting something out that costs us financially) – see the item re the Lent appeal. We might like to spend more time in prayer or Bible reading. We might like to go for more walks as we enjoy this beautiful world God created.

Whatever we do, it isn't the outside that counts. And we shouldn't do anything out of duty. What things might bring the Lord and you joy together this Lenten season?

Much love,
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 544 7992 or Sue 5440395 with any queries. If wet, in church hall. New members most welcome.

Cathedral Choir - Bishop Richard will be overseeing the formation of a choir for the Evensong services at the Cathedral. Evensong is held at 5.00pm on Sundays. He's inviting any interested singers to a meeting at the Cathedral on Thursday, 26 February at 5.15 pm.

Lunch on the Hill - Cooks and helpers required to join the team. Either on call or permanent. Help us to reach our community with this ministry. Please contact Kay Ph 544 8844 or 547 6777.

Men - The men forum will assemble 7.00pm 23 February 2015 at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. The topic will be "Should New Zealand be involved in the war against ISIS" If you have a friend who is particularly interested in this topic, bring him along. If nothing else, he will enjoy the hospitality on offer. If you have any private thoughts on this subject, I will be glad to hear from you. Jacob Klootwyk Ph.544 5269



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

Almighty Heavenly Father, we praise you for our many blessings; for our families and friends, and for those who care for us when we can no longer manage on our own. Thank you for your loving care for us, and your faithfulness as you continue to answer our prayers.

The World: We pray for those countries that are suffering the ravages of war. We bring before you Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Israel, Palestine and the Central African Republic, to name just a few. Lord God, we pray for your intervention in these countries, for wisdom for their leaders. We pray for the leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi that you might touch his heart and change his culture of persecution and hatred to one of love and acceptance. Watch over the innocent and those trying to bring about peace in these areas.

Mission Partners: We pray for Phil and Becky Sussex and their family in their dental work and teaching in Cambodia. We pray for their safety and success in their ministry.

Diocese: We pray for Nelson Cathedral and all who work there; Dean Nick and his wife Kim, Owen (Assistant Priest), John (Children's ministry), Jane (nurse), and Debbie (admin). As the church enters into the season of Lent be with them all as they plan services and lessons in the run up to Easter. Help each of them to be effective in all they do.

Local Churches: This week we pray for St David's Presbyterian Church here in Richmond. We bring before you Jon Parkes and his family as Jon's position there changes as St David's joins with St Andrews in Stoke and First Church in Tahunanui to form one larger Presbyterian Church. Be with the planning team as they look for ways to move forward together and for the congregation as they adjust to new ways of doing things.

Our Parish: We pray for Lunch on the Hill, for new cooks and helpers to come forward. We thank you for the team members who come along regularly, committing their time and skills to help with this outreach in our community. We bring before you Holy Trinity's leadership team and ask your guidance upon them as they prepare for Lent and the lead up to Easter.

Those in Need Within Our Own Church family: We pray for Luke, Judy, Bill, George, Carole Burke, Noel, Judy, Madeline, Wendy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda and Geddes, others known to us and those in rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 23 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 24 February

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

Wednesday 25 February

- 7.30am Prayer
- 10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
- 10.00am Wednesday Service
- 2.00pm AAW Afternoon Group (J McConachie)

Thursday 26 February

- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
- 6.00pm AAW Evening Group
- 7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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Sunday 1 March

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Holy Communion*

**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

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

Roster for 1 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am J South
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am G Thomas	10.30am E Kimberley
Tea:	S Stephens, M Gibson	
Chalice:	9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine	10.30am S Stephens, C Ward, M Robinson
Flowers:	M Evans	Brass: E Moore

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 17:1 – 7, 15 – 16, Mark 8:31 - 38

Theme for Next Sunday: A Clear Focus

Parish Contacts

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