



Church on the Hill

Sunday 25 March 2018



Theme: Palm Sunday
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11

Sentence:

Jesus was in the centre of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- Mark 11:9

Prayer for the day:

God of the journey, you travel with us along paths both rough and smooth. As we celebrate your Son's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, travel with us into Holy Week; that through your Holy Spirit we may witness to the depth of your

passion and be ready to rise into the fullness of Easter Day. Through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Note from the Priest in Charge...

A huge welcome to our Palm Sunday services today!

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, which culminates with the tortured, dead body of Jesus of Nazareth, securely enshrined in a rock enclosed tomb. For the Jewish and Roman leadership in Palestine, an extremely troublesome 'so-called prophet' was now permanently out of the way!

It seems to me, that every action of Jesus; be it a story told, a miracle done or a teaching event, is observed from multiple points of view. Each of these views, one soon discovers, has a desired outcome. One wants 'to worship and glorify God. Another wants to resume life as it has always

been. And yet another wants to see Jesus put out of the way – even killed! Holy Week creates for us space to observe and then decide which view we will embrace.

Last week on Passion Sunday we looked a little at the death we are being called into. Today we continue this theme by placing ourselves in the crowd observing the celebratory events that are taking place. We soon become deeply aware that the powers that are after Jesus will soon be coming for us.

How we become a community that learns to 'empty' itself in order to receive more fully that transforming presence of God, will occupy our hearts and minds as we worship together this morning...

Arohanui,

Ian

Stones - We will be starting on our new building soon and we want to give everyone a last opportunity to put your children and grand children's name on a stone, which will be buried in the foundation of the new hall. A gold coin donation will be appreciated for each stone to go to the building fund. - Kai Kruse & Jacob Klootwyk.

Book Launch – Open invitation to George Bryant's book launch for his book, *Agents of Change: Kiwis making a real difference* Stories of 15 Kiwis who are making a real difference, including Nelson's Andy Joseph and Richard Kempthorne. George is a key writer on social issues and NZ's leading Christian author. Nelson Cathedral, 5.00-7.00pm, Tuesday 27 March. Refreshments. Retail Price \$28.95 but buy a signed copy at the launch for only \$25. RSVP by Monday 26 March to: bryantgw@xtra.co.nz

Movie Night - 6.30pm Monday 9 April at the Suter Cinema to see Paul: Apostle of Christ Tickets \$12 each with any profit going to missionaries (we need 84 to break even - there are 150 seats available). The story covers Paul, portrayed by James Faulkner, going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. Sign up sheet at the back of the church. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyOqQZUDdO4>

St Albans 150 Years Celebration - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

Volunteers Wanted - Interested in writing the prayers for the newsletters?. We need two people for one month each; the months of April and May. Please contact Ian Smith Ph 021 0274 3043

Afternoon AAW group - Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 March at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Rev Ian Smith will be our Guest Speaker. I am sure he is looking forward to meeting our group as we are looking forward to hearing what he has to share with us. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Good Friday Service - Holy Trinity Church at 2.00pm Friday 30 April. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, as a play reading with Choir and Congregational singing. All welcome.

Extended - Praise and Worship Service 7.00pm tonight Sunday 25 March in church. All Welcome.

Church open for Prayer - The Church is open for prayer each Monday from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Offertory Envelopes - Envelopes are ready for pickup at the back of the church.

Passover Meal 2018 - It was no accident that Jesus was crucified at Passover time – He deliberately chose a Passover meal to institute Holy Communion. John & Jean Palmer are organising a Passover celebration at 6.00pm on Saturday 31 March which will include a shared meal and an adapted Jewish Passover service. If you would like to learn more about the origins of our Communion service and why Jesus chose Passover then we would be delighted for you to join us at 149 Queen Street, Richmond. Please contact us on 544 4275.

House Sitter wanted - Need some accommodation in October? We need a house sitter who can also look after elderly dog and 4 fish tanks. Three cold water and one warm. Three weeks. Catherine 022 647 9810

Supporters Needed - Support the tremendous opportunity Christian Broadcasting has to reach over 300,000 listeners with the real meaning of Easter. Broadcasting on New Zealand's top two commercial talk-radio networks for a total of 22 hours of nationwide airtime over Easter. Talented Christian broadcasters like Petra Bagust, Rev Frank Ritchie, Sam Bloore and Peter Wolfkamp will creatively engage our audiences in conversations about the message of Jesus this Easter. Your donation will make a difference. To find out more visit the CBA website: <https://cba.org.nz/easter-broadcasts>

Honey - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/ 1kg \$13.00 / 2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

Prayers for the Week

The World – We thank you for the return of the 100 kidnapped schoolgirls from Dapchi in Northern Nigeria but continue to pray for those still held captive from Chibok that they will be freed. We pray for all children who are kidnapped, forced into the sex trade or exploited in so many countries in the world. Bring about a change of heart within their captors that the children may be free to be children and not objects of commerce. Sovereign Lord we continue to pray for those countries suffering the ravages of civil war particularly, Syria, Yemen, the Central African Republic and Afghanistan. Especially we pray for the peacemakers and the aid workers, encourage them and give them perseverance in the face of setbacks. Bring about a change of heart in the political leadership that will turn them towards peace rather than conflict.

Mission – We pray this week for Murray and Féy Cotter in Albania. Give them wisdom as they work with the Church Leaders group, and as they begin to take over more responsibility for the church while the Pastor steps aside to focus on other initiatives.

Diocese – We pray this week for the work of Nelson Cathedral and for the leadership team under Mike Hawke. We thank you that this church is a landmark and receives such a stream of tourists; help the church to minister to them, both Christian and non-Christian. Bless their prayer ministry. Raise up more children to sing in the choir and more organists. Help the Cathedral to see clearly its God-given role to serve You and to connect all those within its sphere of influence to Jesus.

Community – We thank You for the ministry of Grace Church, Richmond and for Peter Somervell and the leadership team. We pray for their youth who will be away at Easter Camp in Christchurch, that the Lord to work powerfully in their hearts and draw to the Saviour those who don't know him. We also pray for more teachers and helpers for their growing children's ministries. Bless their "Case for Christ" movie night (April 7th), that friends and neighbours would come and consider for themselves the overwhelming evidence for the Resurrection.

Our Parish – We thank you for the youth group "Going Deeper", may Your Spirit truly inspire them to seek and to know You better. Help Joshua to lead the youth group, to build up the young leaders and to encourage them all to live out their faith in their community. May the Easter Camp be a real watershed in the faith journeys of all the young people.

Continue to guard and bring to wholeness: Margaret Silke and others known to us. Pour out your blessing on the rest homes and hospital staff and residents in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 26 March

9.00am Church open for Prayer
7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 27 March

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)
7.30pm Lenten Study in Church

Wednesday 28 March

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 29 March

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Friday 30 March

2.00pm The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ
Choir led service

Sunday 1 April Easter Day

10.00am Holy Communion Combined

Coming up...

Tuesday 6,13,20,27 March

7.30pm Lenten Study in Church

Sunday 15 April

12.00pm AGM

*For more information about services or groups
contact the office Ph. 544 8844.*

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 25 March Morning Worship

Sunday 8 April Holy Communion

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 April - Thank you for serving us all!

Leader: 10.00am J McConachie
Reader: 10.00am A Heslop, V McNaughton
Sidesperson 10.00am B Page
Welcomer: 10.00am J Lines
Chalice: 10.00am J McConacie, E Erskine, V McNaughton, T Summerfield
Tea: E Erskine, G Thomas
Flowers: M Brosnahan **Creche** M Brosnahan

Theme for Next Sunday: Life by the power of his name

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 25: 6-9, John 20:1-18

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10.00am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm