



Church on the Hill

Sunday 15 March 2015



Theme: Harvest Festival
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: John Palmer
Readings: Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 65, Exodus 16:1-18

Sentence:
Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
- Isaiah 20:48

Prayer for the day:

Creator God, provider of all we bring our thanks today. And we bless each other that the beauty of this world and the love that created it

might be expressed though our lives and be a blessing to others now and always.

Amen

Prayer written by Jon Birch

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Trusting God

How good are you at trusting God?

One morning this week a stressful situation arose. Earlier that same morning I had read from John 20:

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Of course instead of feeling stressed, I instantly remembered what I had read earlier and rested in Jesus' peace. NOT! Sometimes I am very bad at trusting God.

I asked myself about that particular situation. Why did I rush in like a headless chicken and allow myself to get all flustered. Two obvious reasons:

1. Exactly that: I *rushed* in – I didn't pause and let the Lord speak or act first
2. I was worried about my/our church's

reputation – another word for that is Pride

One of the Bible passages many of us struggle with is:

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6 - 7

It seems to me I need many more pauses in my life. 'Count to ten' applies not just to acting inappropriately in anger, but in most things. This Lenten season, I'm trying to pause more often – to breathe and let God in.

Perhaps trust grows in the pauses between events rather than in hustle and bustle? What momentary pauses can we take this Lenten season so that we sense the Holy Spirit bring Jesus' peace? What deeper needs do we need to bring to God for him to deal with?

Learning together in 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.

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.

AGM Sunday 29 March - Say 'goodbye' to boring AGMs forever. Our AGM features an opportunity to share a meal, listen to a great speaker, a visual report-back on 2014, and will finish with inspiring snapshots of where we are going. 5.00pm shared meal / 5:40pm Speaker Sue Fallow Diocesan Children and Family Ministries Coordinator / 6.00pm AGM.

Budget Service - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get it touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin if you would like to know more about this service.

Offering Envelopes - The envelopes for giving for 2015-16 are now available to pick up at the back of the church. They are in alphabetical order. The envelopes are a new style – all donations go in the one envelope. Indicate on the outside where the donation is to go. - Sue Paine.

Lunch on the Hill - This Tuesday 17 March. Tea & coffee served from 11.30am. Lunch at 12noon. Koha entry. All Welcome - bring a friend and share in food and friendship.

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 1.00pm to pray for our personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come, pray in the time you have available and go.



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 thank you for our many blessings. We thank you for your loving care and your faithfulness as you continue to hear and answer our prayers.

The World: In the world we pray for those countries ravaged by war. We pray for the Coptic Christians and Shia Muslims being persecuted by ISIS. We pray for an outbreak of peace in the area and for safety for our troops being sent into Iraq. We pray for the upcoming elections in Israel, that the people would choose wisely and pick a leader who will work for peace with Palestine. We pray for the world's refugees and poor population that you will be with them and that you will inspire us to reach out to them.

Mission Partners: We pray for the Corin family and the work they do. We pray that you will give them the energy to spread the Gospel and that you will provide for them so that they can continue to spread Your love to the people.

Local Churches: We pray for the Hope Community Church. We pray for Pastor Donald Irvine as he leads the church. We also pray for Pastors Paul Milson, Daryl Bay, Hudson Malcolm, John Frizelle, Nick Ippolito, Antoinette Irvine, and Gene McNae as they serve their church and community. We pray that they will be a vibrant witness to the community and a blessing as they bear witness to the Gospel.

Diocese: In our diocese we pray for the St Thomas' in Motueka. We pray for Rev. Wayne Thornton as he leads his parish. We pray for energy and Your guidance as he works amongst the community. We pray for the health of the church and for the success of their many small groups.

Our Parish: We thank You for the youth ministry happening in our parish and the recent growth we have seen in the Friday night group. We thank You for the leadership of Micah Did-Dell, Antonio Sardella, Jared Altmets, and Paniah Adams. We also thank You for the work Michaela Ross puts into the Sunday morning group. We thank You for the time they put into running the various youth ministries. We pray for Your blessing and strength for the leaders as they face the challenges of youth ministry and we thank You for the young people.

Those in Need Within our Own Church Family: We pray for George, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, Bill, Judy as she recovers from surgery and others known to us as well as those in rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 16 March

- 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 March

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

Wednesday 11 March

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

Thursday 12 March

- 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 22 March

- 9.00am Holy Communion*
- 10.30am Praise on the Hill*

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Sunday 29 March

- 5.00pm AGM

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 8 March Holy Communion
Sunday 22 March 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 22 March *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am N Pritchard Home Group
Sidespeople:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am S Entwistle	10.30am K Thomson, G Mangelsdorf
Tea:	N Thomas, V McNaughton	
Chalice:	9.00am S Frengley, S Paine	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	B Page	Brass: M Gibson

Readings for Next Sunday: Hebrews 5:5 -10, John 12:20 - 33

Theme for Next Sunday: Seeing Jesus

Parish Contacts

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Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm