



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 3 April 2016



**Theme:** Harvest Festival  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Martin Harrison  
**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 9:25-7, Matthew 6:25-33

**Sentence:**

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.  
*- Psalm 104:14-15*

**Prayer for the day:**

God of harvest, gardener supreme, you place us at the centre of creation, charging us with its care. Feed us, equip us and having provided for us, look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness

of lives in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that we might do as you command and our lives might bring glory to you. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Just for today**

I'm writing this on Friday, the day after leading Barbara Gardyne and Dorreen Eyles' funerals. I am very conscious of the prayer covering of so many today as I was yesterday. Gratitude to God for his sustaining power and to you all for your support almost overwhelms me.

We truly are the body of Christ. By this everyone will know that you are his disciples; if you have love for one another. - *John 13:35*

I see this love demonstrated among you often. And you extend it to others who come to visit, to stay for a while or to become permanent members of our body... And yet occasionally I hear someone say "I find it hard to belong here."

I don't know what to do about that.

Because it isn't about trying harder as such.

Maybe it is about shifting focus just a little bit? Just for today I wonder if we might agree to talk to our friends another day. Or .... just for today

we could talk to someone we don't know first and then talk to our friends?

Today is Harvest Festival – the day we celebrate God's amazing provision for us. In this land of Aotearoa NZ we are truly blessed to be able to grow and purchase tasty, fresh food that doesn't cost the earth.

Just for today, perhaps we could share something God has given us with someone we would not normally think to share with?

Just for today, we might invite someone different over for a cup of tea or coffee?

We are all shy – me included. It takes effort to reach out to someone we don't know. None of us finds that easy.

Just for today, I am praying for each of us, to take a small risk and reach out to someone outside our normal circle. What would that look like for you?

Christ is Risen!

Easter blessings,

*Susan*

**AGM** Our AGM for the year ended 31 December 2015 will be held in The Parish Hall today Sunday 3 April. We will share a meal about 5.00pm and at 5.45pm Nathan Hughes (Nelson Diocese Youth Assistant) will share about the importance of Youth Work. The AGM meeting will follow at 6.00pm. **NOTE:** There will be a presentation at the meeting about the New Building and Vestry will be seeking the approval of the meeting to proceed with a staged development and the associated Building Fund expenditure.

**Church open for Prayer** - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for your personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

**AAW Area Day** - Tuesday 12 April at St. Pauls in Brightwater. Morning tea at 10.00am followed by a Communion Service. Please bring a contribution for a shared lunch. After lunch Margaret McLanachan will be speaking. She is our AAW New Zealand President. A gold coin donation is requested for the day. It would help the organisers if we can give them an idea of how many of our ladies are able to attend, so please advise Margaret or Anne by 7 April if possible.

**Budget Service** - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get in touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin to find out more.

**Taizé Service** - Next Sunday at 7.00pm led by Micah Did-Dell. Theme: Resurrection. All are welcome to attend.


## = KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 3 April

Harvest Festival - Planting daffodils (if fine). Presenting our herbs.  
New Testament Quiz Part 2.

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

*Your prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810*

 <p>The Lantern</p>	<p>Together we can make it happen!</p>	<p><b>Building Fundraiser Honey is now available</b> 500gms \$7.00 1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00 See Anne Askin or Ph. 542 3284</p>	
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### Prayers for the Week

**God's World:** We continue to pray for peace in Syria and for the desperate refugee situation in Europe. We pray for persecuted Christians and the work of the Barnabas Fund. May they have courage in the face of fear and torture, and continue to trust in Christ. We pray also for our Pacific neighbours on the island of Fiji as they rebuild lives and infrastructures after Cyclone Winston. And in the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Belgium, we pray for those who lost loved ones, the injured and those who are afraid. We pray that all governments will work for justice and righteousness.

**Mission Partners:** We pray for all our mission partners remembering especially Allan and Christine. Thank you for the work they do with students at the university where they are based. Please help them to prioritise the work they do as they listen to your Holy Spirit. We also ask that you would guide them as they think about their future; where that should be and on what they should focus.

**Diocese:** We remember in our prayers Bishopdale Theological College, for the Dean, Andrew Burgess, for the staff, including Jean Palmer, and for all the students as they train for ministry. We pray for wisdom, good financial management and above all, the provision of quality training for the students.

**Local Community:** We pray for all churches in our area and for the collaboration we see happening among our churches. We pray especially for the St Paul's Community Lutheran Church in Upper Moutere, for their Pastor, Chris Janetzki and their congregation as they seek to live and grow in Christ and share generously the love and life of Christ with others.

**Our Parish:** We pray for our vestry and the upcoming AGM. Thank you for the work David does behind the scenes, getting everything ready in time. Thank you for all the hard work involved in running this church. We pray for Susan, and ask that you continue to lead and guide her by your Holy Spirit as she ministers to us and the wider community. We pray today for the Harvest Festival as we give back generously of the bounty we enjoy in this land.

**Those in need within our own church family:** Gracious God, we continue to pray for George and Bev, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurence, Barbara, Pam and others we know. We pray too for the family and friends of Dorreen Eyles and Barbara Gardyne, in their time of grief. May your grace, mercy and peace also be with the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish.

Eternal Father, through the resurrection of your son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in death or life can ever part us from your love.

## This Week...

### Monday 4 April

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
10.00am Friends 'n Fun  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 5 April

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)  
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)  
11.45am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 6 April

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)  
10.00am Wednesday Service  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

### Thursday 7 April

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)  
10.00am Friends 'n Fun  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Friday 8 April

7.00pm Youth

### Sunday 10 April

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Praise on the Hill  
7.00pm Taizé Service

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 10 April**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 24 April**

Morning Prayer

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

## Roster for 10 April *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> P Bean	<b>10.30am</b> S Jackson
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> M Gibson, D Day	<b>10.30am</b> TBA
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> M Gibson	<b>10.30am</b> M Tilley
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b> S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>	G Thomas, M McRae	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Payne, E Erskine	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	M Brosnahan	<b>Crèche:</b> M Martin

**Theme for Next Sunday:** TBA

**Readings for Next Sunday:** TBA

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## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,  
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1.00pm - 5.30pm