



# Richmond Parish News

Sunday 26 May 2019



**Theme:** How do we make sense of all this God stuff: discerning the gift of life in us  
**Priest in Charge:** Revd. Ian Smith  
**Preacher:** Karl Summerfield  
**Readings:** Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29

**Sentence:**

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' - *John 14:27*

**Prayer for the day:**

Alleluia, King Eternal; grace and wholeness show your glory:  
Deliver us from sin's oppression; free us from despair;

and have us stand to reflect the glory of Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### From the Priest in Charge:

Another really warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity (Richmond) and St Albans (Appleby) today and a huge thank you to Karl, my warden who is speaking in both the services at Richmond. I am taking the service at Appleby so will be enjoying their country hospitality!

Next week we celebrate the Ascension of Christ and with that Easter 2019 comes to an end and with it goes the final enactment of the physical life of the man Jesus. In our Gospel today this son of God is preparing the disciples for this inevitability but promises an extraordinary gift! The Father and he will come to them and make their home amongst them! What an extraordinary promise! The point being that if they miss the significance of this then they face a miserable future until their lives end and they go to be with them in a life to come.

However, if they get his point, the disciples are in for a most extraordinary future. Not in some promise way down the track but being the place where the ascended Christ and his Father now come and make their home. Notice the promise is not to individuals but to the collective whole. All those who think they have been left behind now become the dwelling place of God!

These next six months in our Church Calendar have no relevance if we do not see this. This is the season we call the Ordinary Sundays, beginning with Pentecost and culminating as Advent begins. This marks the end of my time with you as well, but before then, I am going to enjoy very much exploring with you what it means to be a community embracing God, seeing God forming us and using us as the instruments that get God's love and care out into our greater communities.

Arohanui,

*Ian*

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

**Honey** - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.50/1kg \$15.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

**Offering Receipts** - Offering Receipts are available at the back of the church. Any queries contact the office.

**Hall opening preparation** - Can you sew a straight seam? How are you at turning and pressing? I have an idea for decorating our hall with bunting, but it depends on having enough people willing to help! Are you interested? If so please contact Shiona Ph. 544 4155

**Parents Wanted** - The Open Home Foundation are presently looking for Foster Parents for vulnerable children in the Nelson / Blenheim region. If you would like to know more about this ministry opportunity please contact me; Steven Dunne email - [steven.dunne@ohf.org.nz](mailto:steven.dunne@ohf.org.nz) or phone 021 408 6162.

**Food Bank** - We are overstocked with rolled oats, Weetbix and tinned fruit. We need toilet rolls, soap, laundry powder, pasta, pasta sauce and biscuits. Thanks. - *Ellie*

**Café Connection** - 10.30am this Thursday 30 May at the Wooden Spoon. Come if you are available to enjoy a treat and the company.

## Scripture ▪ Song ▪ Silence

7.00pm Sunday 2 June ▪ Taizé Service

led by Micah Did-Dell

Holy Trinity Church





## **WARNING** Burn Hazard

Under seat heaters are on during services. Please do not touch - *they are hot!*

### **Prayers for the Week**

**The World** - We continue to pray for political stability in Venezuela, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Syria, may peace, justice and real freedom come to these lands and may the local people be those making the choices for their future not outside powers. Bless the new elected governments in Australia, India and Indonesia and may they be characterized by justice and compassion for all their peoples.

We pray for the Christians in West Africa, particularly in Northern Nigeria, Niger, Mali and Burkino Faso, all of which have seen increasing violence against Christians and displacement of people away from their homes. Give wisdom to governments as they seek to curb this violence and to church leaders as they seek to comfort and to pastor those who are suffering.

We also continue to pray for the aftermath of severe cyclones in parts of south-east Africa, especially Mozambique, and the poorest area of south-east India. These areas have dropped from our news but it will take many months for any recovery so we pray that God will encourage the efforts of all who seek to bring food, shelter and medical aid, especially to areas where houses and crops have been lost.

**Missions** - We thank you for Féy Cotter's continued work with ECMI although she is now based in NZ. We pray for her daughter Rachel, who is expecting her third baby in June, that she may have a safe delivery and Féy will be able to rearrange her work so she can support Rachel after the baby's arrival. We also pray that you will guide Féy in all the arrangements for Chris Wigram's NZ visit in July and for her teaching at Bishopdale College.

**Diocese** - We pray for the ministry of Picton Parish with Victoria Askin and her team. We give thanks for new families coming to Mainly Music and pray that you will help to church to make real meaningful contact with these families. Grant to the church your wisdom and guidance as they journey through the interregnum and begin the appointment process. Help Victoria to make a lasting contribution to the life of that parish.

**Local church** - We thank you for the ministry of the local Presbyterian church in "The House" on Champion Road in Richmond. Encourage them to see new ways in which they can bring the gospel to their community and guide their future developments of their buildings.

**Parish** - We thank you for all the Staff Team and pray that you will continue to equip them for their service, encourage unity and fruitful interaction among them. Help them to see where your Spirit is working within and outside the church walls and to see how we can, as a church, join in your mission. Raise up we pray, someone with a God inspired passion for working with children and families that we might see growth in this area.

We thank you for the recent progress on the new building. Guide the Vestry as it considers expenditure for the Hall fit out and how the new Hall can be used in the missional activities of this church. Bless the Vestry meeting on Tuesday.

**Those in need** - For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray particularly for those who mourn the loss of close family. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

## This Week...

### Monday 27 May

9.00am Church Open for Prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun

### Tuesday 28 May

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

### Wednesday 29 May

10.00am Holy Communion  
12.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Group (J South)

### Thursday 30 May

9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

### Sunday 2 June

9.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
7.00pm Taizé Service

## Coming up...

### Tuesday 4 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)

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

## St Albans' Appleby Services

**10.30am Sunday 9 June**

Holy Communion

**Leader** - Revd. Peter Bean

**10.30am Sunday 23 June**

Morning Worship

**Leader** - Revd. Ian Smith

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

## Roster for 2 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b>	J Odhiambo
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Heslop, W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b>	L Summerfield
<b>Sidesperson:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	<b>10.30am</b>	S Clover
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J Lines	<b>10.30am</b>	M Brosnahan
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	E Erskine, I Price, TBA	<b>10.30am</b>	N/A
<b>Tea:</b>		M Gibson, S Stephens		
<b>Flowers:</b>		M Fulton	<b>Crèche</b>	M Brosnahan

**Theme for Next Sunday:** After Exodus a land was promised for transformation; after Pentecost the World!

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17, 25-27

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Friday 10.00am - 5.30pm

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