



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 2 June 2019



Theme: Jesus, then the Spirit, now We are given the Love to Make Him Known
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Ian Smith
Readings: Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26

Sentence:

'I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.' - *John 17:26 Jerusalem Bible*

Prayer for the day:

Eternal God, Between Ascension and the Spirit;
between your going and your coming;
we await your purpose: grant us expectant
hearts; give us the vision of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest in Charge:

A very warm welcome to our services at Holy Trinity today, as we seek to find in "Ascension" something we can each attain too! Today is of course, Ascension Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus rising into the clouds, but we should always keep in mind Jesus many other risings... out of Egypt with his parents, out of the waters of his baptism, out of the hands of those who sought to entrap him, out of the religious political world created by the Jews and, most importantly, out of the tomb of death itself. Today we will look at the effects of these on the modern Christian person!

This week past was also Vestry Meeting week and a few points need to be made:

1. Work begins on our car parking space **this week** and will take up to **3 weeks** to complete. This means from Thursday 6 June there will be **No Parking** or **Entry** into the church grounds from the northern entrance off Dorset St! The Gate will be permanently opened at Trinity Lane that will get you into some limited parking spaces on this south side of the church. Please park on the major streets around the church if your mobility allows this! Access to the office will be through the church via the Vestry, which will be unlocked during office opening hours. Additionally from

Monday 10 June to Saturday 15 June the area at the church entrance will be closed off. Please be patient with us as this final piece of work to get our hall open, is completed!

2. We will be using our hall in the next few weeks but our official opening will be at 3.00pm on Friday 2 August 2019. We have so many to thank for this wonderful facility, which I cannot do here but at our opening celebration we will be doing just that. I should mention though, special thanks to G J Gardiner Homes for their very generous gift of office and boardroom furniture as part of their relocation surplus. Dave Trigg, please pass on our deep appreciation!
3. Vestry moved that our Missions payments be authorised by our Missions Team each month. This allows us to regain control of the allocations of giving to our mission partners set by the annual budgets at our AGMs.
4. Vestry has agreed to an upgrade of all ceiling and underfloor insulation in the vicarage. This will cost us just under \$1000.00 so if anyone feels led to help us out here, I would be most grateful!

Again, thank you for all the long volunteer hours that go into making this parish run smoothly. We are truly blessed!!!

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Ian

Prayer - The Church is not open for prayer this Monday owing to Queens Birthday Holiday. Resumes on Monday 10 June 9.00am - 2.00pm. All Welcome.

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

Thy Kingdom Come - Between Ascension (May 30) and Pentecost (June 9), we are encouraged by our Diocese to join with Christians around the world to light up the map in prayer for those who don't know Jesus. During the 11 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know and come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'. Further details and helpful videos are on the *Thy Kingdom Come* website: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Taizé Service - Micah Did-Dell is leading another service of Scripture, Song and Silence at 7.00pm tonight Sunday 2 June at Holy Trinity Church. All welcome.



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 may the Christians have peace as they help others not to fear and panic. Grant repentance to those who perpetrate the violence.

At this time of Queen's Birthday we pray for the UK as it seeks to clarify its position on Brexit and as the Conservative Party elects a new leader who will become the new Prime Minister. We pray that you will overrule in these affairs of state and that the UK may get strong, godly and wise leadership.

Missions - We thank you for the work of the Corin family in Central Asia. We pray for Chris as he trains and coaches local believers in business and micro-enterprise, as well as training on the importance of seeking a good balance between business and ministry. May this project be really effective in helping to equip the local pastors for ministry. Bless Catherine in her teaching role at the secondary school and encourage the Corin family as the older children begin to move away for further training.

Diocese - We pray for the ministry of the Parish of Reefton and Grey Valley with Di Griffin. Help them to be a blessing to their community and encourage the local churches to work together to proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and service. Encourage Di in her role as the Regional Dean for the Mawhera area of our diocese.

Local church - We thank you for the ministry of the local Methodist church with Martin Oh. Encourage them to see new ways in which they can bring the gospel to their community and strengthen the discipleship of all their members.

Parish - We thank you for all the Staff Team and pray that you will continue to equip them for their service, and 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.

We pray for your protection over our buildings and grounds, that this area may be a place of blessing where all might sense your presence and encounter you in life changing ways.

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.

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 3 June (Queen's Birthday Holiday)

Tuesday 4 June

10.00am Fortnightly Women's Group (B Page)
 10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
 11.30am Lunch on the Hill (Salvation Army Hall)
 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)

Wednesday 5 June

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

Thursday 6 June

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 9 June

9.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion

*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 9 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J Sardella	10.30am	J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am	I Price, M Gibson	10.30am	V McNaughton
Sidesperson:	9.00am	M Gibson	10.30am	M Martin
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Frengley	10.30am	N Pritchard
Chalice:	9.00am	G Thomas, S Paine, TBA	10.30am	V McNaughton, N Pritchard, T Summerfield
Tea:	E Laing, S Clover			
Flowers:	S Clover		Crèche	TBA

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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