



Church on the Hill

Sunday 29 May 2016



Theme: A Mindset of Abundance
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Genesis 12:1 – 7, Ephesians 1:6 - 12

Sentence:
Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.
- Luke 6:38

<p>Prayer for the day: We thank you, Generous God, for your abundant provision for us. We thank you that Jesus has given us life in all its fullness through the power of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for our three-tikanga church and ask that you enrich our ways of being together. Open our</p>	<p>eyes to see the beauty and the resources around us. Help us to be honest with you about our needs and to ask you for them, as you tell us to do. Increase our trust in you and in your provision. We pray this in and through our Saviour and Friend, Jesus Christ. Amen</p>
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Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Generosity

As I prepare for this week's sermon about abundance and generosity, I think of someone who gave our church a very generous financial gift recently. The person does not appear to be rich – in monetary terms. Yet they wanted to share funds with us.

That financial gift balanced our budget for this year so far, and contributes to the Lantern (our new building) also.

I am humbled by such generosity!

Most of us would say there is no such thing as a free lunch. Certainly that is true in the business world and not only that world. Recently I have been to a free breakfast and a free lunch. Both were put on by Christian agencies promoting their services. They are good services that I want to know more about, but certainly the meals were not free; they came with a hook.

And yet many people do give freely to causes and to individuals, with no thought of gaining anything in return. What they receive is the simple blessing of knowing their gifts will be helpful.

Giving is a spiritual gift. It is given by God and it reflects one aspect of God's character. God is extremely generous. When I stop and think of

some of the things he has given to me personally, I am almost overwhelmed:

- Life itself
- My beloved husband and family
- A rich and satisfying (almost always) job
- A warm and comfortable home
- Friends who genuinely care for me
- Freedom – political, religious, personal

I could go on. In fact I have a 'gratitude' notebook and often add things to the list. When I am feeling grumpy I read my notebook.

At the top of the list of course, is the Lord himself, and the freedom he brings us.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. - John 3:17

Jesus has brought life in all its fullness. Because of him, we have access to unlimited riches. It's true, those riches are rarely monetary, but we are very blessed never-the-less. And we do have access to riches that we may be unaware of.

- What are some of those riches to which we have access?
- Is there something we are lacking?
- Have we asked the Lord for that?
- Are we expecting a positive response?
- Who can we share the Lord's generosity with, expecting nothing in return?

We serve such a generous God don't we?

Learning in Christ's love,

Susan

Pastoral Care Team Reminder - Meeting at 7.00pm-9.00pm this coming Wednesday, 1 June, Church Lounge, hope to see you all then, Yvonne.

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.

Men -Should New Zealand have a written constitution? If so what do you think should be in it? To help you with some research on the topic go to the list of countries that have a written constitution: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_national_constitutions. In layman's terms, what would you like to see in the New Zealand constitution? Should we exclude Muslims, homosexuals, Jews, people who disagree with your views? Have your say Monday 30 May 2016. 7.00pm – 9.00pm at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. Your country needs you! - Jacob Klootwyk

Risen - St Stephens have organised a group booking to see the Christian movie *Risen*. At this stage there are 6 seats available at 6:15pm on Wednesday 8 June. If there is enough interest, another session will be arranged. See Yvonne asap if interested in going.

= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 29 May - Children's Puppet show in church and making Fruit of the Spirit T Shirts.

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



The Lantern



Together
we can
make it
happen!

Building Fundraiser Honey is now available

500gms \$7.00
1kg \$13.00 // 2kgs \$25.00
See Anne Askin
or Ph. 542 3284



Prayers for the Week

God's World: Your Word reminds us that You are close to the brokenhearted and save those who are crushed in spirit. That is a lot of people. We pray for lives lost, families torn apart, the lost and lonely, homeless, hungry, afraid. We pray for factories destroyed in an instant, for machinery shattered, and livelihoods ruined. We pray for rescuers finding survivors alongside bodies, courageous, undaunted, and hopeful. We pray for recovery in the years to come, for restoration, generosity, healing, and closure for the hurting. (adapted from prayer by Jon Birch)

Mission Partners: Thanks for the recent pictorial update from Allan and Christine in Central Asia. Thank you for their input into the recent successful student conference. We pray for their preparation for coming to New Zealand in July.

Diocese: We lift up Marge Teft and Robin Kingston in the Greymouth Parish. They give thanks for; People coming to faith for the first time through Alpha / Christians becoming solid in their faith through Alpha / financial stability. They ask us to pray for Marge and Robin's sabbatical / smooth running of the parish under David Hastings while they're away / completion of all that needs to be done beforehand / valuable insights into missional communities way of church / the ability to communicate effectively back to the parish so that they will risk of doing something new.

Local Community: We remember David Jensen and the local Baptist Church. They ask us to pray for ongoing momentum in the next season – specifically that they would not lose focus, grow weary or give the enemy any ground. We pray for the elderly folk in our community. As winter bites, may they have all they need: practically – a stable home, physical warmth and nourishing food, spiritually and socially – knowing that You love them and will care for them, support and friendship from those who care about them

Our Parish: Thank you for the wonderful combined service and farewell for Owen and Elizabeth. Be with them as they transition into their new community. Please help Susan and Vestry to gain a clear sense of vision and direction for our future.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with Bev Marsh and her family as they grieve the loss of George. Be with: Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Norma and Sonja and others we know. Give them the strength they need along with others we know and also, the rest home residents and staff within our parish.

This Week...

Monday 30 May

9.00am Church open for Prayer
10.00am Friends 'n Fun
7.00pm Men (J Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 31 May

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frenley)

Wednesday 1 June

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B. Page)
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 2 June

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 3 June

7.00pm Youth

Sunday 5 June

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

Coming up...

Tuesday 7 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 June

Holy Communion

Sunday 26 June

Morning Prayer

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03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 5 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am J Palmer
Reader:	9.00am A Heslop, TBC	10.30am M Martin
Sidespeople:	9.00am B Page	10.30am T Mangelsdorf
Welcomer:	9.00am J Lines	10.30am L Blackmore
Tea:	E Erskine, S Raj Dev	
Chalice:	9.00am B Payne, E Erskine	10.30am V McNaughton, H Thomson E/D Stanger
Flowers:	M Brosnahan	Creche: M Martin

Theme for Next Sunday: Eternities embrace

Readings for Next Sunday: 1Kings 17:8-24, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

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