



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 1 July 2018



**Theme:** Reimagining the future  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Acts 10:11 – 23, John 13:3 - 17

**Sentence:**

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. *- John 13:17*

**Prayer for the day:**

Loving God you have taught us a lot of things. There is much we appreciate about your generous compassionate character and yet there is still a lot we simply don't understand. Or if we do understand it, we ignore it because our generosity is way outside our sense of fairness.

You pour your love on everyone and you ask us to do the same. You ask us to reach out to those we might even consider not worth the risk. Help us to re-imagine a new future as you do – a future where everyone truly has equal value and no-one gets to call the shots. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

# Reflections...



## Transition

I wonder why I am thinking of transitions! You are all in transition and so am I. I was recently talking to a helpful person who showed me something similar to the picture below. Actually the drawing she showed me was of three overlapping circles rather than 3 discrete areas. I think the overlaps are better because transition, like grief, is not packaged into nice little boxes.

The arrow that points to the line that the business model has labelled here as "Productivity during transition" also applies to our general functioning as human beings. Hence the dotted line at the top: some prefer not to acknowledge the impact of transition on our emotions and general well-being. Some prefer to think everything is just fine and walk straight over the top of the transition.

But if we do that we miss some of the richness that the Lord has for us in the neutral zone ie the place between the end and the beginning. Our emotions can play havoc here. I wonder what emotion you may feel the most in the midst of the

transition from Susan's leadership to that of someone else.

I find myself feeling somewhat apathetic and frustrated the most. I love you all very much and want to end well yet sometimes I feel like there is no point to what I am doing. The task at hand may have no relevance in a few months. I'm trying to keep motivated and to focus on what the Lord has for one day at a time. And if I'm totally honest

there are some 'loose ends'. There are some things I would've loved to have seen happen and they haven't happened for whatever reason.

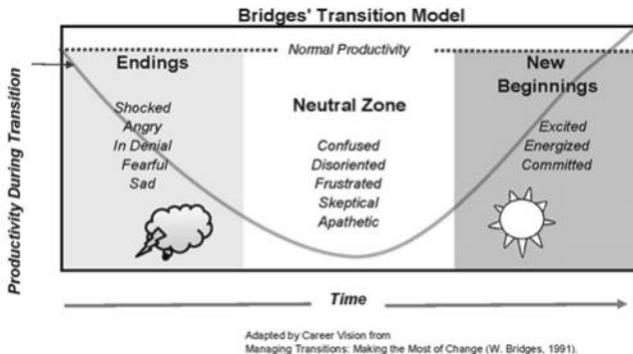
I also have brief moments of intense grief. They burst in on

me even though I know the Lord has called me and will provide for Kevin and I, just as he will provide for you.

Let's be kind to each other and to ourselves. Let's help each other through this time of change. Let's acknowledge our emotions while the general business of church carries on. Let's look to our gracious God together for the pearls of grace that may be waiting for us to uncover together in transition.

Learning together in love,

*Susan*



**Church Flower Roster** - We have a vacancy on our Flower Roster for the remainder of this year. It only involves being responsible on 3 Sundays. If you would like to fill this spot we would be most grateful; please phone/talk to me. Maybe it is something one of our newer Church Family members would like to do. Thank you so much. Brenda Page Ph. 544 5872.

**Volunteers wanted** - Each year at the Cathedral, groups and organisations from around Nelson are invited to put together a Christmas tree that represents them. Bev Greig is organising the display this year and invites parishes to be involved in the volunteer roster. Opening at 6.00pm 27 November, the display will remain open to the public for several weeks after Christmas. Interested? email Bev at [fred.bev@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fred.bev@xtra.co.nz) phone 547 1120 / 027 246 6384 or 548 1008 (Cathedral office).

**Church open for Prayer** - The Church is open for prayer each Monday (except public holidays) from 9.00am - 2.00pm. All welcome.

**Book Launch** - *Collision, Compromise and Conversion during the Wesleyan Hokianga Mission, 1827-1855* by Gary Clover. Stoke Methodist Church Lounge, 3.00pm, Sunday 8 July. All Welcome.

**Honey** - Building Fundraiser. 500gm \$7.00/1kg \$13.00 /2kg \$25. Contact Anne Askin Ph.542 3284.

**St Albans 150 Years Celebration** - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

**Stones** - We will be starting on our new building soon and we want to give everyone a last opportunity to put your children and grand-children's name on a stone, which will be buried in the foundation of the new hall. A gold coin donation will be appreciated for each stone to go to the building fund. - Kai Kruse & Jacob Klootwyk.

**Father Chris Skinner Concert** – will be held at St Francis of Assisi Church, 204 Songer Street, Stoke on Saturday 28 July at 7.00pm. This is a fundraiser for Faith & Light, Nelson. Tickets: Single \$15; Family \$40. For bookings or information please phone Judy 5486253 or Norah 5473108. Chris Skinner is a priest and singer & composer.

**Preserves** - Thank you to everyone who is buying our preserves. The vision is to use donated fruit and that the money will go to support missions. We have some lovely tomato sauce, crab apple jelly and green tomato chutney as well as our usual variety. The crab apple jelly is delicious on toast, and great with lamb or pork, please try it! Your feedback is most welcome, please get in touch with Shiona if you have any suggestions. Ph. 544 4155

**Opportunity** - Play in the Cathedral during the Light Festival when the Cathedral is open until midnight on Friday 6 July and Saturday 7 July. Please contact Patsy Hawke email: [patriciamhawke@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamhawke@gmail.com) or 021 269 0455 or if you could fill a 30 minute slot with a solo or group item.

## Prayers for the Week

**God's World** - We lift up to you the people of Venezuela who lack food and medicine, and pray that your peace would break out in this country where the innocent are suffering and being killed. We thank you for the cease fire in Ethiopia, and the real possibility that peace may break out. Please guide those in power to work together.

**Mission** - Dear Lord we thank you for Fey and Murray's ministry in Albania. We thank you for the vision of the locals who are supporting new churches, and ask that you would guide them and that your kingdom would grow. Please be with Fey and Murray as they prepare to leave Albania and for those who will follow them in Albania. Please bless this time for Murray and Fey and the many communities they are a part of. Guide their plans and surround this time of change with your love.

**Our Diocese** – We give thanks for your Church in Brightwater. Guide Martin Harrison and his leadership team in your ways Lord, and may they be salt and light in their communities.

**Our Community** – Loving Father we lift up to you all those who have no home, or not enough money to heat and clothe themselves. We thank you for all who reach out and help, and guide us serve you by helping them.

We thank you for your family who worship at the Church of Christ in Richmond. Please bless Steve Rollo's leadership, and the many people of that church as they seek to spread your kingdom. We thank you for the many people show forth your love day by day in this community. Unite us in faith Lord we pray.

**Our Parish** – Our God who knows the number of hairs on our heads, and when a sparrow falls to the ground knows our every need. Father look into our church family and may your love, peace and joy fill each member and those they love and care for. Heal those suffering, known to us or only to you Lord. Help us to serve each other in your name.

**Those in need** - We pray for those who are who are in special need at this time. We pray especially for Margaret Silke, Lucelle and Debbie and Dave. Continue to bring them your strength and comfort. We also remember, Ethan, Wendy and Bev recovering from surgery, and others known to us. Please be with the staff and residents in our parish rest homes too.

## This Week...

### Monday 2 July

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
 9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
 1.00pm Weekly group (K Peterson)

### Tuesday 3 July

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

### Wednesday 4 July

10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 5 July

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)

### Friday 6 July

7.00pm Youth Group End of term Bonfire Night

### Sunday 8 July

9.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Praise on the Hill

## Coming up...

### Sunday 15 July

10.00am Combined Communion Service

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

### St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 July</b>	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 July</b>	Morning Prayer

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 03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

### Roster for 8 July - Thank you for serving us all!

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	J South	<b>10.30am</b>	F Summerfield
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Hodges, D Day	<b>10.30am</b>	E Stanger, M Tilley
<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b>	M Tilley, E/D Stanger
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	B Page	<b>10.30am</b>	M Martin
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	G Thomas, W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b>	N/A
<b>Tea:</b>		G Bevernage, E Epoi		
<b>Flowers:</b>		S Clover	<b>Crèche:</b>	TBA

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Who is the Church for?

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Acts 15:1-19, Mark 2: 18-22

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