



Church on the Hill

Sunday 12 June 2016



Theme: Being Free People
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Karl Summerfield
Readings: Galatians 5:13 - 25, Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Sentence:

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
- Galatians 5:13

Prayer for the day:

Generous God, you have called us to serve you and your people by living in the freedom that Jesus has earned on our behalf. Let us not return to rules and regulations that restrict and

narrow your work in and through us. Rather let us focus on your life-giving Word and presence. May your Holy Spirit continue to produce fruit in us so that we keep in step with you. **Amen**

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Reflections...



Anticipation

1. A feeling of excitement about something that is going to happen.
2. The act of preparing for something

Many of you prayed for Vestry as we had a 'retreat' with Bishop Richard around a month ago. Most of our time was spent asking hard questions about where we are as a church. We are grateful to our Bishop and believe finding the answers to those questions will help us as we move forward together.

One of the questions he asked us was "Is there a sense of anticipation as people come to worship?" Our individual answers differed but I am sorry to say that most of us felt, that if we were really honest, the answer is mostly 'no'.

We come to church for all kinds of reasons, but do we anticipate that the Lord is going to do something amazing as he meets with us at church? Have we prepared ourselves to meet with him in a vibrant way? Or are we just showing up?

In the notes Bishop Richard sent us after the 'retreat', he wrote "the spiritual temperature of the parish is directly proportional to the spiritual temperature of its leaders."

Vestry agrees with that statement. We believe we are the ones chosen by the Lord, and by you, to set the direction for our church and that we could

be more passionate for the Lord and his ways, than we are right now.

So we are going to undertake studying together the Alpha series on Prayer. We are going to do this for our own spiritual refreshment! Several people have told us that it is very good. We hope that we will gain a greater depth of appreciation for who God is and what he is doing in our lives – individual and corporate. We also want a greater sense of anticipation as we come to corporate worship on Sundays. And we hope that will be infectious!

Please continue to pray for us as a Vestry, that we get more excited about the Lord and what he is doing in this place. Please pray that our sense of vision, enthusiasm and anticipation grows.

During the months for the next while, Vestry's schedule will alternate so that it looks something like this:

Month 1: One night sharing a meal and studying the Alpha prayer course / Another evening focusing on governance and vision

Month 2: One night sharing a meal and studying the Alpha prayer course / Another evening focusing on parish management

We are committed to growing in Christ so that our parish lives out our vision statement:
Following Jesus: Building Community

Learning in Christ's love,

Susan

Furniture clear-out - We have a number of pink chairs surplus to our needs and a large L shape office desk (2400mm x 600mm). Available for a small koha. Contact the office if interested.

Where do I fit? - We will be running a short and sharp course covering several aspects of how God has gifted us. Alex Johnston will facilitate the sessions and look at spiritual gifts, people/task preferences, passion etc. The aim is for you to know where you are now and what God is calling you to be involved in. The course will run over two Sunday mornings on 7th and 14th August. It will be held in the hall during one service so you can still go to the other service. Please contact the office asap with your name and preference for the course to be held at 9.00am or 10:30am. church.onhill@xtra.co.nz or phone: 544 8844

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.

= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 12 June - Naboth's vineyard and making the right choices

Sunday 19 June - 4.00pm Messy Church - *Celebrating Special People*

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

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we can
make it
happen!

Building Fundraiser Honey is now available

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Prayers for the Week

God's World: Heavenly Father, we ask for your continued blessing for all those volunteers who nourish our community by their selfless efforts. We think of the search and rescue groups who deny their own comfort and risk their safety to recover others from perilous situations; those who devote their time to nursing care among the afflicted; the volunteer fire crew ever ready to respond to calls, often in dangerous situations, and their employers who accept workplace disruption from such unpredictable absences of their staff. We readily acknowledge that we would all be poorer without the commitment and Christian spirit of such devoted people.

Mission Partners: We ask for your benevolent support of the Sussex Family as they promote Christian virtues and aid the needy in many ways, while enduring excessive heat and drought conditions in Cambodia. We give thanks that Phil is involved in a Christian group that has obtained a new three-year contract to provide much-needed dental treatment in local prisons, involving many of his students as well in supporting roles. After the family's excitement of participating in Easter baptisms at a spectacular night time venue, we offer prayers for Becky's teaching activities that include a need to fill critical vacancies at Hope School for August.

Diocese: We ask you to look favourably on the companion diocese of Malaita, distant from us in the Solomon Islands but still close in our hearts. Inspire the leadership of Bishop Sam Sahu and his wife Rosemary. We give thanks that the housing partly funded from New Zealand has been completed for a married lecturer at theological college, and that Jonathan Hicks has been appointed to that influential position.

Local Church: Please bestow your unique guidance on Presbyterian members, temporarily centred at Stoke after mergers with Richmond and Tahunanui, as they strive for future directions. Bless their endeavours at a forthcoming important meeting, with help from a visiting minister from Christchurch, to explore various ways to chart their journey as a renewed and revitalised ministry.

Our Parish: We give thanks for the enthusiasm and vision of Susan as she cheerfully accepts responsibilities in so many ways as our Vicar, and we acknowledge those other dedicated leaders among us who contribute their energies and talents to the work of a vibrant church. As we embark on the national Elder Abuse Awareness week we commit ourselves afresh to sensitively consider the current needs of a generation that survived the distress and privations of war years, and the slow recovery that followed. We rejoice in the success of Micah Did-Dell, after many years as our youth leader, latterly as Youth Pastor, in gaining a Bachelor of Theology degree after diligent study.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Jane, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Norma, Sonja and others we know who especially need our prayerful encouragement in difficult circumstances. Give them the strength needed to cope with the challenges they face.

This Week...

Monday 13 June

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 14 June

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

Wednesday 15 June

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

Thursday 16 June

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

Friday 17 June

7.00pm Youth (A. Sardella)

Sunday 19 June

9.00am Morning Worship
10.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Messy Church

Coming up...

Tuesday 21 June

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

Friday 24 June

6.45pm 'The Sauce' - Youth (A. Sardella)

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 June

Holy Communion

Sunday 26 June

Morning Prayer

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Roster for 19 June *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Burrough	10.30am S Gill
Reader:	9.00am A Burrough, K South	10.30am M Did-Dell
Sidespeople:	9.00am K South	10.30am J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am B Page	10.30am J South
Tea:	A Burrough, V Matthews	
Chalice:	9.00am N/A	10.30am J/A Green, N Pritchard, L/T Summerfield
Flowers:	M Evans	Creche: N/A

Theme for Next Sunday: Honest honour

Readings for Next Sunday: Job 40:1 – 10, Matthew 16:13 – 17, 21 - 23

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