



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 8 July 2018



**Theme:** Who is the Church for?  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** David Hollingsworth  
**Readings:** Acts 15:1-19, Mark 2: 18-22

**Sentence:**

And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.

- Mark 2:22

**Prayer for the day:**

Loving God, we remember and celebrate that Richmond Parish is part of your church. We appreciate what has gone before and we look forward to what will come. Have your way with us we pray. In this time of transition, we remind ourselves that the job of the church is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. As we

wrestle with who we are and how we do church, let us always have in mind those outside our walls; those we are called to serve with compassion and with gladness of heart. We pray this in the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of our Saviour who came to serve and not to be served, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### From this world to the next

Friday - Today, perhaps unsurprisingly, I am thinking of death. Today I will lead Albie Matthew's friends in celebrating his life.

Yesterday I was privileged to sit with Gwen Wright, her daughter Pam and Pam's son Jonathan as Gwen passed quietly into her new life in Christ.

And this morning I answered the phone to hear from my cousin that my Uncle David died overnight in Westport.

Endings and beginnings... These three folk are all safe with the One who is completely trustworthy. Pray for their families as they celebrate what has been and what will be; as they grieve and move forward.

The tides of life ebb and flow ....constantly. The tides of life and change, goodbyes and hellos, remind me of the One who is always faithful; the One who is present in the goodbyes and in the hellos.

I am so grateful for this One; this Three. Already people have begun fare-welling me. Our church has begun planning and looking forward to the next person. that is good and right and exciting too.

And as I let go of some things, I am extremely grateful for my time in this Church. Someone said to me the other day "Susan, this church didn't used to be friendly. When I came, it wasn't welcoming. Now it is." You have given me so much.

I can confidently go into the future because of the love and acceptance our Loving God has sowed into my heart through you.

Endings and beginnings... And positive transitions – I pray for you all especially over the next couple of Sundays as your expectancy for the future grows.

What a wonderful God we serve on our own paths later but here together for another couple of joyous months!

Learning together in love,

*Susan*

**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, today 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.

**Ticking the Boxes Seminar** - Next seminar will be Wednesday 18 July at the Church of Christ, Richmond. This is the one I am organising, and would love your support. We have Peter and Sue Bryan speaking, as World Vision Aid and Development Workers about their experiences overseas. The seminar starts with a finger food lunch at noon and this is where I need your help. If you are coming it would be great if you could bring a plate, sandwiches, asparagus rolls, filled rolls, cheese rolls, basically anything that can just be put on the table without heating up. I have left a sign up sheet on the table, and it would be great if you can indicate what you could bring if you are able. Also you might like to consider coming earlier for the hymns which the Church of Christ run monthly, 10.00am.

**Special Meeting** - Next Sunday 15 July after the combined service at 10.00am there will be a meeting with Rev'd David Hollingsworth, Bishop's Chaplain, and the Parish Nominators, to discuss the future leadership of this church. All welcome. Come and have your say.

**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.

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

**Preserves** - Thank you for your continued support for our missions partners through buying the preserves. Thanks to some generous donations of fruit there is lemon and lemon and ginger marmalade at the back of the church. If you have any feedback, or special requests do have a word with me. I am happy to make up packs of preserves for gifts! Shiona Frengley

**Celebration** - 175th Celebration of German Settlement and the Lutheran Church of New Zealand. 20 & 21 October (Labour Weekend 2018) Registrations now open. For info: (03) 54 32 839 or [tinyurl.com/UMO175](http://tinyurl.com/UMO175) or email: [germansarau175@gmail.com](mailto:germansarau175@gmail.com)

**Accommodation Wanted** - I've recently met a lovely young woman who is desperate to find somewhere to live. She is an educated, well-travelled woman with a number of skills. She is working in Richmond at present to try to earn enough to rent something slightly warmer and more comfortable. She would be very happy to help out with chores around the place. Please contact Ursula Brown for more information or to offer assistance. Ph.543 8955

**Movie Night** - Monday 16 July, Suter Theatre. *I can only Imagine* - The story behind the song. Sign up sheet at back of Church. \$15 pay at door. Trailer: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYFs9iAsChk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYFs9iAsChk)

## Prayers for the Week

**God's World** – We give you thanks Lord for the international cooperation that led to finding the young Thai football team and their coach alive, and pray for a successful rescue.

We pray for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. This is now the world's largest refugee crisis.

We pray Lord for provision for these your suffering children and for urgent efforts to be made as the monsoon approaches.

We thank you Lord for the initiatives being made by Mexico's president elect to bring justice and peace to Mexico and an end to migration. We ask your protection over him Lord and for you to guide the new government in your ways of justice and peace.

**Mission** - We thank you Lord for Chris and Catherine and their mission in central Asia.

**Our Diocese** – We thank you for the leadership team in the Wairau Valley, and Joe Keighley their Vicar and their successful retreat. Continue to inspire and lead them Lord, and open doors and the hearts of this your family that they might bless their community.

**Our Community** – We thank you for your family based at Spring Grove Church of Christ. Please be with them and guide them as they seek a pastor. We thank you for the abiding friendships and their love for you and their community.

We pray for those involved in Forestry industry and those affected by their waste after recent storms bring them to work together to build a sustainable solution.

**Our Parish** – We thank you Lord for the faithful service of those involved in having the church open on Mondays. Inspire, sustain and bless them Lord, and all those you choose to bring to them.

We give you thanks Lord for the careful demolition of your hall. It fills us with joy to see the building being treated with respect and its materials going to be repurposed. Please bless all those involved Lord.

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, recovering from surgery, and others known to us. . Please comfort the family and friends of Albie Matthews and Gwen Wright at this time of their loss. Please be with the staff and residents in our parish rest homes too.

## This Week...

### Monday 9 July

9.00am Church open for Prayer  
1.00pm Weekly group (K Peterson)

### Tuesday 10 July

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 11 July

10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 12 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

### Sunday 15 July

10.00am Combined Holy Communion Service  
(Followed by Parish meeting)

## Coming up...

### Tuesday 17 July

11.30pm *Lunch on the Hill* - Salvation Army Hall

### Wednesday 18 July

12.00pm *Ticking the Boxes seminar* - Church of Christ, Richmond

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 8 July** Holy Communion  
**Sunday 22 July** Morning Prayer

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

## Roster for 15 July - Thank you for serving us all!

**Leader:** 10.00am Jean Palmer  
**Reader:** 10.00am J Green, M Gibson  
**Sidesperson** 10.00am J Green  
**Welcomer:** 10.00am N Pritchard  
**Chalice:** 10.00am J Green, D Stanger, B Lash, N Pritchard  
**Tea:** J & K South  
**Flowers:** M Reynolds **Crèche** G Thompson

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Share Stories

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Genesis 12:1 - 7, John 18:1 - 15

## Parish Contacts

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## Office Hours

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Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm