



Richmond Parish News

Sunday 14 July 2019



Theme: Finding my neighbour; the work of mission
Priest in Charge: Revd. Ian Smith
Preacher: Revd. Ian Smith
Readings: Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Sentence:

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

- Psalm 82:3-4 NRSV

Collect: today

Guiding God, your wisdom is never far from us; may we love you with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and love our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus, the compassionate one,

who walks with us every step of the way, and is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



From the Priest in Charge:

A very warm welcome to our services this morning, and especially to Revd Jean, who is filling in a gap for us out at Appleby! Our lectional readings today have us looking closely at the idea of neighbourliness, an extremely important idea as the New Testament gets to grip with the concept of mission.

At a theology group this month we were asked, "What are we trying to accomplish these days as parish ministers?" This was a very good question and so was the conversation that followed! The answer, it seems, is not found in how well we perform on any given Sunday nor is it in the congregations enjoyment of the worship and

sermons we provide. It has to be much bigger than this! I believe this lectional topic, at least, touches on the answer. The priest, the Levite and the Samaritan are all called to be a neighbour to the dying man on the roadside. Whether they hear this call and compassionately move toward the ministry goals this need produces, is key to the gospels understanding of mission.

Where are the needs within our community? Who is God using to see these ministry needs met? This has to be paramount in any measure of a congregations review of its ministry success! May we all ponder and prayerfully reflect on who these 'injured' souls are and how we might move towards seeing them restored and made well in the loving embrace of our Lord!!!

Arohanui,

Ian

Christianity in Europe – dead, dying or reviving? - We will be hosting Chris Wigram who is International Director for ECM International on Thursday 18 July at 7.00pm in the church. Chris is well placed to give us an excellent overview of Christianity in Europe at present. ECM International is the missions organisation that Féy Cotter is associated with. We don't have many specific overseas missions evenings and this promises to be a very informative meeting, so we would love to see you there. John Palmer Ph. 544 4275 on behalf of the Missions Action Group.

Carpark - While the carpark construction continues there is restricted access into the church grounds from Dorset St. The Trinity Lane entrance is open for limited ted parking spaces on the south side of the church. Access to the church and office is through the church via the Vestry, which has a lockbox attached to the Vestry door knob. The code for the lockbox is the same as the Church ramp door. (Please return the key to the lockbox once you leave the church. You need to use the same code to lock the box as you do to open it.) Please be patient with us while this final stage is in progress.

Preserves - There are some jars of lemon curd for sale, just egg yolks, lemons butter and sugar ... lovely. Please keep in the fridge. Also some plum jam. The money from these goes to missions.

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

Taizé Service Cancelled - Tonight's Taizé Service is cancelled owing to Micah Did-Dell's ill health.

Christmas Box Appeal



What a privilege it is for our Church family to demonstrate God's love together in a tangible way to needy children around the world and in particular to us in the Pacific Area. This is our AAW yearly outreach project and groups all over New Zealand and the world put in a big effort, volunteering their time, and expertise to serve our Lord in this mission ministry through filling the children's Christmas Boxes with beautiful gifts, prayers and letters. The 96 boxes sent in 2018 were greatly appreciated. Our box order for this year should be here soon from Auckland. Jonathon Wallis (Field Operation Support for New Zealand) will be in Richmond soon. He has to find a storage place for boxes filled in the Nelson region until October. Our boxes last year went to the Philippines. The total from Australia and New Zealand was 293,582 boxes, and went to the Philippines, Fiji, Cambodia, and Papua New Guinea. Any enquiries please phone Dawn Martin 0211773312.



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, peace, real freedom and justice in Venezuela, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Syria and also in the Persian Gulf region where armed conflict is increasing. Raise up leaders we pray who are wise, and seek the welfare of not only all their peoples but the world at large, especially in the nation of Iran.

We pray for the West African nation of Mali where at least 100 men, women and children were slaughtered by heavily-armed Islamist extremists in a mainly-Christian village in the Mopti region of central Mali. We pray that humanitarian help will come to the few survivors and also that you will grant to your people the ability to forgive and pray for those who carry out these atrocities.

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 pray for the Corin family in Central Asia. We pray for the Seed Project training sessions, and the project as a whole, that it would be really effective in helping to equip the local pastors for ministry and that it would be a great way to help facilitate their ministry. Help them to see what opportunities there are for local businesses and micro-enterprise ventures. We also pray for those Corin children taking external exams that you will look after them and continue to guide their future educational needs.

Diocese - We pray for the ministry of the Wairau Valley Parish with Joe and Susan Keighley and their team. We pray for Joe and Susan, that God may provision and inspire them as they prepare during this 4 week Sabbatical for their eight week study trip in Britain and Europe from the end of October. Bless and encourage Deborah and Brian Paton as Deborah looks after the Parish in the interim. We thank you for the Men's Shed Ministry and pray that this may bear much fruit. Protect the fellowship during this wintertime from health issues we pray.

Local church - We thank you for the faithful ministry of the Spring Grove Church of Christ. We give thanks for a new couple who have decided to make Spring Grove their church commitment. We thank you for the setting up of their anonymous fund for medical assistance, and pray that God will bless this fund and people may give glory to Him. We also give thanks for those are faithful in service for the church, in preaching and ministering.

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.

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 and the car park, but we are frustrated by the recent setbacks. Guide the Vestry as it considers how to grapple with the budget shortfall but keep them looking to your provision. Lord this is your project and we pray that you will supply our needs so that this facility can be used to foster community both within this church and in the town at large.

Those in need - For those we know who are suffering at this time, may they know your peace, comfort and healing. We pray especially for those who have recently lost loved ones and for those recovering from falls, sickness or operations. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

This Week...

Monday 15 July

9.00am Church open for prayer

Tuesday 16 July

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 17 July

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

Thursday 18 July

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

Sunday 21 July

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Praise on the Hill

Coming up...

Wednesday 24 July

12.00pm Seniors Fashion Show @ St Johns Wakefield.

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

St Albans' Appleby Services

10.30am Sunday 14 July

Holy Communion

Leader - Revd. Jean Palmer

10.30am Sunday 28 July

Morning worship

Leader - Revd. Matthew Beech

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

Roster for 21 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am	J Sardella	10.30am	F Summerfield
Reader:	9.00am	J McConachie, P Jordan	10.30am	J Palmer
Sidesperson:	9.00am	K South	10.30am	J Green
Welcomer:	9.00am	S Frengley	10.30am	A Green
Chalice:	9.00am	S Frengley, P Jordan, TBA	10.30am	N/A
Tea:		TBA		
Flowers:		C Strang	Creche:	TBA

Theme for Next Sunday: Keeping focused: God gives us so much but how do we best "spend" it?
Readings for Next Sunday: Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

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