



Church on the Hill

Sunday 5 July 2015



Theme: The Power of Speech
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Susan Gill
Readings: Proverbs 17:27-18:9, James 3:1-12, Matthew 12:33-37

Sentence:
The mouth speaks what the heart is full of. - *Matthew 12:34*

Prayer for the day:

Gracious God, use our words to encourage and impart grace to others. May the power of my words bring life and blessing. May we be bold to speak the truth about You, and tender enough to do so in love. Empower us by Your Holy

Spirit to be your witnesses. Most importantly let us hear what Your Spirit is telling us and give us the discretion to say only those things. We pray this through our Saviour and friend, Jesus Christ.
Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Prayer

Thursday morning I had the opportunity to pray with someone who never goes to church for her friend who is facing major surgery. "O Lord, what do I pray?" taking my meagre faith in hand I dared to pray for a miracle of healing. It will be fabulous if the Lord grants this – what a witness to all concerned. (Marie, John and John often get similar opportunities on Mondays when the church is open for prayer.)

Most of all I gave thanks that the Lord loves this person and the one who asked for prayer, far more than any of us ever can. I prayed for God's grace and love and compassion for all of them.

What is prayer really? If you can define it precisely, let me know. It seems to me that much of prayer is mysterious as God is. It's like these mysterious conversations with the Living God – impossible to pin down the mechanics of how it works, impossible to predict the outcome.

Dear Journal,

Sunday

it's a mystery prayer is
and a wonder

Monday

does God hear my list or does God know the list before I say the words?

Tuesday

I sit
feel the silence
and know the prayer is said

Wednesday

does it work when what I prayed for doesn't happen?
did God fail
did I

Thursday

I pray my prayer again
trust God will hear
know the prayer is answered in some way

Friday

don't have to understand how it works
only have to pray without ceasing

Saturday

I breathe
breathe in trust
breathe out worry
and feel within the depths of God

- Ann Freeman Price, *Alive Now* July/Aug 2005

Logic is good and helpful most of the time.
Sometimes though, God cuts straight to the heart. Sometimes that is what prayer is about. Sometimes the Lord bypasses our head and goes straight to our instinct, gut, heart. Uncertainty is not always a bad thing. Always prayer.

Learning together in Jesus' love,

Susan

Budget Service - Waimea Anglican Budgeting Advice Service is now available. Ph. 544 8901 or 022 020 5565 to get it touch with an advisor or talk to Anne Askin if you would like to know more.

Building Fundraiser - Honey is now available. Honey 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, and 2kgs \$25. See Anne Askin between the services or Ph. 544 9059.

Church open for Prayer - Join in on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to pray for our personal needs, our parish, our community and the world. All welcome. Feel free to come and go.

Lunch on the Hill - 11.30am Tuesday 7 July. All Welcome, bring a friend. Koha entry.

Missions Evening - Shared tea with Murray Cotter. 6.00-7.00pm Wednesday 22 July. Hall Lounge.

Story Gran - Would anyone like to read stories to pre-school children at Futures Early Education in Gilbert St? They'd love to have one person do this whenever it suited the person. It wouldn't have to be a regular time but they would like to establish a relationship with one person? This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who wants to show God's love in a practical way. Perhaps your grandchildren live away and you'd like to spend some time with others. Contact Susan for more info.

Recycled materials - Futures Early Education would like used wool or fabric; in fact any clean used materials that could be fashioned into creative objects by their pre-schoolers. Please drop them off into our office by 17 July.

Allan and Christine Newsletter – The latest news from Allan and Christine is on the Noticeboard at the back of the church.



Children's Programme

The toy box and baby change facilities are available anytime at the rear of the Church.

Children are welcome to attend one of the following during the 10.30 sermon time:

- Kids' Church under 5's in the crèche.
- Kids' Church primary school age in the church hall and younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.

Prayers for the Week

God's World: We pray for the victims of warfare and discrimination amongst Islamic groups especially in the Middle East and parts of Africa and also increasingly in Europe, where there is pressure to introduce Sharia law. We pray for the victims of the shooting of holiday makers in Tunisia and their families. We continue to bring before you Lord, the peoples of sub-Saharan Africa who are suffering from extreme poverty due to drought and war. We especially bring before you the leaders of Christian churches there who live under constant threat of death.

Mission partners: We pray for the Corin's as they engage with and minister to the people in Central Asia, linking the development of new and small scale businesses with bringing the Good News to those among whom they live. We pray you will guide them in how best to provide ongoing education of their children.

Diocese: We pray for the staff and congregation of All Saints Church, under the leadership and guidance of Simon and Fran Martin and their team. We ask you, Lord, to richly bless and encourage Miranda Warren as she prepares for the upcoming Children's Holiday Programme.

Local Church: We pray today for all the Church fellowships in Richmond and the surrounding areas, especially the Lutheran Church at Upper Moutere and Hope, under the leadership of Pastor Chris.

Our Parish: We seek your continuing guidance, Lord, as we proceed with fundraising for the Lantern building. We also pray that you will raise up a gifted person to lead the children's ministry; so fundamental to the future growth of our church community.

Those in need within our own church family: Please be with George and Bev, Daphne, Pam, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda, Bill, and others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 6 July

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 7 July

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 8 July

7.30am Prayer

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

10.00am Wednesday Service

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)

Thursday 9 July

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

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7.30pm Spiritual Gifts Course (S.Gill)

Friday 10 July

7.30pm Christ's College Cambridge Choir

Sunday 12 July

9.00am Holy Communion*

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**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Saturday 18 July

9.00am Book Fair

Sunday 19 July

4.00pm Messy Church

Thursday 13 August

10.00 - 2.30pm Retreat at Gardens of the World

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 12 July Holy Communion

Sunday 26 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 12 July *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J Palmer	10.30am J Palmer
Sidespeople:	9.00am W Wilkinson	10.30am J Palmer
Welcomer:	9.00am B Page	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	S Paine, M Mercer	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, W Wilkinson	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	R Armstrong	Brass: M Evans

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 33:4-9, James 2:14-24

Theme for Next Sunday: Word and Deed, Faith and Action

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