



Church on the Hill

Sunday 3 August 2014



Theme: Spiritual Hunger
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Allan & Chtistine
Readings: Psalm 84, Ephesians 3:14-19

Sentence:

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

- *Psalm 84:12*

Prayer for the day:

Magnificent Father, you have created all of humanity with a desire to worship you. Please strengthen us by your Spirit; give us a glorious inner strength. May Christ will live in us as we open the door and invite him in. Plant our feet firmly on love, so we and all followers of Jesus, can

take in the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Give us the courage to reach out and experience the breadth, length, depths and height of what you have for us. Let us live in your fullness O God! We pray this in Jesus' mighty name. **Amen**

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Reflections...



In any great move of God **prayer** has always had a fundamental consistent factor associated with it. We cannot escape prayer's importance to our faith, because prayer connects us to God in order that we see what God is doing and we can fall into line with God. And when this happens a whole new dimension opens up.

I know myself that I've done periods of prayer with little or no obvious effect. And it is so easy to question the point of praying ad infinitum - especially going to church prayer meetings. But the fact is that God is seldom in a hurry and perhaps the waiting and the persevering is an important essential aspect of our prayer that changes us and our expectations and our very selves.

Faith is believing that even when we don't see things happening we believe that our prayer is important and it is making a difference. Perhaps the most important aspect of prayer is the change it creates within us initially before we even start looking elsewhere. As Paul states there are powers and principalities at work beyond our sight and prayer provides an all-important weapon for God's Kingdom here on earth

Liturgical prayers have a long tradition in the church. They are words passed down throughout the ages, from Scripture and other places. Rather than simply reading the words we allow the words to speak to us. Even though we repeat passages, the repeating is important in a world where repetitive messages bombard us every day.

The importance prayer brings is the change in us - rather than trying to get God to do things for us - however righteous we think our requests may be. It is often a slow delicate process.

Church prayer is so important. It can make all kinds of things happen. It can open our eyes, empower our faith, encourage our boldness, refine away our shortcomings...

Beginning this week there will be Morning Prayer in the church on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am. It will go for 15 minutes based on the NZ Prayer Book. If you can make it to one or more of these please do. There are many other opportunities to meet as a church to prayer. Mondays 9.00am-2.00pm, Wednesday morning at 7:30am and at Tuesday 7.00pm in office .

Yours in Christ

Owen

Building Fundraiser Honey - 500gms \$7.00, 1kg \$13.00, 2kgs \$25.00. If you want to order Honey ring Anne Askin 544 9059 or see her between the Sunday services.

Food Bank - With winter heating costs up some people are needing food bank support. Supplies in our church banks are very low, so donations of non-perishable food would be welcome. Suitable gifts could include tea, coffee, sugar, rice, breakfast cereals, milk powder, tinned food, jam, honey, spreads etc and supermarket vouchers. Donations can be left in the basket at the front door. Thank-you. Alice Burrough.

Youth Band - Practices Friday 8 August and Friday 15 August in Church 4.00-5.00pm.

Help! - Is there anybody in the church who can make cards? Card will be provided. Contact Ingrid Ph. 544 4917

Friday Fun - 3.00 - 5.00pm Friday 15 August. Children will make and decorate gingerbread man. All children who attend Church on the Hill and their friends are most welcome. Thanks to Jan South and Brad Wells for helping. - Ingrid



Family fun, Food and Friendship
Sunday 24 August 4.00pm - 6.00 pm



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

Our World: We continue to pray for both the safety and the return of the over 200 schoolgirls abducted in Nigeria, we will not give up praying for peace and justice to be established in Israel, Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, the Central African Republic, South Sudan and northern Nigeria; we give thanks for the safe departure of Meriam Yehya Ibrahim from Sudan; we also pray for the beleaguered Christians in Iraq where Iraqi Anglican Church vicar Canon Andrew White said recently "the Christians are in grave danger. There are literally Christians living in the desert and on the street. They have nowhere to go"; may God help us as we hear of all the suffering in the world to think clearly, feel deeply and act justly.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for the Corin family; bless their time in NZ and may their visit to us later this month be an encouragement to them and us. We thank You for Allan and Christine and pray Your blessing on their time at the Vestry Retreat.

Our Diocese: We pray for the Parish of Atawhai/Hira, for Jeff and Jo Cotton and their team, giving thanks for all that God has done and what he is doing; may the church stay faithful to His truth, and trust His promises and be bold in evangelism in reaching others around them. We also remember Ian Thatcher who has had his surgery to remove a tumour on his optic nerve deferred until 25 August and Bishop Richard who will have minor surgery (second operation) on 7 August; we trust Your overruling hand in the surgeries and for their recovery.

Our Local Area: We pray for Richmond Methodist Church, asking Your continual guidance for and equipping of Paul Tregurtha and his team; encourage and strengthen that small fellowship. We pray for our emergency services; St John's Ambulance, the Fire Brigade and Police.

Our Church: We believe we are to hold Messy church monthly and are looking to God to supply another team of people with the right gifts and a passion for outreach to children and families; we thank You for Lunch on the Hill and may Your blessing rest upon those who serve and those who are served; we pray that You will continue to smooth the path of the new building resource consent through the TDC and provide the finance.

Those In Special Need: We remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Erica (Shirley Jackson's niece), Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 4 August

9.00am Church Open for Prayer
9.30am Friends 'n Fun
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 5 August

9.00am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)
10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly group

Wednesday 6 August

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 7 August

9.00am Prayer

9.30am Friends 'n Fun
12 noon Weekly lunch time study group
(W Wilkinson)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 7 August

9.00am Prayer

Sunday 10 August

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Praise on the Hill*
**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

October - Re-Source at Church on the Hill
See Noticeboard for details

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 10 August Holy Communion
Sunday 24 August Morning Service

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

Roster for 10 August *Thank you for serving us all!*

Leader:	9.00am J South	10.30am TBA
Sidespeople:	9.00am M Gibson	10.30am M Tilley
Welcomer:	9.00am J McConachie	10.30am S Lyon
Tea:	M Watson, M Evans	
Chalice:	9.00am G Thomas, M McCrae	10.30am N/A
Flowers:	R Armstrong	Brass: J Lines

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 40:5-10, Mark 10:32-45

Theme for Next Sunday: Genuine Sacrifice

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Thursday and Friday
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