



Church on the Hill

Sunday 14 August 2016



Theme: Islam and Christianity: Sister Religions?
Vicar: Revd. Susan Gill
Preacher: Graeme Howarth
Readings: Romans 5.6-11 and Colossians 1.15-20

Sentence:

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- John 14:6

Prayer for the day:

Mighty God, how can we dare to approach You, we who have so often offended You and each other? Thank You that our relationship with You us founded, not on who we are, but on who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Help us to approach You and others of different faith, culture or lifestyles with great humility; knowing

that we so often get it wrong. Help us to reach out in love and not judgement; forgoing our need to be right while being alert to danger. Help us to hold to your truth and gently lead and care for others through the Holy Spirit who, like Jesus, is humble and gentle of heart.

Amen

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Report on Synod

Bishop Richard departed from previous practice and combined his Synod sermon with the Bishop's Charge, which seemed a very sensible move. This meant that Synod could begin on Friday morning by going into discussion groups to discuss points from the Charge. The charge committed the Diocese to the radical confession of faith in Christ, to radical discipleship and to radical community as the body of Christ.

Normally at Synod we have presentations from a third of the parishes on their life and mission. This year, we had a series of presentations from those serving us in the Bishop's Ministry Team – Children and Families Ministry (Sue Fallow), Youth Ministry (Luke Shaw), Social Services Ministry (Gerrie Mead) and Seniors Ministry (Dean Charles Tyrell). We should be very grateful that we have people of such calibre in these key roles.

Andrew Burgess explained the re-envisioning project for Bishopdale Theological College. Although the College should always strive for

academic excellence, they are now looking at key outcomes from each course in terms of discipleship and mission.

In terms of motions before Synod, there was nothing really revolutionary, although two motions did provoke considerable debate. The first was concerned with encouraging parishes to nominate younger people (under 40) onto Synod. This was passed, although concern was expressed regarding the timing of Synod in relation to those in full-time employment. The second had a long preamble on creation care and worker abuse and then went onto to propose that, as a first step, all parishes should only purchase ethically produced tea and coffee. This was amended to an encouragement to parishes and passed. This motion of course raised issues relating to creation care, one of the five marks of mission, and perhaps we will hear more motions in this area in coming years.

Excellent overseas missions presentations were delivered by Mike Hawke (Anglican Missions), Steve Maina (NZCMS) and Allan and Christine (NZCMS missionaries).

Blessings,

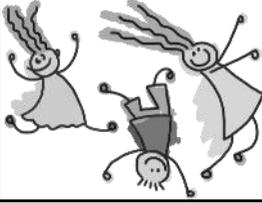
John Palmer

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.

Cafe Connection - I have booked a table at The Wooden Spoon Cafe, next Wednesday 17 August at 10.30am. We usually meet once a month on a Thursday but just for the month of August it will be Wednesday! We buy our own coffee and sit around a big table and enjoy each other's company, all welcome! Hope to see you there, Yvonne.

New Initiative - Last Sunday I mentioned the new initiative we are setting up with Age Concern. We are starting a weekly tea and talk, drop in centre, on a Wednesday morning operating out of the Richmond Seniors rooms, adjacent to the Age Concern Offices, Oxford Street. The start time is 10.00am and finish time 11.30am. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 August and will be a Spring theme! The cost will be \$3.00 to cover morning tea. Please come and invite any senior neighbours you may have. It would be great to have many of our people there as we start this exciting new venture! Thank you to the AAW ladies who have offered tablecloths, we will also need some camellias and other spring flowers for the tables, and ideally we need about 8 volunteers, so we have enough people to help us. If we had 8 people, you would only be there once every two months. Thanks to those who have already volunteered. Please see Shiona or Yvonne if you can help.

Afternoon AAW group. The ladies from the Evening AAW Group will entertain us and serve afternoon tea at our next meeting to be held in the Hall on Wednesday 24 August at 2.00pm. Any ladies are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.



= KIDZ CHURCH CALENDAR =

Today Sunday 14 August - Kidz Church led by Sue Fellow

Books of the New Testament - only 2 more weeks left to learn them!

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

Prayers and offers of help are appreciated. Catherine 022 647 9810

Prayers for the Week

God's World - Let us pray for the nations of the earth, for the well being of all people, and for those in authority. Guide with your wisdom, heavenly Father, those who govern the nations of the earth that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. We pray especially for wisdom, for the voters in America as they select a new president. We pray for the Rio Olympic Games, for the athletes, spectators, and all those involved, that the spirit of peace be kept alive throughout the entire event. We pray for peace in the Middle East and Europe, for an end to the war in Syria, and we lift up to you, the continuing refugee situation and the threat of terrorism. We also pray for the work of the Barnabas Fund, and their NZ tour, as they seek to educate Christians in our country on the plight of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mission Partners - We pray today for Murray and Féy Cotter, serving in Albania. We pray for wisdom as a new plan for the church plant is developed in the coming year. We pray for safe travels as they both visit the ECM missionaries in Kosova and Bulgaria in early September and for Murray who will be on his own while Féy travels later in September. We pray for Murray as he works with older men as they get more involved in church life.

Diocese - We pray for Cobden Runanga Parish, under the leadership of Tim Mora. We pray for Bible in Schools, and Messy Church, as they explore how to take the next step of moving those who come towards discipleship. We also pray for Victoria Askin and what 2017 will hold for her and for safety for Tim Mora as he travels to the Middle East.

Local Community - We pray today for the Lutheran Church, who are in a time of transition as their pastor, Chris Janetski has accepted a call to a church in Australia. We pray also for Richmond School, students and staff, thanking you for the link we have with our local school.

Our Parish - We thank you Lord for what you continue to do among us here at Holy Trinity. We pray especially for the new initiative we are developing with Age Concern, of a Wednesday morning Tea and Talk session operating out of the Richmond Seniors clubrooms. Use us we pray, to reach out to the senior population in Richmond, especially to those who are socially isolated. We pray for Susan as she leads this Church and for the Vestry who provide governance, praying especially for the new building committee. We continue to pray for your protection over this place in preparation for Graeme Howarth's talks this month on Christianity and Islam.

Those in need within our own church family - Heavenly Father, we ask that you bring healing, comfort and strength to Debbie, Carole Burke, Ellie, John Barnes, Laurie D'Eganneh, Pam Butler, Pam Cotton, Norma, Sonja, Ingrid Blackbeard, John Burrough, David Hollingsworth, Val Jordan, Cheryl Dalgarno, and others known to us. We pray also for the residents and staff in rest homes and hospitals in this Parish, that they know your peace and love.

This Week...

Monday 15 August

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 16 August

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

Wednesday 17 August

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

10.00am Wednesday Service

10.30am Wooden Spoon Café morning tea

Thursday 18 August

12.00pm Weekly Study group (W.Wilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

7.30pm Christianity & Islam

Friday 19 August

7.00pm Youth (A. Sardella)

Sunday 21 August

9.00am Morning Worship

10.30am Holy Communion

Coming up...

Saturday 17 September

- Love in Action Day
- Barn Dance Evening

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 28 August

Morning Prayer

Sunday 11 September

Holy Communion

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

Leader: 9.00am J South

Reader: 9.00am A Burrough K South

Sidespeople: 9.00am K South

Welcomer: 9.00am B Page

Tea: A Burrough, V Matthews

Chalice: 9.00am N/A

Flowers: A Heslop

10.30am Micah Did-Dell

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10.30am John Green

10.30am Jan South

10.30am J/A Green, N Pritchard,
L/T Summerfield

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Theme for Next Sunday: When God doesn't Heal

Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 71:9 - 16, John 5:2 - 9

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