



Church on the Hill

Sunday 25 October 2015



Theme: Covenant & Commission
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Bishop Richard Ellena - DVD
Readings: Isaiah 49:1 – 16, Hebrews 8:8 – 12, Matthew 28:16 - 20

Sentence:
I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
- Isaiah 8:10

Prayer for the day:

Living God, sometimes we lose sight of our primary purpose; that of following you and encouraging others to do the same. Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit so that our relationship with Jesus is infused with life and vitality. Fill us with a love for your Word so that we engage

with and pass on the life-giving wisdom it contains. Fill us with a passion for those who don't yet know you and help us nurture those who are young in faith. Shape us into the people you want us to be; more and more like Jesus. In his name we pray, **Amen**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



God Defend New Zealand

Are you going to the Richmond Mall or Washbourn Gardens at noon today to join the nation in singing our National Anthem?

The English words were written by Thomas Bracken who was born in Ireland on 30 December 1841 to Margaret and Thomas Bracken and was baptised into the Catholic faith. His mother died when he was five and his father died when he was eleven so he was sent to Australia to live with his uncle John Kiernan who had a farm near Melbourne. Thomas later moved to a sheep station north-east of Bendigo where he began to write verse.

Not much else is known about Thomas until he arrived in Dunedin early in 1869 where he worked in journalism. His first book of poems, "Behind the Tomb" was published in 1871. In 1875 he co-founded a weekly newspaper called "Advertiser, Time-table and New Zealand Literary Miscellany" and his second book, "Flowers of the Free Land" was published in 1877. *God Defend New Zealand* appeared in this volume, but it had already been published on 1 July 1876 when all 5 verses were printed in the "Saturday Advertiser" as part of a competition to compose music for the poem. The 10 guinea prize was won by John Joseph Woods, a school teacher from Lawrence in Central Otago. The first musical performance was performed by the Dunedin Artillery Band in a street parade that December and the first

presentation of the poem with the music was sung at a concert on Christmas Night in the Queens Theatre by the Lydia Howard Troupe. In 1878 a Maori translation was added by T.H. Smith and the anthem began to gain popularity.

Thomas Bracken married Helen Copley in 1883 and their son, Charles, was born two years later. He was passionate about politics and won the Dunedin Central seat in 1881. He lost the next election but won a by-election in 1886 to see out the rest of the term.

Thomas wrote three more volumes of poems as well as 4 other non-poetry books, while Woods took over the publishing and promoting of the anthem.

It wasn't until the 1930's that James Dermont, Chief Engineer in the Post and Telegraph Department was instrumental in pushing for official adoption. The National Centennial Council recommended that the government adopt God Defend New Zealand as the National Anthem in December 1938. However, equal status with God Save the Queen was not granted until 1977.

Thomas Bracken died of goitre in Dunedin on 16 February 1898 and was survived by his wife and 12 year old son.

You will find the words to God Defend New Zealand on a separate page in this pewsheet. I encourage you to reflect on the words and consider making them a prayer this week.

May God Bless you this coming week.

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Spring Sale - Next Saturday 31 October. Please invite family, friends, neighbours - give them a flier. There are more at the back of the church if you need them. If you have any items for sale please bring them to the church on Friday 30 October between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. If those times don't suit you can leave them behind the curtain in the hall at any time. *Please Note:* We cannot accept old TVs (or LCD Flat screen only) or printers, and all electrical items must be in working order. Please ensure that donated items are clean. If you would like any items collected please phone Keith South 544 9413. If you would like to help please phone Shiona 544 4155 or Jan 544 8413. We hope to see you all there, bring a friend!

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - Thanks to a superb effort by everyone 51 well filled boxes (the same number as last year) have joined others from Richmond Churches on their way to

Christ church, the first leg of their long journey to children in Pacific Islands where ever they are most needed. You generously donated enough cash for their freight and I do thank you all most sincerely; and on behalf of the children who will receive them a big *Thank You* too. Brenda Page.



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 / Younger youth (Yr 7 to Yr 11) in Youth Room in the hall.



Prayers for the Week

God's World: We continue to pray for the refugee problem facing Europe, help the authorities to care for real humanitarian need but also to recognise those who are claiming to be refugees but are not. We pray Your protection and care on Steve and Lynn Gill and their team working in the refugee camp in Greece. We also ask You to strengthen Your church in China, which is seeing the worst persecution since the Cultural Revolution, and Your church in Aceh Province in Indonesia, which is suffering loss of church buildings and violence.

Mission Partners: This week we pray for the Corin family in central Asia as they mentor small businesses and share the Christian faith. They ask that You would bless the crop harvest this year. In addition please increase the spiritual harvest in the small towns and villages where these pastors are working and draw many people to Yourself through the faithful witness of these believers.

Diocese: Thank you for our Diocesan family to which we belong. This week we pray for Nativity Church in Blenheim and their leader Bob Barnes. Please enable them to make wise decisions and to implement the changes ahead with the right balance of gentleness and firmness. Give them the courage and perseverance to see them through and to follow Jesus throughout the process. Bless them richly in their worship and their outreach.

Local Community: Lord we thank you for the ministry of Father David Gruschow and the Catholic parish in our area. They would appreciate prayers for their amalgamation process with the Motueka and Takaka parishes. Thank you for slowing that process down to give more time to ponder the issues in more depth. Please provide the guidance they need.

We ask for guidance also for the Mayors and district councilors in Nelson and Tasman, especially for our Mayor Richard Kempthorne. Thank you for their support of our community Christmas lunch. As they deal with our debt, water and roading, conservation and so many other issues, please guide them by your Holy Spirit to make wise and brave decisions.

Our Parish: We think about our weekdays loving God and pray for all those in work; whether it is paid or volunteer. We remember those we work for; employers, agencies, neighbours, family. Help us to honour them and speak respectfully about them. We think about those we work to help; neighbours, family, clients – bless each one of them too.

Those in need within our own church family: Loving God we continue to pray for: George and Bev, Carole Burke, Noel, Lisa, Fiona, Ellie, Freda, Linda and Bill, John, others we know and for the residents and staff of rest homes and hospitals within our parish. Thank you that you care so deeply for them and know exactly what they need. Thank you also for the many prayers you have answered already.

This Week...

Monday 26 October

7.00pm Men's Forum (j.Klootwyk)
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 27 October

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)
10.30am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

Wednesday 28 October

7.30am Prayer
10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)
10.00am Wednesday Service
2.00pm Afternoon AAW (J. McConachie)
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frenley)

Thursday 29 October

12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

Friday 30 October

6.00pm All Souls Service

Saturday 31 October

9.00am Spring Sale

Sunday 1 November

9.00am Holy Communion*
10.30am Holy Communion*
7.00pm Taizé Service

**Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

Coming up...

Tuesday 3 November

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 11 October Holy Communion

Sunday 25 October 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 1 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

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| Leader: | 9.00am J South | 10.30am S Jackson |
| Sidespeople: | 9.00am B Page | 10.30am T Mangelsdorf |
| Welcomer: | 9.00am G Thomas | 10.30am E Kimberley |
| Tea: | S Stephens, M Gibson | |
| Chalice: | 9.00am A Burrough, E Erskine | 10.30am S Stephens, C Ward, M Robinson |
| Flowers: | B Page | Brass: J South |

Readings for Next Sunday: To be advised

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Parish Contacts

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