



# Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 15 December 2013



**Theme:** Jesus Brings Wholeness  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Isaiah 35:1 – 10, Matthew 11:2 – 11

*Welcome to Holy Trinity Church this morning.*

*All are invited to join together in Communion using the shared cup, a dipped wafer or individual glasses of wine and grape juice. Prayer is available for you or loved ones after each service.*

## **Prayer for the day:**

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and

thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

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Monday and Thursday  
9.00am - 5.00pm



### **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 (intermediate students to 15 years of age) youth room in the hall.

**Christmas and giving** – This year our parish's Christmas Appeal is directed at TEAR Fund. From where I sit, they do a fabulous job working with those in need. They seem to do it with less gloss and less overheads than some groups. So our Christmas Day offering will go to them. Envelopes are available from the back of church. We are making other financial requests to: our budget deficit, goods/money for the Community Christmas Lunch, baking (perhaps a Christmas cake) to hand out after our Christmas services. And let's not forget the new building – the need for that is becoming more and more urgent. Whew! So many requests. We certainly don't expect anyone to give to everything. Please prayerfully decide where your Christmas giving will go this year. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7) In appreciation for our Lord's provision through what you are doing. - Susan.

**Thank you** - To everyone who helped with the Santa Parade last weekend. For such a small team we did really well and the balloons almost lasted to the end. Well done!

**Grapevine** - Inspire and encourage a family by giving them a family magazine called Grapevine for \$5 per month ( this gives 10 families the magazine 4 times a year). Contact Grapevine on 0800472738 for further details. Ingrid.

**Volunteers needed** - The Brass Cleaning Guild need volunteers for the Brass Cleaning Roster. Contact Marlene Evans Ph 544 8382

**Urgent Request** - Sorry to add pressure at this busy time but I have an urgent request for an hour-ish of your time. Our churches are again handing out Christmas cake (and church service times to those who want them) in the Mall. The following slots still need to be filled: Tuesday 9.45am / Wednesday 9.45am / Thursday 9.45am / Thursday 1.00pm / and need 1 more person Thursday 4.00pm. Please let me know if you are available at any of these times. – Susan

**Honey** - Those Difficult Christmas Presents... Give them a jar of Honey! Building fundraiser. If you would like to order Honey for Christmas please let me know as soon as possible. 2 kgs \$20, 1 kg \$11, and 500gms \$6. Anne Askin 544 9059.



**Christmas Message from BTC** - The Dean, Staff and Students would like to thank all who have supported BTC throughout 2013 both financially and prayerfully. It is very much appreciated. BTC hope you have a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

**Sentence:**

Springs of water will burst out in the wilderness, streams flow in the desert.

**Prayers for the Week**

**The World:** We continue to pray for the Philippines after typhoon Haiyan that food, water, clothing, shelter and spiritual help may swiftly be brought to those who have lost everything; we pray for the refugees in Syria and those who have fled, for provision for them; for the people of Syria who Orthodox Bishop Alnemeah said were tired of war and no longer believe that this is revolution or reform, or the setting up of a new state on a clear foundation; for peace and justice to prevail; we pray for those suffering persecution, for the 12 nuns abducted in Syria, for increased persecution of Christians in India and continued troubles in Nigeria and the Central African Republic where three days of sectarian violence have left hundreds dead.

**Mission partners:** we pray for the Sussex family in Cambodia; praise for the success of dental outreach work in a slum area and for progress towards the resumption of prison work; for the children's schooling and good health and for a good rest and travelling mercies over the Christmas period.

**Diocese:** our companion diocese, the diocese of Singapore (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam), and Bishop Rennis Ponniah, pray that the diocese will be led by the Holy Spirit to build the prayer base for revival, to pursue a new level of unity and synergy in common mission, and to shining the Gospel Light courageously with integrity and winsomeness; that each family will have a strong family altar, where the spiritual foundations of the family will be deepened and will bear fruit in strong marriages, godly parenting, passing of faith from generation to generation, and young people rooted in faith as they face a rapidly changing world; that the existing community services and new ones being launched and developed will be lampstands for the Light of Christ by which the needy will be drawn authentically to the saving Gospel of Christ; that God's work will be sustained by the resources that God will supply.

**Local Churches:** pray for Annesbrook Church and Brent and Viv Liebezeit and their team; give them wisdom and vision to guide the churches in their movement; pray that Annesbrook continues to reach beyond its walls and impacts the community of Nelson with the love of Jesus.

**Our Parish:** pray for a female youth leader to work with Micah and Antonio, pray for Lunch on the Hill this week; continue to pray for the planning and provision for Christmas on the Hill; pray for carol singing around the parish on Tuesday; for the continuing outworking of the church's presence at the Santa Parade; for preparation for the Christmas services and for the church open days to view Christmas decorations and days to pray/reflect.

**Those in need within our own church family:** We remember Caroline, George, Carole Burke, Carol Frater, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Rex Senior (St Albans), Alan, Dorothy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Bev, and Ellie and those in the rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

## **This Week...**

### **Monday**

9.00am  
7.30pm  
7.30pm

### **16 December**

Church open for Prayer to 4.00pm  
Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)  
Weekly group (J. McNaughton)

### **Tuesday**

10.00am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
7.30pm  
7.30pm

### **17 December**

Fortnightly group – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (J. Payne)  
Weekly group (M. Silke)  
Lunch on the Hill  
Fortnightly group  
Prayers for our Church and the World in the office

### **Wednesday**

10.00am  
10.00am  
11.00am

### **18 December**

Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)  
Holy Communion (1662)  
Church open for viewing Decorations to 4.00pm

### **Thursday**

12 noon  
7.30pm  
7.30pm

### **19 December**

Weekly lunch time study group (W. Wilkinson/J. Lines)  
Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### **Saturday**

11.00am

### **21 December**

Church open for viewing Decorations to 4.00pm

### **Sunday:**

9.00am  
10.30am

### **22 December**

Holy Communion  
Family Service

### **St Albans' Appleby Services**

#### **Sunday 25 December**

10.00am Christmas Day Service

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

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is: 06 0705 0360452 00 ANZ Nelson

### **Roster for 22 December** *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Service Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	S Gill	<b>10.30am</b>	S Jackson
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>		<b>10.30am</b>	
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	A Webb	<b>10.30am</b>	S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>				
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	S Frengley	<b>10.30am</b>	N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>		M Evans	<b>Brass:</b>	C Frater

**Transport for Noel Bythell:** W Wilkinson

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 7:10 – 16, Matthew 1:18 – 25

If you would like someone from Holy Trinity to contact you during the coming week, please fill out this slip and place in the offering bag.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_