



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 23 November 2014



**Theme:** The Biased Kingdom  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24, Matthew 25:31 – 43

**Sentence:**  
We are the people of his pasture; the flock under his care. - *Psalm 95:7*

## Prayer for the day:

Living Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray for your Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. And so we ask for you to provide for all those who need it. We long for freedom for the oppressed, for bread for the hungry, for peace where there is war, and for abundant and

eternal life, for all who would accept it. We pray this in line with your will. We ask you to show us how we can co-operate with your Holy Spirit, in bringing the love of your Father, and the reality of your Kingdom to the here and now. In your name we pray, **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### Nurturing the Kingdom

Well our time with Kevin and Anne Roberts is over – or is it? If you didn't get to hear them speak at all, you have missed a treat. Never-the-less the ripples of their visit will be felt in our parish for some considerable time to come.

My personal insights, so far, are:

- The Lord loves me deeply.
- He does speak to me and I do hear him.
- I need to be less busy so I can hear him more clearly.
- I am very privileged to be your leader at this time.
- I need to be more focused on the specifics of his call rather than trying to be a jack of all trades.

Insights for all of us (as I understand them) are:

- The Lord loves you deeply.
- He does speak to you and you do hear him.
- He wants us to be more focused on 3 or 4

goals for each year rather than trying to achieve too much.

- We are very privileged to be part of this church community.

It was very encouraging that Vestry had already begun talking and praying about some of the insights we gained from Kevin and Anne. We will be consulting you about some of the key things we should be focusing on. One of those things will certainly be discipleship – we all need opportunities to grow in Christ.

Our parish is not the Kingdom of God – far from it. Yet it is a tiny part of the Kingdom. And our parish has a vital role to play in expanding God's Kingdom. That is something we do as family, not alone. No one has to feel guilty or duty bound or pressured. Together we can do the things the Lord is calling us to.

Together we are on a journey of discovery. Together we are nurturing the Kingdom.

Much Love

*Susan*

**Morning Prayer in Church** - Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am - 9:15am. Based on NZ Prayer Book. Come to one, any or all. *A great way to start the day.*

**Messy church** – Please could you save your cardboard tubes (not toilet paper ones) for Messy Church on Sunday 23 November. Susan.

**Christmas Parade** - Sunday 30 November, starting at noon. Helpers needed to help decorate the truck at 9.00am and/or to join us handing out balloons to children along the way. Please contact Kay at the office. Phone: 544 8844 email: seniors.onhill@xtra.co.nz. or Ingrid Ph. 544 4917

**Thanks** - A big thank you to all Members of Holy Trinity Church Family who helped in so many ways, large & small, to make our Garden Trail/Wedding Dress display on Saturday such a huge success. A special thank you to Home Groups who provided 10 beautiful baskets for our raffle. The total banked to date is \$6445.50 & a little more still coming in; dare we hope we shall reach that magical \$7,000 Caroline dreamed of? This wonderful effort will help your Lantern (building) Fund grow. How soon can we reach that target "begin to build" figure? Sincerely The 2014 Garden Trail Team.

**Men** - The men's forum will meet on Monday 24 November at 7.00 pm at 20 Elmsdale Close, Richmond. The subject for discussion "Is the time our schools spend on teaching "good English" worth the effort?" The usual hospitality will be on offer. For info Phone Jacob Klootwyk 544 5269.

**Kidschurch** - Play practise for KC children at 10.00am next Sunday 30 November.

**Cadence** - Pictorial Reflections November 2014 from Allan & Christine is on Noticeboard

## Lessons and Carols Service

7.00pm Sunday 7 December

Church on the Hill

Holy Trinity Choir

With Special Guests

Richmond Primary

School Choir



## 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.

**Christmas Music Practice** - 7:15pm, 24 November in Church Practice for 10:30 Service. Christmas songs and stay for a Christmas treat after if you can. All welcome.



## Prayers for the Week

**Our World:** We pray for the meeting of the G20 leaders and that talks will be positive for all and good for the environment. We continue to pray for the unrest around the world - much unseen - and pray especially for the peace-makers.

**Our Nation:** We pray for the recent house fires and other tragedies that have taken life. We also remember the 4th anniversary of Pike River. Give comfort to those who mourn and help us all to realise the fickleness of life.

**Our Mission Partners:** We continue to pray for Jo Rogers and Marion Chesney as they begin new stages after their missionary journey. Help them readjust and find fulfilment in new ventures.

**Our Diocese:** We pray for Di Griffin in Reefton and the Grey Valley parish. Help them continue to build a healthy relationship with other churches in the area and that these churches can be a positive influence in the communities.

**Our Local Area:** We pray for the Church of Christ and Pastor Steve Rollo and the various ministries they bring to the community. We pray for the Christmas Parade and for those involved that it would sow some seeds into the lives of people.

**Our Church:** We pray for Messy Church this afternoon and all those who attend. May they have fun and may it help people grow in their faith. We also pray for the Christmas events being prepared for next month. And we give thanks for a great Garden Walk day last Saturday and all those involved.

**Those in Special Need:** Franz, Ingrid, Luke, George, Carole, Noel, Wendy, Grant, Dorothy, Erica (Shirley Jackson's niece), Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), and Ellie, others known to us, those in the rest homes, hospitals and in our parish; and we give thanks to all those who care for others. We give thanks for answered prayers ask for the Lord's continued blessing on them.

## This Week...

### Monday 24 November

9.00am Church Open for Prayer  
7.00pm Men's Forum (J Klootwyk)  
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Frengley)  
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 25 November

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

### Wednesday 26 November

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

### Thursday 27 November

9.00am Prayer  
9.30am Friends 'n Fun  
12.00pm Weekly Study group (WWilkinson, J Lines)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)  
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Friday 28 November

9.00am Prayer

### Sunday 30 November

9.00am Holy Communion\*  
10.30am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Sunday 7 December

7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 9 November** Holy Communion  
**Sunday 23 November** Morning Service

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## Roster for 30 November *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J Burrough	<b>10.30am</b> A Sardella
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> E Erskine	<b>10.30am</b> J Green
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> S Entwistle	<b>10.30am</b> M Ross
<b>Tea:</b>	F & J Murbach	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Payne	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	B Savage	<b>Brass:</b> C Frater

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Keep Watch

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