



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 1 February 2015



**Theme:** Creator God; Creative People  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Genesis 1:14 – 23, Exodus 35:30 – 35

**Sentence:**

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. *- Ephesians 2:10*

**Prayer for the day:**

Creator God, in the beginning you made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You go on creating; new stars, new plants, new animals, new thoughts, new lives. You don't hold back because of fear or inhibitions. Glorious God, You've made us like you.

We are free in Jesus Christ. Your Holy Spirit helps us to be creative - just like you! Awaken your creative fire within us. Help us to create fearlessly, with great love, purpose and passion and to encourage your creativity in those around us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## *Reflections...*



### **Who is God? Who are we?**

This Sunday we begin a new preaching series from the early chapters of Genesis. (1 – 12) . We'll cover topics like: Creative God - creative people, Stewardship of creation, Sabbath rest in an age of busyness, Sinfulness – the problem and the antidote, and Welcoming God - invitational people. (You may have other questions/issues from the stories of the beginnings of human history. If you do, let me know and we may be able to include them.)

Actually, we are really carrying on from the excellent sermon Micah preached on The Image of God. Micah says *"So we can best understand the Image of God, not as something we have, but as something we do. ... the Genesis creation story gives people a new identity, they are priests - people who mediate between God and the physical world. This imagery of a priesthood will be repeatedly applied to God's people – first to Israel and secondly to the church."*

I encourage you to read his whole sermon. (You can find it on our website.

[www.holytrinityrichmond.org.nz](http://www.holytrinityrichmond.org.nz) Go to 'Recent Sermons' and click the 'Article Attachment' for Micah's sermon.)

My intention for our sermons is to attempt an overview of the whole Scriptures in a three year period. We might be pushing that though as there is so much to cover. We will take breaks from the Genesis series for some weeks of Lent and when we have guest speakers.

I hope our sermons will be prompts and cause us to think, pray and live out our faith in daily life. Christianity and church are not the same thing. Christianity is about who we are through the week. Jesus didn't come, doesn't come by his Spirit, just for Sundays.

### *A heads up re Lent:*

We will be running a Lenten study called *Season of Renewal*. This 6 week study is not just about theory but practical experiences in this abundant life Jesus has promised. It's an amazing course and would benefit every person who wants to travel a less-comfortable but much more fulfilling road. *Season of Renewal* is put out by the organisation that Kevin and Anne Roberts represented during their time with us – ReSource. Some, if not all, home groups will do this study and additional, short term groups, will also be set up. Dates and times to be confirmed. Please contact me asap if you are keen to participate.

Much love,

*Susan*

**Data Projectionist Needed.** Is God calling you to be a data projectionist for the 10:30am Sunday Service? Could you commit to once a month being on the data projector? Full training given. Talk to Margaret Martin, or sit beside her during a service to see if it is for you.

**Music Workshops** - Richard Rendle is holding contemporary workshops at Church on the Hill in March. Richard is a Christchurch guitar player who has been a solo musician and led teams at various Anglican and other churches over the years. He understands which songs work for a congregation and which don't. Richard's workshops will be exciting for musicians, singers, worship leaders and anyone who enjoys making a "joyful noise to the Lord". Guitarists can bring acoustic instruments and play along with some chord sheets provided. Bring a music stand. Copyright restrictions limit wholesale distribution of sheet music but how to access resources will be made clear. Sessions are Friday 6 March 7.30pm - 9.00pm and Saturday 7 March 10.00am - 12.00pm and 1.00pm – 3.00pm. Each session is more or less stand alone. Folk can come to one and get something out of it or come to all three for maximum input. Each session will cover

different songs so if someone comes to all three they would have heard 30 songs. Cost is a gold coin per session. BYO lunch on Saturday. Drinks will be provided. Register with Church on the Hill office 544 8844 or email [church.onhill@xtra.co.nz](mailto:church.onhill@xtra.co.nz).



## 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

We thank You that You are a good God, who answers prayer and we thank You for Your faithfulness to us over the years as we have seen answers to prayer.

**The World:** Lord we grieve over the suffering throughout this world, we think particularly of the troubled lands of Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan and the Central African Republic. We pray for peace to reign in these lands, for aid to reach those who have lost homes and livelihoods. Give great wisdom to Christian leaders who are seeking to minister to their scattered and suffering people in these areas. We pray for Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS, if the terrorist Saul could be converted and set the world on fire for the gospel, why not the leader of the self-proclaimed Islamic State?

**Mission partners:** we remember Alan and Christine in Asia, help them as they endeavour to be pastors to the many students in their city; give them wisdom in all their contacts with the authorities.

**Diocese:** we pray for the parish of Cobden-Runanga with Tim and Nicky Mora and their team including the new Curate, Victoria Askin; help Victoria to fit in quickly to the parish; bless the rebuild coming up including renewing the kitchen, recarpeting the church and replacing the pews with chairs in preparation for Messy Church; pray for the many youth who have moved away this year for tertiary study, jobs etc. that they would retain their faith and find good churches.

**Local Churches:** pray for Richmond AOG Church and their leadership under Ross and Yvonne Ferguson; we thank You that The Centre in Salisbury Rd has been sold and that the church's plan for transitioning can continue with an expanding emphasis on ministry, leadership development and renewal and revival. Bless the two overseas speakers from USA and Indonesia over the next two weeks and may they bring renewed vision and encouragement.

**Our parish:** pray for the New Building, thanking God for progress thus far and asking His provision for the funding needed; pray for the many organisations within our fellowship which begin their new year's activities soon; encourage and equip the leadership of each organisation to be faithful to Your calling.

**Those in need within our own church family:** we remember George, Carole Burke, Noel, Madeline, Wendy, 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 2 February

Nelson Anniversary Holiday

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

7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 3 February

10.00am Fortnightly group (J. Payne)

10.00am Weekly group (M. Silke)

11.30am Lunch on the Hill

### Wednesday 4 February

7.30am Prayer

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (N. Thomas)

10.00am Wednesday Service

### Thursday 5 February

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

7.30pm Fortnightly group (J. Palmer)

7.30pm Fortnightly group (N. Pritchard)

### Friday 6 February

Waitangi Day

### Sunday 8 February

9.00am Holy Communion\*

10.30am Praise on the Hill\*

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Friday 20 February - Sunday 22 February

Convergence Camp at Bethany Park Kaiteriteri.

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 8 February** Holy Communion

**Sunday 22 February** Morning Service

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## Roster for 8 February *Thank you for serving us all!*

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J South	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> M Gibson	<b>10.30am</b> M Tilley
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b> S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>	M Watson, M Evans	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> G Thomas, M McRae	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	N Thomas	<b>Brass:</b> J Lines

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Isaiah 40: 21-31 and Mark 1: 29-39

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Healing

## Parish Contacts

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## Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm