



Church on the Hill

Sunday 18 March 2018



Theme: A Grain of Wheat
Vicar: Susan Gill
Preacher: Ian Smith
Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-29

Sentence:

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.
- John 12:25

Prayer for the day:

God of Wheat and of Harvest, you call us to follow you; help us to die to self, to bear fruit for your kingdom and honour your name.

Through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following Jesus, Building Community

Reflections...



Note from the Priest in Charge...

It has been a real buzz anticipating these couple of months that Yvonne and I will be amongst you. I have only three tasks to do and I quote from the authorisation in Bishop Richards licence given to me this week that I will:

- Build up the Body of Christ by preaching and teaching the Word of God from the Scriptures
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- And guide the life of this community, he has entrusted to me, in its worship and mission.

Today is Passion Sunday where we enter into Holy Week. This could well have been called "Suffering Sunday" as we follow Jesus into the gruelling agonies leading up to his death.

But where it really takes us, is into the pain filled, religiously confused world Jesus so loved that he gave his short life's work to show the true character of Israel's God. This God is Merciful, and Gracious, and Faithful, and Forgiving and Steadfast in Love. These adjectives describing Yahweh in Exodus 34 become the adjectives that come to describe each of us as we allow God's life within us to restore us back into God's likeness. Now, we too, become this non-judgemental 'Body' in Gods world seeking its healing and peace.

This transformative journey, I hope, will captivate each of us, as we look into aspects of it over these next couple of months...

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Stones - We will be starting on our new building soon and we want to give everyone a last opportunity to put your children and grand children's name on a stone, which will be buried in the foundation of the new hall. A gold coin donation will be appreciated for each stone to go to the building fund. - Kai Kruse & Jacob Klootwyk.

Ticking the Boxes Seminar - First Aid For Seniors. The first seminar for 2018 is at 12.00noon on Wednesday 21 March at St Barnabas Stoke. Details on the church noticeboard.

Positive Aging Expo - This popular event is coming up on Friday 6th April. We are making up a basket of goodies to give to a lucky winner, if you have anything suitable to go in it please give to Yvonne, thank you.

Book Launch - Open invitation to George Bryant's book launch for his book, *Agents of Change: Kiwis making a real difference* Stories of 15 Kiwis who are making a real difference, including Nelson's Andy Joseph and Richard Kempthorne. George is a key writer on social issues and NZ's leading Christian author. Nelson Cathedral, 5.00-7.00pm, Tuesday 27 March. Refreshments. Retail Price \$28.95 but buy a signed copy at the launch for only \$25. RSVP by Monday 26 March to: bryantgw@xtra.co.nz

Scripture Union Bible Reading Notes - Margaret Silke has been or rep for these notes for over 40 years. Thank you Margaret. She has handed over the ordering to Jan South. If anyone is interested in finding out about the notes or ordering please contact Jan South Ph. 544 8413 by Sunday 18 March.

Lunch on the Hill - Tuesday 20 March, Salvation Army Hall, 57 Oxford St, 11:30am-1:30pm. If you are able to walk easily please park at our church and walk down so that parking will be available for the less able at the new premises, alternatively you could park in the carpark behind the shops and walk over.

Café Connection - 10:30am Thursday 22 March at the Wooden Spoon Café. Come along and enjoy a social time with other folk. All welcome

Movie Night - 6.30pm Monday 9 April at the Suter Cinema to see Paul: Apostle of Christ Tickets \$12 each with any profit going to missionaries (we need 84 to break even - there are 150 seats available). The story covers Paul, portrayed by James Faulkner, going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. Sign up sheet at the back of the church. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyOqQZUDdO4>

St Albans 150 Years Celebration - Celebrations are on the last weekend of November. If you are interested in helping with or attending the celebrations please contact the office.

Volunteers Wanted - Interested in writing the prayers for the newsletters?. We need two people for one month each; the months of April and May. Please contact Ian Smith Ph 021 0274 3043

Afternoon AAW group - Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 March at 1.30pm at the back of the Church. Rev Ian Smith will be our Guest Speaker. I am sure he is looking forward to meeting our group as we are looking forward to hearing what he has to share with us. Afternoon tea will follow. Please bring a small plate to share if convenient. There will be a Sales Table and a box for any contributions to the Food Bank. Any new members are most welcome to attend. Enquiries to Jean McConachie 544 6921.

Good Friday Service - Holy Trinity Church at 2.00pm Friday 30 April. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, as a play reading with Choir and Congregational singing. All welcome.

Extended - Praise and Worship Service 7.00pm next Sunday 25 March in church. All Welcome.

Offertory Envelopes - Envelopes are ready for pickup at the back of the church.

Passover Meal 2018 - It was no accident that Jesus was crucified at Passover time – He deliberately chose a Passover meal to institute Holy Communion. John & Jean Palmer are organising a Passover celebration at 6.00pm on Saturday 31 March which will include a shared meal and an adapted Jewish Passover service. If you would like to learn more about the origins of our Communion service and why Jesus chose Passover then we would be delighted for you to join us at 149 Queen Street, Richmond. Please contact us on 544 4275.

Prayers for the Week

The World – Sovereign Lord we continue to pray for those countries suffering the ravages of civil war particularly, Syria, Yemen, the Central African Republic and Afghanistan. Especially we pray for the peacemakers, encourage them and give them perseverance in the face of setbacks. Bring about a change of heart in the political leadership that will turn them towards peace rather than conflict. We ask for your enabling for aid workers everywhere; that they may bring help and comfort to all vulnerable and distressed people.

Mission – We pray for the Hughes family; encourage their language study, especially the spoken word. Provide suitable accommodation for them after their language study and prepare them for their ministry to come. Overrule in the political affairs of the country they are in, particular as they move towards a general election at the end of the year, grant them leaders of true moral integrity.

Diocese – We pray this week for the work of Buller parish, thanking You for Steve and Glenda Wockner and the leadership team. We pray for their ministry to the community that You will open up new gospel opportunities in Westport, Karamea and Granity. We also ask that You will provide new employment opportunities for that part of the West Coast, that families will want to stay rather than leave and that You will bring real hope to those who are in danger of giving up.

Community – We thank You for the ministry of Hope Community Church and for Donald and May Irvine and their team. We especially pray for a new Youth Pastor to replace the one who is about to leave for further study. We also pray for the busload of Ignite youth going to Easter Camp in Christchurch, that the camp will be a time of real spiritual growth for these young people, building strong foundations of faith.

We pray for continued perseverance and strength for those who have suffered damage in the recent storms. Give wisdom to local councils as they seek to learn from these storms and prepare for future weather events.

Our Parish – We thank you for Joshua and ask You to help him balance the different roles he has. Help him to lead the youth group, to build up the young leaders and to encourage them all to live out their faith in their community. Bless their fund raising activities for Easter Camp and may this camp be a real watershed in the faith journeys of all the young people.

Bless and encourage Susan as she leaves Australia and begins her Camino walk and Ian as he begins his ministry among us.

Continue to guard and bring to wholeness: Margaret Silke and others known to us. Pour out your blessing on the rest homes and hospital staff and residents in our parish.

This Week...

Monday 19 March

9.00am Church open for Prayer
7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

Tuesday 20 March

10.00am Fortnightly women's group (B Page)
10.00am Fortnightly Bible Study Group (E Erskine)
11.30am Lunch on the Hill
7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S Frengley)
7.30pm Lenten Study in Church

Wednesday 21 March

10.00am Wednesday Service

Thursday 22 March

10.30am Café Connection - Wooden Spoon Cafe
12.00pm Weekly Study group (W Wilkinson, J Lines)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (J Palmer)
7.30pm Fortnightly group (N Pritchard)

Sunday 25 March

9.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Praise on the Hill
7.00pm *Extended* - Praise and Worship

Coming up...

Tuesday 6,13,20,27 March

7.30pm Lenten Study in Church

Sunday 15 April

12.00pm AGM

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

St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am

Sunday 25 March Morning Worship
Sunday 8 April Holy Communion

If you wish to give financial support to Holy Trinity Church, our bank account number is:
03 0751 0146369 001 Westpac Richmond

Roster for 25 March - Thank you for serving us all!

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| Leader: | 9.00am J South | 10.30am S Jackson, L Ashby |
| Reader: | 9.00am J McConachie, P Jordan | 10.30am L Milligan, P Power |
| Sidesperson | 9.00am J Lines | 10.30am P Power |
| Welcomer: | 9.00am S Entwistle | 10.30am S Milligan |
| Chalice: | 9.00am M McCrae, P Jordan | 10.30am N/A |
| Tea: | V McNaughton, D Martin | |
| Flowers: | D Martin | Creche S Milligan |

Theme for Next Sunday: Palm Sunday
Readings for Next Sunday: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1 – 11

Parish Contacts

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10.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 10.00am - 1.00pm