



# Church on the Hill

Sunday 1 March 2015



**Theme:** A Clear Focus  
**Vicar:** Susan Gill  
**Preacher:** Susan Gill  
**Readings:** Genesis 17:1 – 7, 15 – 16, Mark 8:31 - 38

**Sentence:**

What will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? - *Mark 8:36*

**Prayer for the day:**

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us, the path to eternal life.

Enable us to have a clear vision of what is important in this life and to pursue it with focus and purpose in the power of your Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

*Following Jesus, Building Community*

## Reflections...



### Joy in Lent – part 2

*Wisdom of a ten year old boy*

Teachers teach  
Preachers preach,  
do you know what's  
going on in the head of each?

serious serious  
serious serious  
serious serious  
serious.

And there's no healing power  
in serious.

There is nothing more infectious than a genuine joy. Joy brings healing. But joy isn't something we can work up for ourselves or others. Rather it is the gift of God. However we can choose to 'enjoy'; to welcome joy into our life.

Enjoy: like, love, be amused by, be pleased by, take pleasure in, delight in, appreciate, rejoice in, relish, adore, lap up, savour, luxuriate in, wallow in, glory in, benefit from, have the use of, have available, be blessed with, be endowed with.

To enjoy life involves making a decision. If joy is lacking in our lives, what happened to remove it? David Hollingsworth said, at camp, that it can be useful to go back to a previous marker. When did you last experience joy? How can that experience help you experience joy again?

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.  
- Psalm 68:3

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
- Jeremiah 31:13

Jesus: I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.  
- John 15:11

The Lord wants us to experience a deep and abiding joy in Him. If joy is elusive for you, you might like someone to pray for you so your joy returns. Please do ask someone you trust to do that.

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.

**Garage Sale** - We will be having our Autumn Garage sale on Saturday 14 March from 8.30 until 12.00pm. Donations towards a grocery hamper or Easter basket would be much appreciated. There is a box down the back of the church. If you could help at any time on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning could you please sign the list at the back of the church. We need baking, plants, produce, jams and preserves as well as garage sale contributions. It does help us if these are clean and in the case of electrical goods in good working order. We do NOT want TV's unless they are flat panel or monitor, stereos unless everything is working, computers unless they have windows 7 or 8, or VHS recorders. These usually do not sell and cost us to dispose of. If you have goods to be picked up please contact Jan South. Ph.544 8413

**Lunch on the Hill** - Cooks and helpers required to join the team. Either on call or permanent. Help us to reach our community with this ministry. Please contact Kay Ph 544 8844 or 547 6777.

**AGM Advance Notice** - Say 'goodbye' to boring AGMs forever. Our AGM features an opportunity to share a meal, listen to a great speaker, a visual report-back on 2014, and will finish with inspiring snapshots of where we are going. 5.00pm shared meal / 5:40pm Speaker Sue Fallow Diocesan Children and Family Ministries Coordinator / 6.00pm AGM . Full details including electoral papers and Parish Roll available next Sunday 8 March.



### 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

Almighty Heavenly Father, we praise you for our many blessings; for our families and friends, for the security of living in a country where we are free from persecution for our faith. Thank you for your loving care for us, and your faithfulness as you continue to answer our prayers.

**The World:** We pray for those countries that are suffering the ravages of war. We bring before you Syria, Northern Iraq, Northern Nigeria, Southern Sudan, Israel, Palestine and the Central African Republic, to name just a few. Lord God, we pray for your intervention in these countries, for wisdom for their leaders and a willingness to come to peaceful settlements. We pray for the leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and others in leadership roles in this movement, that you might touch their hearts with your love. We pray for New Zealand as we enter into the fight against suicide bombers and indiscriminate acts of violence. Watch over the innocent and those trying to bring about peace in these areas.

**Mission Partners:** We pray for Allan and Christine. We pray for your protection over their health and their work. May you be present with them, filling them with your Spirit and blessing them in all they do. Give them wisdom in their appointments and relationships with others. We pray for their safety and success in their ministry.

**Diocese:** We pray for St Luke's Church at Spring Creek. We pray for Rev Derek Harding and his team as they maintain weekly worship services and become increasingly involved in their rural community.

**Local Churches:** This week we pray for the Methodist Church here in Richmond. Be with Martin Oh and his family as they settle into their new parish. Guide them as they proclaim the life enhancing gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed both within the congregation and out in the community.

**Our Parish:** We pray for Lunch on the Hill, for new cooks and helpers to come forward. We thank you for the team members who come along regularly, committing their time and skills to help with this outreach in our community. We bring before you the new building and ask for wisdom and encouragement as we look at how we can find ways to finance this vital project.

**Those in Need Within Our Own Church family:** We pray for George, Carole Burke, Noel, Judy, Madeline, Wendy, Lisa and Fiona (St Albans), Ellie, Freda, Linda, Geddes, the Weaver family in their recent loss, and others known to us as well as those in rest homes and hospitals in our parish.

## This Week...

### Monday 2 March

- 9.00am Church Open for Prayer
- 9.30am Friends 'n Fun
- 7.30pm Fortnightly women's group (S. Fregley)
- 7.30pm Weekly group (K. Peterson)

### Tuesday 3 March

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

### Wednesday 4 March

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

### Thursday 5 March

- 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 6 March - Saturday 7 March

Richard Rendle Workshop

### Sunday 8 March

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

*\*Morning Tea between services in the Hall*

## Coming up...

### Saturday 14 March

8.30am Garage Sale

### Sunday 15 March

Harvest Festival

### Sunday 29 March

5.00pm AGM

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

**St Albans' Appleby Services 10.30am**

**Sunday 8 March** Holy Communion

**Sunday 22 March** Morning Service

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

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> J McConachie	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Sidespeople:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b> J Palmer
<b>Welcomer:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> B Page	<b>10.30am</b> S Lyon
<b>Tea:</b>	S Paine, M Mercer	
<b>Chalice:</b>	<b>9.00am</b> G Thomas, W Wilkinson	<b>10.30am</b> N/A
<b>Flowers:</b>	A Heslop	<b>Brass:</b> A Hodges

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Exodus 20:1 – 4, 7 – 10b, 12 – 17, John 2:13 - 22

**Theme for Next Sunday:** Holiness and Justice

### Parish Contacts

Vicar	Susan Gill	544 8827	Children's Ministry	Ingrid Blackbeard	544 4917
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### Office Hours

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm

Tuesday 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm