

Next Sunday's Propers

Sunday August 5th

Ordinary Sunday 18

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Damon Plimmer

Sentence: Why do you spend your money for that which is no bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55:2

Collect: Living God, whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Readings: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78: 23-29; Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 24-35

Liturgy: 404

Taizé, Contemplative Evening Prayer, TONIGHT, 5pm

Winter Study

If you are interested in taking part in a 12 week study entitled *Jesus and the Kingdom of God* please talk to Fred McElrea 443 7880 or to Damon.

Community Day, Saturday 22 September, 9.30am – 2.30pm

An opportunity to learn about Christian Meditation, an ancient form of contemplative prayer. Led by Rev. Yvonne Smith, the day will be held at the home of Peter Chamberlayne. See the notice board for further details.

Community House Update

After years of discussion and planning, work on the Community House will soon begin. Major grants have been approved by Central Lakes Trust, Otago Community Trust, Lotteries Commission, Sargood Trust, and the Alexander McMillan Trust. Fundraising efforts are ongoing. Back in 2010 close to \$100,000 was pledged by St Columba's parishioners. If you are in a position to keep your pledge, or if you would like to make a contribution toward this project, please contact Rev. Damon Plimmer or Peter Hook.

The Trust is in discussions with the successful tenderer and a short service to bless the land will be held TODAY, 11.30am. All welcome.

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain
call to praise You joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest.
You our Father, Christ our brother,
all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy above.

Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933

He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.
He came singing faith...
He came singing hope...
He came singing peace...

Colin Gibson

*After the service please join us for light refreshments.
Activities for small children are available at the rear of the church.*