



**"Being the Gospel to all
People"**

**Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 3 April 2016**

A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns

Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy.

Next week's theme: Speak Out

Focus Scripture: Acts 5:27-32

Other Readings: Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



BACKGROUND: Speak Out

God's loving ways cannot be contained. Like the ripples made when a stone is tossed into calm water, the Spirit works through people and communities whose words and deeds bear witness to God, who raised Jesus to life. God calls all such witnesses to accountability and forgiveness. God still speaks, inviting all to receive the Spirit and follow Christ.

Acts 5:27-32 (NIV)

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 10 April 2016

Next week's theme: "A New Vision"

Focus Scripture: Acts 9:1-6

Other Readings: Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Prayer points: Please pray for: Little Cubs Kindy for more children (thanks because they have had 3 new enrolments, but need at least 12 more children. Margaret Morrison with her recurring illness.

Fellowship Lunch, 20 April at Gem & Heart, Howick, Noon. This is our first Luncheon for 2016. The Venue is where Esquires used to be, next to Jesters Pies. If you would like to attend, please write your name on the Clipboard in the Foyer. All welcome. The food is good and reasonably priced. Thank you Loas

ROSTERS Over the months of June July August and September we will be on average 8 people down every week for the rosters. If you would be able to help in all areas of the rosters, Reading, Intersessions, Communion Serving, Projector, Ushering, Welcome Desk and more could you please contact me as soon as possible so I am able to place you with another member for a couple weeks of training. Thank you very much Jeannine.

Entertainment books We are going to try and sell these again this year. Can I please have an expression of interest in the new 2016/2017 books which will be available after 7 April. Thank you Jeannine

Income Tax Receipts

After the end of March we will be issuing receipts to enable persons who give through Envelopes or by Direct Credit to claim their Income Tax rebate.

If you are not in the system and missing out on the rebate please talk to Bob Williamson or Brannie Ma as we can help you qualify for the rebate you are entitled to. Thanks Bob

Real life with John Cowan and Newstalk ZB 730pm Sunday nights, John Cowan's guest this Sunday night will be Nadia Lim

Methodist Festival of Song - Sunday April 10th, 7pm at Pitt St.

We are hoping to fill Pitt St Church for this significant event which aims to bring together **the whole Methodist family across the Auckland region. If you love Methodist singing this will be for you!** The Festival event will include some great hymns, choirs from the Samoan, Fijian, Tongan, and English, sections of the Church and hopefully a Korean choir, and a Hindi choir. In addition Robyn Allen Goudge will play the harp and sing a solo for us. There is truth in the saying that "Methodism was born in song". Singing to the glory of God is a significant part of our shared Methodist heritage no matter where we come from – we can thank Charles Wesley for that! Let's celebrate our faith in song!

Real Life: Newstalk ZB 730pm Sunday night: John Cowan's guest this Sunday (3rd April) will be actor, director and writer, **Sam Neill**.

Sam Neill was born in Ireland, to an English-born mother and a New Zealand-born father. His family moved to New Zealand in 1954. He went to boarding schools and then attended Canterbury and Victoria universities.

Inspirational TV: www.inspirationaltv.net.nz enjoy some interesting videos and messages.

STAYING SAFE : Good afternoon everyone,

The Health Promotion programme gets underway next month and the first course being held this year, is the mature driver refresher "Staying Safe" in Manurewa in a couple of weeks. Attached is a poster with more information and I have also attached the Autumn Calendar of Events. We have funding to hold 3 of Staying Safe courses:

STAYING SAFE: This interactive driver education course for mature road users, involves the use of resources from Land Transport and a workbook for participants to keep. This off road course will cover 4 key themes:

Keeping Safe (thinking about your safety) Being Safe (driver skills)

Safe Journeys (managing road situations) Keep Moving Safely (alternatives to driving)

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

1. Wednesday 6th April at Manurewa Baptist Church, 9 Lupton Road.
2. Tuesday 14th June at Howick Presbyterian Church, 11 Vincent St, Howick. (In the café)
3. Wednesday 3rd August at Franklin Baptist Church, 128 Victoria St, Pukekohe

Morning tea and lunch included. For further information and to book (**essential** for catering purposes), please email reception@accm.org.nz or phone Age Concern on 279 4331 ext 800.

