



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 16 August 2015**  
**HONOURING AGE SERVICE**

**“Being the Gospel to all People”**

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 some time with us.

**Today's Theme: Ask what I should give you.**

**Focus Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20**

**Other Readings 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; John 6:51-58**



**Background:**

Understanding God's ways requires not only opening our hearts, but also using our heads. Faithful discernment is marked by experience and reason. As we reflect on our experiences, God continues to reveal Godself to us. Today's readings emphasize the importance of wisdom in using our time in Christ-like living.

**Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 23 August 2015**

**Theme: "What we live"**

**Focus Scripture: Psalm 84**

**Other Readings: Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69**

**Prayer points:** Please pray for: Lorraine and Ian on their Study / long service leave; Ian Pinel's family and friends with is passing, Loas Tounge and her bruised ribs; Bob and Joan Williamson; Ray Lewis

**NOTICES:**

**AGM Reports:** Can I please have the AGM reports for all the areas of ministry emailed to the office or left on my desk as soon as possible. Thank you Jeannine

**Photos and other archival material**

A big 'thank you!' is due to those who have loaned their photos and other items relating to the history of St Johns.

The exercise has grown from only photos to include other items such as special orders of service, various congregational activities, building alteration consents, building usage over the years, ministers and other leadership people, etc.

Therefore, while we are doing this exercise, we might as well pool all that we have and make an archive for the future.

Again, thank you to all who have or soon will be loaning material for scanning and recording.

Contact me if you have any questions – Trevor Haigh

**Lorraine's leave cover:** - With Lorraine being on leave, Jeannine will be in the office Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm and Friday 9.30am-2.30pm. Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to help answer the phone from approximately 12.30pm-2.30pm please contact Jeannine in the office. Thank you.

**Should you have any questions or worries while Lorraine is on leave the three "go-to" people are**

Alan Vickers, cell phone 021 051 3040 or 533 3790. Or email; [avick@xtra.co.nz](mailto:avick@xtra.co.nz)

Joan Rutherford cell phone 027 537 2308 or 533 8761

and Bob Williamson.

**Prayer Chain:** - The new prayer chain is now available and is on the desk in the office on purple paper. Thank you

**Real Life:** John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (16th August) will be well-known news & current affairs journalist, **Cameron Bennett**.

Cameron is one of New Zealand's most experienced journalists, having spent more than 25 years reporting for TVNZ. His fascinating career has seen him reporting from around the world, covering everything from warzones to natural disasters.

**The Coffee Club Highland Park:** The coffee club in Highland Park have opened a new store and they have kindly donated some 20% off discount vouchers to bring in new local customers. They are on the table in the foyer please help yourself and enjoy a break.

**Girls' Brigade Fundraising 'Oxford Pies' -- *the latest*.** Thank you all for your orders they have all been processed and will be available for collection from Julie at the end of the month. Julie is currently away and I will confirm the exact collections dates for you and I will advise as soon as possible.. **Many thanks... Julie Dickey 535 5814 0274 925 659 or [juliedickey@ews.net.nz](mailto:juliedickey@ews.net.nz).**

**Pakuranga Coral Society:** - Presents Opera Pops Sunday 23 August, All Saints Church, Howick Flyer on the column in the foyer