



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 04 October 2015
Thanks Giving Sunday

“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: Abundant Possibilities

Focus Scripture: Psalm 16

Other Readings: 2Peter 1:1-11 Matthew 25:14-29

Psalm 16 (NIV) **A *miktam*^[a] of David.**

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.”

³ I say of the holy people who are in the land,
“They are the noble ones in whom is all my
delight.”

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more
and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to
such gods or take up their names on my lips.

⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue
rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm
of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful^[b] one see decay.



NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 11 October 2015

Theme: Faith Essentials

Focus Scripture: Job 23:1-9

Other Readings: Psalm 22:1-5 Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayer points: Please pray for: George Morrison in Middlemore hospital. Little Cubs Kindy for more children as they vacancies because some children have reached school age and Kindy competition is strong.

NOTICES:

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Each year we set one special Sunday for Thanksgiving. I don't know how this tradition at St Johns arose but I assume it reflects the old idea of Harvest Thanksgiving. In an urban parish we can give thanks for the arrival of Spring after a wet, cold Winter and personally, thanks for any special blessing we have received during the past year.

The Leadership Team have decided that 90% of this year's Thanksgiving will be added to the fund we have set up to meet the cost of our latest staff member, the Children, Youth and Family leader. The 10% remaining, as usual, will be given outside the parish, this year to the Tear Fund Appeal for victims of slavery and human trafficking.

Giving to the Thanksgiving offering can be through marked envelopes which regular envelope givers will have received with their bundle of envelopes. I have additional envelopes available which you should mark with your number so that the amount can be added to your Inland Revenue receipt at the end of March 2016.

Any questions, please talk to me or one of the Finance Team (Christo John, Shania Qui and Brannie Ma) Thank you Bob Williamson

Message from Lorraine: I am half way through my Study Leave and I am on Study leave from 23 September until the end of October.

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
Joan Rutherford cell phone 027 537 2308 or 533 8761
and Bob Williamson.

Real Life: John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (4th October) will be ACT Party leader, **David Seymour**

Leprosy Mission Boxes are due in please return to Joan Jones.

Missing from our 40th celebration

If anyone knows the address of any of the following can you please let Elizabeth Speer or Mavis Haigh know.

Diane Chisholm; Brenda (James) Clarke; Jeanette Dick; Marion Docherty; Tom Docherty; Bill Heald; ? Hellerman; Ray Lafferty; Jennie and Graham Jones; Ken and Nellie Kruger; Bob and Kerry McMillan; Michael and Heather Wiggins. Lorraine Barr Inglis family

Did you know ... ?

All sermons (and newsletters) are posted on our web page – www.stjohnsbb.org.nz

- 1 Open the main web page
- 2 Scroll down to the bottom – click on “Newsletters”
- 3 Choose “Latest News”, then choose “Sermons”
- 4 This gives a listing of all sermons given at St Johns since September 2013!
- 5 Click on the date or topic that interest you, and ... there it is!

Have fun! Trevor Haigh

Food Bank:- The foodbank are in short supply of Sugar and flour (Small bags) Milk powder, jelly, tinned fish and tinned fruit. If you could please consider this during your weekly shopping. Thank you very much.

ORGAN Recital – Saturday 10 October 730pm. Martin Setchell St Columba, Botany. Flyer on the column in the foyer.