



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 28 February 2016

**"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.

Today's Theme: 'Praise God Completely'

Focus Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9



Background:- 'Praise God Completely'.

Our longing for God may at times find expression in a thirsting for a holy and personal encounter. God's steadfast love promises that such yearning will be satisfied. Our lives continually move between those hopes of encounter and their fulfillment by God. At the beginning of the day and at its end, our seeking of God is met by God's seeking of us.

Ps 63:1-8 A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

1 O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. 6 On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. 7 Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 6 March 2016

Next week's theme: 'Returning to God'

Focus Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Other Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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. Brenda Ryan with ongoing health issues.

Lenten Thoughts: "Living Simply"

During this time of Lent we will be holding 2 after-church discussions using the book "Living Simply – Studies in Learning to live as Jesus did" as our resource.

The dates for these are

Sunday March 13 –Study 3. "Just Jesus" This will be led by the author of the book, Murray Sheard.

Sunday March 20: Study 4. "Being 'in' the world but not 'of' the world."

These will be followed by a light lunch. For catering purposes please let Jeannine, Lorraine, Liz or Mavis know if you are staying for lunch.

If you would like to join us for these study discussions, please take home a study booklet to prepare for the discussions - and bring it with you on the day.

Blokes Brekkie – Saturday 12th March watch this space for more information.

Real life with John Cowan and Newstalk ZB 730pm Sunday nights, John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (21st February) will be prominent businessman, Ian Taylor.

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

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