



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 28 June 2015

"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: 'What We Do'

Focus Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Other Readings: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15



In the focus scripture for this week, healing comes to a woman at the margins of community and to the daughter of a community leader. Neither can save themselves. But the woman, and Jairus for his daughter, risk reaching out beyond themselves. Both find healing in God. Do we risk such a healing reach: for ourselves; for those we love; for another we encounter on the way?

Mark 5:21-43 A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake.²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet²³ and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'²⁴ So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,²⁸ for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'²⁹ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?'³¹ And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"'³² He looked all round to see who had done it.³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.³⁴ He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?'³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.'³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.'⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!'⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Next Week:

Theme: "What We Accomplish"

Focus Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Other Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Prayer points: Give thanks for an increase in the numbers attending Mainly Music. Please pray for: Youth Band for more band members please; Ian Pinel and his cancer diagnosis, Rose Hooper's family.

NOTICES:-

4eva@6 Tonight we have Grahame Roberts sharing about Nepal and the aftereffects of the earthquake especially with regards to his passion of building homes with Habitat for Humanity. He was an informative speaker last time and has just returned from Nepal. So please come along and join us this Sunday night at 6 pm and bring someone else!

40th Celebrations of St Johns on 8 November 2015. The power-point being developed by Trevor Haigh needs photographs covering all significant events during the last 40 years. If you have any suitable photographs please put them aside for Trevor to look at when he returns from overseas in August. Trevor does not want to take photos away, but will come to you and make copies before the final selection.

Holiday Programme Leader: Thank you for your prayers, Natalie Jennery has stepped into this role for the July programme, so now please hold her in your prayers ☺. Sonja is providing backup support. Please continue to pray for the September – October one.

From Janetta Mandeno. Hi friends, today it is official, my name should appear in the gazette - I am officially a Marriage Celebrant - I want to thank you all for your prayers, support and encouragement - I appreciate it so much. I am meeting a local celebrant today to get a few hints and tips for getting set up i.e. Business plan, resources, admin requirements etc. So it is all on for me and I am very excited to be embarking on such a lovely career. Love Janetta

Real Life: John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (28th June) will be Labour MP for Dunedin North, **Dr David Clark.**

Getting busy with **www.inspirationaltv.net:**

Vanuatu disaster preparedness; Jenny: Preparing the soil; Stephanie: Mark 5:21-43; In our blog: Joan's message of hope ;Retreat video: The Unseen Hand

Lorraine's Study Leave: I have a few questions about my Study Leave and our local arrangements☺. So for a few weeks I'll have this in the newsletter for information. Please keep this kind of conversation going as we all benefit.

Should you have any questions or worries while I am on leave the three "go-to" people are Alan Vickers, Joan Rutherford and Bob Williamson.

St Johns Sunday Worship Leader Calendar for July to October 2015

July	Worship Leader
5	Lorraine
12	Lorraine
19	Diane Miller-Keeley
26	David Hall
August	
2	Grahame D
9	Grahame D
16 Honouring Age Sunday	Grahame D
23	Grahame D
30	Grahame D
September	
6	Diane Miller-Keeley
13 Annual General Mtg	Lorraine
20	Lorraine
27	Bob / Ray
October	
4	Diane Miller-Keeley
11	Mavis / Liz
18	Diane Miller-Keeley
25	Dick / Judy

Total allocation of days: July – October = 122

Working at St Johns = 34 Study Leave = 60 Holiday = 28

The 3 Parts of my Study Leave Content:

1. Theological Reading:

Barbara Brown-Taylor - Home By Another Way; Bread of Angels; Gospel Medicine; Leaving Church: A memoir of Faith Home By Another Way; Bread of Angels.

Marcus Borg: The First Christmas: what the Gospels really teach about Jesus's birth and John Dominic Crossan (Oct 6, 2009); The Last Week: what the Gospels really teach about Jesus' final days in Jerusalem and John Dominic Crossan (Jan 30, 2007); The Lost Gospel Q: The original sayings of Jesus *with* Thomas Moore

Added since application submitted:

Barbara Brown-Taylor's 'Learning to walk in the Dark'; John Philip-Newell: 'The Re-birthing of God' Gautam Ghosh & Jacqueline Leckie 'Asians and the New Multiculturalism in Aotearoa New Zealand'

2. Auckland Mandarin Ministry Exploration – Anglican and Baptist similar to our one.

3. Korean Ministry Training for New Zealand culture within in PROK and PCK, Seoul, Korea.