



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 9 February 2014

"Being the Gospel to all People"

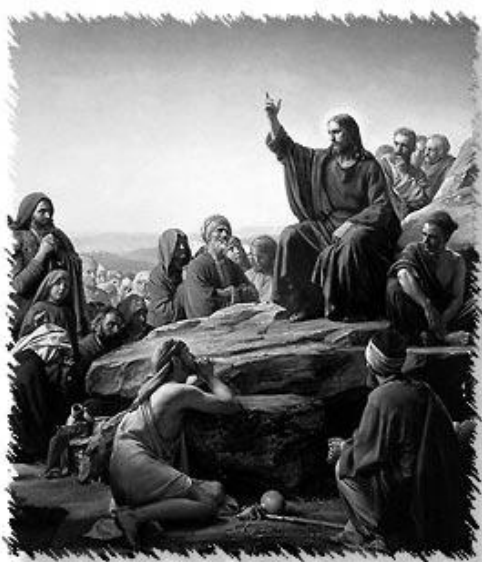
A very warm welcome is extended
to all visitors to St Johns.

Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and enjoy some time with us.

Today's theme: "Let Your Light Shine"

Focus Scripture Matthew 5: 13-20

Other Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12



In this week's reading, Jesus first presents three powerful images to describe those gathered. He says: you are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world, and a city built on a hill. Jesus uses these images to help his listeners understand their relationship with God through their obedience to the law and to explain his relationship with the law and his vision for his listener's continued faithfulness to the law. The images offered by Jesus do not offer a blanket blessing for his listeners; possibly, his words offer a vision for what the fulfillment and accomplishment of the law might look like.

Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV) The Sermon on the Mount (continued)

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday Worship: 16 February 2014

Theme: "Heart of the Matter"

Focus Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

Other Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1Corinthians 3:1-9

Prayer Points: Please pray for: Sheila as she recovers from her shoulder operation; George Morrison as he recovers from the removal of a growth on his kidney; Laurel Leach with her medical concerns whilst in hospital; Ray Chisholm with his illness; Bob Corbett and his family with the loss of Bob's father.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

Church Picnic:- After Church today Sunday 16 February from Midday. The Hancock house will be open for you to bring your picnic lunch and enjoy some time together with games for the younger ones or younger ones at heart and the BBQ will be on.

Update on Joy Rzoska... Joy is now living in the hospital care facility of Summerset in the Park on Flat Bush School Road. Her room number is 21. For postal address it is:- Joy Rzoska, C/o 'Summerset', 7 Flat Bush School Road, Auckland, 2016. Please call Julie if you wish to know more.

Girls' Brigade 2014... We recommence on **Tuesday 11th February** at the usual time of **6pm until 7.45pm**. Please pass this information on to families you know of who have girls.... Girls' Brigade is a ministry of St Johns Church - girls age 5 years and upwards who like mixing with other girls for fun, friendship and doing 'girly' things like crafts, cooking, games, learning new skills as well as discovering Christian family values and receiving badges and certificates for their accomplishments are welcome to come along any Tuesday at 6pm, during school term time. Contact person:- Julie Dickey 535 5814 - 0274 925 659 - juliedickey@ews.net.nz

Anglican TV :- "History tells us that the Treaty of Waitangi suffered in its execution. But it is our Treaty, our starting point. The more we come to understand its imperfections the more we see ourselves, our raw dreams and hopes. This week on www.anglicantv.net the second in our four part series on how the Treaty came to be."

Real Life: This Sunday night (9th February) John Cowan's guest will be Green Party co-leader, **Metiria Turei**

Middlemore: The dates for this year's Middlemore visits are May 18 and October 19. Please put them in your diary and I will put a reminder in the notices a few weeks prior. Thank you.

State of St John's financial position at the 31/12/2013

	Month of December 2013		1 July 2013 → 31 December 2013	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	15,059.84	15,850.00	88,919.18	102,099.00
INCOME	13,508.21	14,976.00	93,242.62	95,174.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	(1,551.63)	(874.00)	4,323.44	(6,925.00)

Comments (December):

- **"Free Will Offerings" for the month of December** fell short of Budget by (\$900.207).
- **"Free Will Offerings" for the six months [year to-date]** are short of Budget by (\$6,461.15).
- The continuing shortfall of "Free Will Offerings" month on month this year are making the management of our cash flow difficult with the need to cover essential payments by "borrowing" \$1,000.00 from our Special Purposes Savings Roof Fund while deferring payment of an invoice of \$1,236.25 owed to one of our Partner Churches which must be paid in January.

Please continue to pray for an improvement in our immediate financial situation while continuing to give thanks to our wondrously gracious LORD for the gifts that he bestows upon us here at St Johns.