



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 19 July 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: God's Economy

Focus Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Other Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; Psalm 30:1-5, 11&12



This parable is situated about the middle of the section of Matthew which follows Jesus' announcement that he was going to die (for the human race). It is one of a number of parables of grace, which say that God's love for his people is so great that he behaves amazingly kindly. In today's story Jesus tells about a vineyard owner who has a completely different understanding of employment principles to that of all ordinary human employers. Hence today's theme: "God's Economy."

The Workers in the Vineyard John 20:1- 5, 10-16 (NIV)

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. At the end of the day those came who were hired first - they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 26 July 2015

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Theme: "What we honour"

Focus Scripture: John 6:1-21

Other Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer points: Give thanks for an increase in the numbers attending Mainly Music. Please pray for: Lorraine and Ian on their Study / long service leave; Ian Pinel and his cancer diagnosis.

NOTICES:

Congregational Meeting: 9th August 2015 following the 9.30am service to receive names for and elect members to the Nomination Team. We need 3 people to serve in this ministry.

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

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: The programme was a great success. Thanks to Natalie Jennery and her team. Also, thanks to those who provided baking and other assistance. It was most appreciated.

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. Ray is in the office Thursday afternoon and Mainly Music is in the building on a Wednesday morning. If there is anyone that would be available on a Wednesday afternoon 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
Joan Rutherford cell phone 027 537 2308 or 533 8761
and Bob Williamson.

Real Life: This Sunday night on Real Life (19 July), John Cowan's guest will be Political Cartoonist, Tom Scott. This guest has a razor sharp wit and is worth a listen.

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.

Nominating Team Notice: The nominating team headed by Peter Hancock, requires new members. The Nominating Team has the responsibility to listen to the congregation, to pray and to bring forward to the congregation the names of people willing to serve on the Leadership Team. Please pray for the right people to be willing to serve and then pass the names to Peter Hancock, Joan Rutherford or Alan Vickers.

www.inspirationaltv.net: The website has articles and videos on: Getting busy with 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.

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.**

Matthew 20:1-16 God's Economy

