



**"Being the Gospel to all
People"**

**Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 10 April 2016**

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.

Next week's theme: "A New Vision"

Focus Scripture: Acts 9:1-6

Other Readings: Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



BACKGROUND: Speak Out

God's loving ways cannot be contained. Like the ripples made when a stone is tossed into calm water, the Spirit works through people and communities whose words and deeds bear witness to God, who raised Jesus to life. God calls all such witnesses to accountability and forgiveness. God still speaks, inviting all to receive the Spirit and follow Christ.

Acts 5:27-32 (NIV)

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 17 April 2016

Next week's theme: "Showing Up"

Focus Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Other Readings: Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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. Margaret Morrison with her recurring illness. Brenda Ryan and her being in Hospital again.

Fellowship Lunch, 20 April at Gem & Heart, Howick, Noon. This is our first Luncheon for 2016. The Venue is where Esquires used to be, next to Jesters Pies. If you would like to attend, please write your name on the Clipboard in the Foyer. All welcome. The food is good and reasonably priced. Thank you Loas

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.

Income Tax Receipts

Your receipts are ready today in the foyer for collection. I would like to personally thank Judy McDonald who puts together the information of the numbers and amounts every week from the envelope collection. And to Mr John Treneman who comes in each year and double checks and signs the receipts for us.

Real life with John Cowan and Newstalk ZB 730pm Sunday nights, This Sunday night on Real Life (10-04-16), John Cowan's guest will be newsreader and marathon runner, **Niva Retimanu**.

Methodist Festival of Song - Sunday April 10th, 7pm at Pitt St.

We are hoping to fill Pitt St Church for this significant event which aims to bring together **the whole Methodist family across the Auckland region. If you love Methodist singing this will be for you!** The Festival event will include some great hymns, choirs from the Samoan, Fijian, Tongan, and English, sections of the Church and hopefully a Korean choir, and a Hindi choir. In addition Robyn Allen Goudge will play the harp and sing a solo for us. There is truth in the saying that "Methodism was born in song". Singing to the glory of God is a significant part of our shared Methodist heritage no matter where we come from – we can thank Charles Wesley for that! Let's celebrate our faith in song!

Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parish
Finance summary 8 months to 29 February 2016

	Actual	Budget	Notes
Income			
Giving	63748	67002	1.
Rents	56617	56080	
Total income	124640	132556	
Expenditure			
Staff	74216	73170	
Total expense	127931	136288	2.
Surplus/(Deficit)	(3292)	(3732)	

Notes- Reasons for (deficit) against budget

1. Thanksgiving (1610), Envelopes (5263) but direct credit Giving up by 3427
2. Repairs & maintenance underspent by 3793

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 12 April. Thank you Jeannine

Welcome to www.inspirationaltv.net for April. The Easter season continues. Jesus appeared to his disciples reassuring them. He is amongst us today, reassuring us. This month on www.inspirationaltv.net :

- Are you ready to forgive? (Sunday 3 April - John 20:19-31 Jesus appears to his disciples)
- Are you ready to give and receive care? (Sunday 10 April - John 21:1-19 Jesus appears to the seven disciples)
- How close to God are you prepared to Get? (Sunday 17 April - John 10:27-30 Jesus is rejected)
- Are you ready to make sacrifices to love better? (Sunday 24 April - John 13:31-33A, 34-35 The new commandment)