



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 15 September

"Being the Gospel to all People"

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

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

Today's theme: "Faith is about God in Christ"

Focus Scripture: Luke 15: 1-10

Other readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28



“There may indeed be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, but the parables are more about the joy to be had on earth from hearing the good news of the extravagant God who risks all to search for each one of us personally, individually – joyfully,”
David Ewart

Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

NEXT WEEK: September 22

Theme: "Faith is about doing"

Focus Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

Other readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1Timothy 2:1-7

Prayers:- Averill for her knee, Nominating team and their processes. Prayers of thanks for our thanksgiving offerings received.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

Helen Brayshaw a previous member of St Johns has passed away and her funeral is on Monday 1030am at Purewa, please offer your prayers for the family.

AGM 2013 The AGM will be Sunday 22 September after the service. The AGM Reports are available this Sunday, please – one per member or family. Thank you.

Nominating Team Report: We would offer the congregation the following nominations to be considered for the Leadership Team 2013-2014.

Standing again: People's Warden Joan Rutherford; Anglican Synod Representatives: David Hall and David B Dickey;

Current Members: Alan Vickers, Grace Corbett, Uraiwan Jolly, Joshua Wong, Shania Qiu, Sue Zang.

New Position for consideration for the Session Clerk is Alan Vickers.

New Position for consideration for Leadership Team are Andrew Winstone and Christo John.

Belonging to the Leadership Team but not for voting are: Vicars Warden Felicity Vincer; Staff: Jeannine Melville and myself.

We have not filled the elected position for the Presbyterian Elder – we will continue to search and will bring a name forward when appropriate. Thank you Lorraine, Janetta, William, Joan, Ray and Loas.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: The programme is from September 30 – 4 October. Because this coincides with the Youth studying for their exams we will need extra people to help. Can you do it? If you can, contact Shirley Snoad: 02775466103

Entertainment Books:-last call. This is the final week for these books. Any unsold must be returned. Please ask friends and family.

Thanksgiving Sunday will be Sunday September 29th. This is an annual event where we at St Johns, are invited to reflect on what the Lord has done for us, and respond with thanksgiving through a financial donation. This year our donations will be set aside into what we are calling the 'Heating Replacement Fund'. We recognise that all the heating in the Church facilities needs replacement and although we have begun to do this in the Kindy and Offices, but the Hall and Worship rooms are waiting. As is our tradition we take 10% of the dedicated total on Sunday 29 September and donate it to charity. If you would like to make a confidential donation via internet banking please credit your donation to our special bank account 01 0166 0135407 25, with the reference of thanksgiving.

REAL LIFE This Sunday night (15th Sept) on Real Life, John Cowan's guest will be Jay Laga'aia.

Sunday 29th Service, I would like to dramatise one of the Bible readings. It is not huge but I will need 3 people to each carry a basket / something light forward and then to say a few lines – If you can help please let me know thanks Lorraine

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DIRECTION GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS**

GIRLS BRIGADE: CHRISTMAS INSPIRATION EVENING: 7 pm, 14 November 2013: Join us for an enjoyable fundraising evening for our Area of Girls Brigade. Get yourself prepared for Christmas by the Christmas Heirloom Company Demonstration night at 24 Marua Rd Ellerlie. Tickets \$15 each – includes nibbles. Please order your tickets by 27 September. For tickets, contact Julie Dickey: 5355814 or 0274925659 or email: juliedickey@ews.net.nz

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL? *Selwyn's Vision – Let's finish what history started* is the project under way to complete and consecrate our cathedral. Dean Jo Kelly-Moore would like to extend a warm invitation for people to join her for a Project tour at Holy Trinity Cathedral on the following dates: 25 September, 10 & 12 October. If you are interested in attending or finding more out about the project please phone 3039506, or email campaign@holy-trinity.org.nz, or view the website: www.holy-trinity.org.nz

RABBITS NEED A NEW HOME: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Claudia Burt, whose daughter attended our last Holiday Programme, has 2 rabbits which need a new home. A hutch and run can also be purchased. For details see: <http://www.trademe.co.nz/pets-animals/rabbits-guinea-pigs/rabbits/auction-636526083.htm>.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF DR DOUGLAS MEWS: Today, Sunday, 15 September: St Patrick's Cathedral, Wyndham St, Auckland City: 11.00 am: Mass featuring compositions by Dr Douglas Mews, conducted by his son, Douglas Mews 2.00 pm: Organ Recital - Douglas Mews. Free Entry. Exit by donation. Car parking in Wilson's Carpark: Hobson St: \$2.

AGEING AND SPIRITUALITY ONE DAY CONFERENCE: Those in, or within a stone's throw of, Auckland may be interested in knowing about this conference that the Selwyn Centre for Ageing and Spirituality is organising. The flyer is on the column in the foyer. If you would like to go please see Lorraine.

GREETING CARD: I now have greeting cards for sale at \$2.00 each. They depict a photo of one of Jan Hancock's Mosaics, photos of Joy Rzoska's garden, and a Friendship card. Blank inside for your message. All proceeds to St. Johns. If these sell well, more will be available. Thanks, Loas Tounq

BIG FAIR BAKE: Choose your favourite recipe and bake it using at least 2 fair trade ingredients. Photograph it and complete an entry on the Big Fair Bake website: www.bigfairbake.org.nz between 27th August and 10th September. If you have any questions, see Ray.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: A family who have just moved to New Zealand and are starting over would appreciate any good quality used items that you may not need (furniture, white ware etc.) If you can help, please contact Shirley Snoad on 5344804.

