



Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 19 January 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: "Listen, God is Calling"

Focus Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7

Other Readings: John 1:29-42



The readings from Isaiah, and the gospel of John highlight first-hand encounters with God. In each passage, the senses are engaged in the hearing and seeing of God's activity in a particular community, and the listener and observer respond with testimony. The people who meet God cannot hide the good news of God's work. What does it mean today to be a "light to the nations"?

John 1:29-42 (NIV) Andrew and Peter are called by Jesus

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday Worship: 26 January 14

Theme: "Call: A Challenge and a Gift"

Focus Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Other Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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; Marie Davis for her recovery with her ongoing hip issues, Steven Chaplin for a speedy recovery (shoulder/s) after being squished between a car and a bus, while riding his bike home from work, and for the car driver. Joy Rzoska and Laurel Leach with their medical concerns whilst in hospital. Jeannine's Family with the passing of her father in law.

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

Holiday Programme:- The Holiday programme will be running from 20-24 January and we would really appreciate any donations of baking for the morning and afternoon teas. Thanking you in advance, William and Jeannine.

Church Picnic:- 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.

Notice of Rev Marilyn Welch's commissioning as Methodist Northern Regional Superintendent on Thursday 30th January 2014 at Trinity Methodist church on the Pakuranga Highway. The service starts at 7:30pm.

Our Web site is up and running – go on line and have a look www.stjohnsbb.org.nz

Volunteer Hospital Chaplaincy Assistants training Course for Auckland City Hospital
The course covers areas of

- ❖ A confidential listening ear.
- ❖ Safe and supportive help to look at issues.
- ❖ Spiritual support
- ❖ Encouragement
- ❖ Ward visits during the day.
- ❖ Pastoral skills which are transferable and professional

Auckland 2014 1 day a week for 2 hours training from March– July

Enquiries to the Course Co-ordinator Mary Lythe on 09 818 2792 or

021 123 0568 Email at lythe@xtra.co.nz

Applications close 18 January 2014.

Selection Interviews during February 2014.

JESUS SURE
HAS A LOT OF
NICKNAMES!

THEY'RE
OLD TITLES.

BUT JESUS WILL FILL THEM
WITH **NEW MEANING**--YOU
HAVE TO READ THE REST
OF JOHN TO UNDERSTAND.

OR YOU COULD
LOOK THEM UP
ON **WIKIPEDIA!**



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WITH THANKS TO JIMMY WALES



JOHN 1:29-42

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Day Time Concert Series: The Life and Times of Glen Miller. Howick Picton Centre, Tuesday 21 January 11am. Book online at www.daytimeconcerts.co.nz or call toll free on 05080 266 237. Concert starts at 11am and includes lunch with the artists who are Greg Ward, Debbie Penny and a four piece brass band.

REAL LIFE: This Sunday night (19th January) John Cowan's guest will be renowned concert pianist, **Rae de Lisle**.