



*St John's*  
Being the Gospel to all People

## Weekly Newsletter 24 January 2016

### **"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.

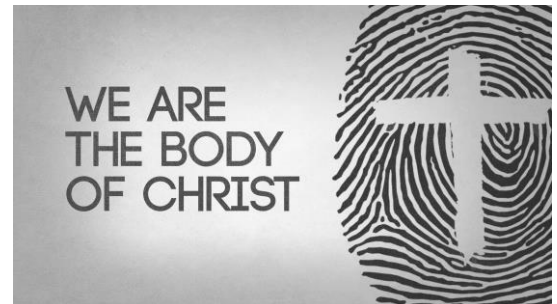
### **Today's Theme: 'The Body at Work'**

**Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

**Other Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; Luke 4:14-21**

1 Cor12:12-31a One Body, Many Parts (extracts)

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many... ...22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other... .... 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it... ...28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts.



The readings this week offer a range of options for themes. There is the word of God, revealed in creation and through the book of the law. There is the mission of Christ proclaimed in his reading of the scroll from Isaiah. And there is the call for us to be the body of Christ, working together with each part taking his or her place. All of these ideas come together in the theme of purpose and call. We are all recipients of God's calling word, and we are all called to participate in Christ's mission. To do this work, we need to collaborate and each take our place in the body.

## **NEXT WEEK: Sunday 31 January 2016**

**Next week's theme: Ministry on the Edge**

**Focus Scripture: Luke 4:21-30**

**Other Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 3 :12-4:2**

**Prayer points:** Please pray for: Little Cubs Kindy for more children, they need at least 15 more children for the New Year. Brenda Ryan with ongoing health issues. Our church family and their safe travels during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Happy New Year Everyone and welcome back to 2016

**Prayers please.** It was with a great deal of sadness this week that I accepted Joan Williamson's resignation from our Sunday keyboard ministry. Joan is an inspired musician, whose ministry to us through music has been greatly loved and appreciated. Thank you Joan for being such a wonderful music ministry leader for us and blessings as you enjoy your 'retirement' from regular Sunday playing.

Thank you all for prayers and an answering spirit from Peter and Jan. Jan is now available for the first two weeks of February. Youth Band are being called into 'being' for 2016. Please keep them and this year's Leaders in your prayers, we need more singers and have abundant space for guitarists (bass / acoustic...) plus. Lorraine

**CHURCH PHONE BOOK:** On the table in the foyer is a copy of the last phone book that was issued. I have made a few changes and updates so if you could please confirm and sign that your details are correct and if not make the changes in pen. We also need to ask you to confirm that if we have taken your photo at a Church function we can put it on the web page. If you would sign to confirm that this is ok next to your address. Once the details are all confirmed I will re-print a new book. Thank you Jeannine

**Thank you** to everyone for our wonderful Christmas gifts and cards and the lovely out pouring of love that the Francis-Dittmer family received in December (and January). ☺We really appreciated being a part of this faith community and pray that you do to. Lorraine

**Is this for you?** Our St Johns Girls Brigade Company – officially called the 1<sup>st</sup> Bucklands Beach Girls Brigade Company, needs leaders if it is to continue its ministry. Our Captain, Julie Dickey is no longer able to actively lead the company but would be delighted to be involved in a consultative, supportive role. Unless we of St Johns can supply leaders we will have to place the company into recess followed by closure after 1 year if no activity progresses in 2016. Is this something you might pick up and be one of the 2/3 new leaders to plan & run the sessions, with guidance from Julie? Lorraine

**Can you help please?** We need a couple of people to be available for the morning tea ministry after Sunday morning worship. You may be assigned to a team, but we also need a few people to 'fill-in' when a regular server is not able to do it. So – can you help? ☺

**Can you help please?** We need more St Johns Team members to run Mainly Music this year. Wednesday mornings 9:30 to 11 am the Team prepare the room, set up, run the musical programme, serve morning tea and clean up. We love mixing with the parents and caregivers and the pre-school children. It is a joy and delight to serve with this Team; you would be most welcome :- ) Lorraine

**Shrove Tuesday...** All are warmly invited to our Family Friendly Shrove Tuesday Celebration! Pancake eating contest, pancake in the pan races and loads more fun! 6pm at the Church. Contact Sonja (more details to follow)

**GIVING TO TEAR FUND** Offerings for our Christmas appeal on behalf of the Tear Fund "Anti trafficking and Exploitation" fund totalled \$681.50. Adding the 10% "tithe" of our Thanksgiving offering we will give in total, over \$1000 to this very worthy cause. Thank you all. The Finance Team

**Newstalk ZB 7pm** John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (24th January) will be American pastor, Brian McLaren. Brian McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a global networker among innovative Christian leaders. In 1982 McLaren helped form an innovative, nondenominational church in America. He then left teaching in 1986 to serve as the church's founding pastor and served in that capacity until 2006. Brian has been active in networking and mentoring church planters and pastors and has assisted in the development of several new churches.

Brian is primarily known, however, as a thinker and writer. He has written many books covering a range of topics. Brian's books have been translated into many languages, including Korean, Chinese, French, Swedish, Norwegian, German, and Spanish. He is an active and popular blogger, a musician, and a songwriter.

**Auckland Diocese office:** Please find below the link for the first video clip of the year. The link below will take you straight to the Diocesan website.

<http://www.auckanglican.org.nz/news/news/weekly-video-news-from-auckland-diocese>

The following link will take you to the Diocese's channel where you can view the latest video as well as all previous videos. <https://vimeo.com/channels/903243>. T Mitchell PA to the Bishops of Auckland

