



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 1st November 2015

“Being the Gospel to all People”

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

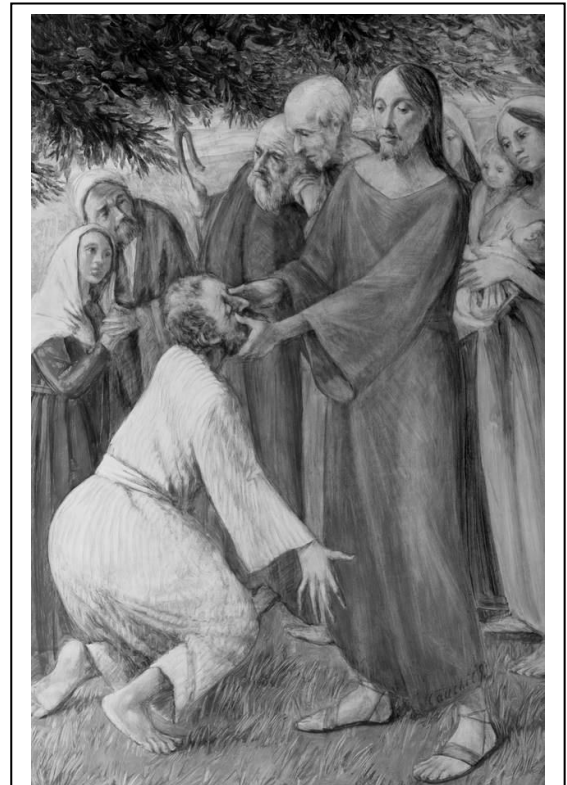
Morning tea is offered after the service today, so please stay and
enjoy some time with us.

Today's Theme: 'Neighbours, got to love them!'

Focus Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

Other Readings: Psalm 146

Mark 12:28-34 ²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbour as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.



NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 8 November 2015

Theme: “Celebrating St John’s 40 Years”

Focus Scripture: Psalm 84: 1-8

Other Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12 -27

Prayer points: Please pray for: George Morrison with his continued recovery at home. Little Cubs Kindy for more children as they vacancies because some children have reached school age and Kindy competition is strong. Averill Rule with ongoing health issues. The 40th Birthday Organising team.

NOTICES:

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting:- Today, Sunday 01 November 15 immediately after church there will be a special meeting for the election of two further candidates to the Leadership Team. Mavis Haigh and Elizabeth Speer. Any queries please see Alan Vickers from the Executive Team or Peter Hancock from the Nominating Team.

A thank you ☺. Ian and I have arrived home safe and sound – thank you for your prayers and comments. I have had an enriching Study Leave and will make available a report covering more details of what I managed to achieve. This second time away covered a holiday in Japan as we made our way to Seoul, Korea. In Seoul, I spent time learning about the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK). I visited a ‘local’ church attending their Youth Service and joining them in their ‘day-out’, a visit to the National Drama Museum and trip to Namsan Park. I visited the National Office of the PCK and the National Office of the National Organisation of the Korean Presbyterian Woman (they have 2.8 million women members). I visited the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary (PUTS). The PCK has 7 Theological Seminaries, but the PUTS in Seoul is their largest with about (I think) 2500 students, not all the students are following a course so that they can be ordained as ministers / priests but the PCK has over 1700 unplaced ordained ministers / priests. They are therefore, very intentional about sending out ‘Missionaries’ to the world! Lorraine

Real Life: John Cowan’s guest this Sunday night (1st November) will be community activist, **Sue Bradford.**

Sue Bradford is a political activist, academic and former Member of Parliament. She graduated from the University of Auckland in History and Political Studies, and later obtained a MA in Chinese. Sue undertook her postgraduate study at the University of Canterbury where she received a diploma in journalism. After working as a journalist, she spent 16 years in the unemployed workers movement.

Food Bank:- The foodbank are in short supply of Sugar and flour (Small bags) Milk powder, jelly, tinned fish and tinned fruit. If you could please consider this during your weekly shopping. Thank you very much.

Bible in school starts for the final term of school with about six weeks of teaching before we stop for the year. Out in East Auckland we have had a good year with very few problems and not too much localised trouble from the Secular Education Network.

We *give thanks* for

- the churches and people who have remained committed to praying for Bible in School and CEC.
- continued financial assistance that covers our work in the schools.
- our volunteer teachers who faithfully serve each week.

Please pray with us

- for our teams as they prepare their last few lesson, and especially for good health.
- as our teams prepare to present their Christmas programs in their schools.
- that the children will remember what they have learnt and that they will put the values they have learnt into practise in their daily lives, but most importantly that they will remember that Jesus loves them.
- for the non-Christian teachers of the classes we teach in, that God would speak into their lives too.
- for guidance and wisdom for CEC, the Ministry of Education and the Crown as they prepare for the court case that takes place next year in April.
- for CEC Board and leaders as they meet this week.
- for continued financial assistance.

With thanks and blessings Sharon Burgess

