



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Sunday 30 August 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: “The Power of the Word”**

**Focus Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8**

**Other Readings James 1:17-27; John 1: 1-5**



**Background:** To be called and led by God's Spirit beckons us to be doers of God's word. God's generous gift of love in Christ models the love we then practice toward God and others. Such love changes hearts. Such love cares for the vulnerable. The wisdom of enacted love moves religion from how we talk about God into the ways we act as the image of God. Be love.

Isaiah 6:1-8(NIV) Isaiah's Commission

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”  
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

**NEXT WEEK: Sunday Worship: 6 September 2015**

**Theme: Planet Earth Sunday**

**Focus Scripture: Genesis 1:1-25**

**Other Readings: Psalm 33:1-9; Romans 1:18-23; John 1:1-14**

**Prayer points:** Please pray for: Lorraine and Ian on their Study / long service leave; Ian Pinel's family and friends with his passing, Loas Toungh and her bruised ribs; Bob and Joan Williamson with the passing of her Brother; Ray Lewis and ongoing health issues; Mary Metcalf and her family with the passing of her husband Brian on Thursday.

**NOTICES:**

**NOTICE OF AGM:** The AGM will be held on Sunday 13 September 2015 immediately after the Sunday service.

**AGM Reports:** Can I please have the AGM reports for all the areas of ministry emailed to the office or left on my desk as soon as possible. Thank you Jeannine

**Photos and other archival material**

Work on the archiving of photos and other material is nearly complete. The exercise is going into recess while Trevor is overseas in September, but if you find more items worth keeping please let him have them when he returns.

In the meantime, the following files will be in the Church Office and available for borrowing – just speak to Jeannine.

St Johns Photos Archive – Volume 1 St Johns Photos Archive – Volume 2

St Johns Document Archive Thank you, everyone – Trevor Haigh

**Should you have any questions or worries while Lorraine is on leave the three “go-to” people are**

Alan Vickers, cell phone 021 051 3040 or 533 3790. Or email; [avick@xtra.co.nz](mailto:avick@xtra.co.nz)  
Joan Rutherford cell phone 027 537 2308 or 533 8761  
and Bob Williamson.

**Prayer Chain:** - The new prayer chain is now available and is on the desk in the office on purple paper. Thank you

**Real Life:** This Sunday night (30 August), Real Life with John Cowan will be cancelled, due to the announcement of the All Blacks 2015 Rugby World Cup Squad.

## Message from Lorraine

Hi all,

Ian and I have arrived in Singapore on the last leg of this part of our time away. I am sorry for not managing to send a note sooner, but I have struggled with internet connections apart from the week I had at the Conference in Minneapolis where the church was the best place 😊 to get on the net, but it was also conference time and very fully utilized.

So we started with a week's holiday in the north of Minnesota, exploring a few of the 10 000 lakes the state is named after! (Poor internet connections), very much a 'back-wood's kind of place and lots of gravel roads. We failed to spot any moose (or bears) but did see 2 deer crossing the road in front of us (on the 'forestry Access roads) as we were following instructions to go on roads where we might spot moose....

We then split company with Ian going to the Mayo in Rochester, and I went to my conference with Professor Barbara Brown-Taylor and Rev Dr John Philip Newell. It was very thought provoking and a good experience, I am glad I came. I won the prize for travelling the furthest to attend 😊.

We then went to Philadelphia where Ian had his Conference / training course in Medical Ethics Mediation, which he really appreciated. I completed some of the 'reading' of my Study Leave and have now finished 4 of the theological books on my list.

We flew to Frankfurt, Germany and chose to extend the 'stop-over' for a few days and so we explored the ancient city of Worms. This is an important city for 'Protestants' as it is where Martin Luther 'made his stand' against the Church - as he knew it, and the 'Protestant' Church began. Of course the 'Lutherans' were the first to break from the 'Church' and followed Luther's theological teachings, and the other traditions evolved over time. I can now say I have seen one of his Bibles with his annotations in the margins, been in the room he was given to stay in as he argued with the Church court, and had my photo taken at 'his' large memorial - but actually it is a memorial to the Significant contributors to the development of 'Protestant theology' and includes 3 women 😊.

We have just arrived in Singapore and will be home in about a week.

Blessings Lorraine