



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 6 October

“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: “Living in God's Way”

Focus Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Other readings: Luke 17:5-10



Today's readings focus on faith as gift and legacy. God's grace blossoms in community. If God's people hide, deny, or forget God's faithfulness, the community suffers. God calls God's people to remember their spiritual heritage. Remembering gives rise to thanks and praise, and inspires God's people to pass on the spiritual legacy they received, and spread the good news of God's steadfast love.

2 Timothy 1:6-14 (NIV) Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

NEXT WEEK: 13 October

Theme: "Expressing Gratitude"

Focus Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Other readings: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Prayer Points: Please pray for Avril and her knee replacement's healing, for Sheila as she recovers from her shoulder operation; our monthly finances we were very short last month, and the freshly elected Leadership Team. Colin Clarkes family as they come to terms with his death (30 Sept).

CHURCH NOTICES AND EVENTS:

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Thanks to all the church family for all the baking and prayers for the Holiday Programme. As usual, it was a great time. We were learning about F.A.I.T.H. – Fantastic Adventures In Trusting Him. Please pray that the seeds sown will bear fruit as the young children grow. Thanks from all the Holiday Programme team.

TRADE AID STALL OPEN This Sunday, after church today, there will be a stall selling a range of Trade Aid's products including coffee, tea, cocoa and a selection of dried fruits. Trade Aid gives us, St Johns, the retail profit margin, so by supporting the Trade Aid stall – you support St Johns.

Honouring Age Sunday is coming up in October – please cover the planning for this Special Sunday in your prayers, and make sure we in the office know of everyone in St Johns who has reached and or passed the magic number of 70 years of life - so they are invited to be honoured. So go on, ring Jeannine and tell tales please ☺, we don't want anyone to be missed off the invite list.

Little Cubs Kindergarten (downstairs) The Ministry of Education has granted the Kindy a full license which is amazing news. The first year they are always on probation and they have passed with flying colours. They have needed 14 children full time to make ends meet and on some days they now exceed this level. Thank you to everyone who has prayed and helped in any way with the setup of this amazing part of our family they are very happy and grateful.

Leprosy Mission Boxes are due in please, bring them in and Joan Jones will pass them on.

Our Web site is up and running – go on line and have a look www.stjohnsbb.org.nz Let us know what you think! A huge thank you to Steven Chaplin who designed and made it an original Stjohnsbb site, well done.

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 Ellerslie. 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 For a ride please talk to Lorraine on Sunday's.

Ourhouse@stjohns. Come next Monday 7 October at 9.30 am for our work day. Light activities for one hour followed by morning tea, or coffee, and a chat. A time to take pride in our house. Tasks could include, window cleaning, sweeping paths, tidying a corner, weeding the memorial garden, cleaning in the kitchens, dusting and of course chit chat. As always, many hands make light work etc. Please bring your own cleaning gear, gardening tools, sweeping equip or tools to suit your ability and skills.

Sunday 20th October is our Middlemore Chapel Sunday. If you can help get patients to the chapel for church, as part of our team, please let Lorraine know. minister@stjohnsbb.org.nz

Methodist Annual Conference begins at Wesley College at the end of this week. Lorraine is attending on the business days of 7th Monday – 9th Wednesday.

Countdown Cutlery Stamps if anyone is not collecting these for themselves William F-D and Paul are collecting them for the purchase of cutlery for flatting next year. Any donations of stamps can be given to William or Lorraine on Sunday and Jeannine in the office during the week. Thank you.

Clendon Christian Pre-School notice. Tessa is starting work here as an early Childhood Teacher and would like any donations we can offer please... So any old clothing, plastic-ware, ice-cream tubs, plastic lids, anything they can use for art activities, even any old furniture etc. There is a box in the Church foyer or ring Tessa on her mobile 0211949334.

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

State of St John's financial position at the 31/07/2013

	Month of July 2013		1 July 2013 → 31 July 2013	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	\$16,811.70	\$16,840.00	\$16,811.70	\$16,840.00
INCOME	\$14,281.88	\$14,976.00	\$14,281.88	\$14,976.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	(\$2,529.82)	(\$1,864.00)	(\$2,529.82)	(\$1,864.00)

Comments (July):

"Free Will Offerings" for **JULY** fell short of budget for the month by **(\$2,189.68)**

The operating Loss for **JULY** was **(\$2,529.82)**

State of St John's financial position as at the 31/08/2013

	Month of August 2013		1 July 2013 → 31 August 2013	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
EXPENSES	\$14,466.99	\$16,258.00	\$31,278.69	\$33,098.00
INCOME	\$14,298.27	\$14,975.00	\$28,580.15	\$29,951.00
SURPLUS or (DEFICIT)	(\$168.72)	(\$1,283.00)	(\$2,698.54)	(\$3,147.00)

Comments (August):

- "Free Will Offerings" for **AUGUST** fell short of budget for the month by **(\$303.20)**.
- "Free Will Offerings" "Year to Date" are behind budget by **(\$2,793.00)**
- The operating loss for August was **(168.72)**
- Cash flow during the month of September was very tight and this condition is expected to continue through the month of October.