



Weekly Newsletter Sunday 6 September 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: Loving Our Neighbour

Focus Scripture: Matthew 25:31-45

Other Readings: Psalm 146; 1 John 4:16-21



Comment: "So love God. Love a neighbour. Be a neighbour, and let us not complicate things by arguing about specifics. You know what it means to do love because some time or another you have been on the receiving end of it, but remember that knowing the right answer does not change a thing. If you want the world to look different the next time you go outside, do some love. Do a little or do a lot, but do some, and do not forget some for yourself. ©The Preaching Life by B B-Taylor

Matthew 25: 31-45 (NIV) The Sheep and the Goats

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

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: Ian Pinel's family and friends with his passing, Loas Toung 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. Laurel Leach with her poor health and being in hospital.

NOTICES:

Our house: Monday Morning 9:30 am gather to hear what tasks are needed to be accomplished for our house – God's place to receive a little loving attention. Yes it might be weeding, rubbish removal or window cleaning or Whatever Alan's list says! (Yes it may be all inside jobs if raining!)

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

Annual Report Booklet -

The AGM Booklet is available on the table in the Foyer, please take a copy.

Message from Lorraine: I am half way through my Leave, and am back 'on deck' at St John's for the next two weeks. I look forward to catching up with the happenings of the past 5 weeks, so please get in touch. Blessings Lorraine

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

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 John Cowan's guest this Sunday night (6th September) will be rugby legend, Michael Jones.

Michael is widely regarded as one of the greatest All Blacks of all time. He was nicknamed 'the Iceman' because of the number of icepacks he needed for injuries.

Michael grew up in Te Atatu South and attended Henderson High School. His talent for playing was discovered early when as a 10-year-old he was tackling 15- to 18-year-olds. He made his international debut for Western Samoa, and first played for New Zealand in the first game of the inaugural World Cup in 1987. He scored the first try of the tournament and played in four games, including the final, as the All Blacks went on to win the competition. He also scored the first try of the second World Cup in 1991. In 2003 he was inducted into the International Rugby Hall of Fame.

Michael Jones is well known for his Christian faith, especially since he refused to play rugby on Sundays. He was once asked how a Christian such as himself could be such an uncompromising tackler. In reply he quoted a phrase from the Bible: it is better to give than receive.

Jones has been a positive role model for young people, particularly for Pacific Islander youth, and in 1990 he received a New Zealand Medal for service to the Pacific Island community. He graduated from the University of Auckland with three degrees: B.A., M.A. and Bplan. Michael and his wife Maliena have three children and live in Auckland.

Real Life with John Cowan is a nationwide chat show, featuring a different high-profile guest every week. John talks with them about their life, their passions and their view of the world. And whenever possible, we chat about faith, spirituality and "God stuff".

